



# NAVIGATING THE WORLD

EXPLORING THE EARTH'S TREASURES - NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST





## Navigating The World - Series Outline

### Exploring The Earth's Treasures - North, South, East and West

'Navigating the World' is a six part 4 x 1 hour series package that journeys to the 'must see' natural, ancient and iconic treasures throughout the many different regions and countries that make up this vast and beautiful planet. It travels North, South, East, West and everywhere in between, through breathtaking landscapes, unique habitats, meeting fascinating wildlife, all presented through stunning footage some of which has never been seen before. The list of regions and countries in this first series includes Australia, New Zealand, SE Asia (see outline below) as well as Europe, North America and Africa.







## Navigating The World - Australia (4 x 1 hr)

*Navigating Australia* will travel from the depths of coral gardens, to the white sands of the coast, through tropical rainforests, over soaring mountains and on to the burning red sands of the outback.

Within all these landscapes natural treasures will amaze, not just in the scenery but also through the diversity of life. We will showcase a vast array of uniquely Australian wildlife delving into the incredible interplay between them for a deep understanding of the marvels of the area.

Here are indicative episode outlines of the types of places...



## Episode 1: North

Northern Australia is home to some of the country's most spectacular natural landforms and landmarks. Kakadu, Australia's biggest national park is home to spectacular waterfalls, lush wetlands and stunning swimming holes. Crocodiles lurking beneath the reeds of Yellow Water billabong while a myriad of animal and bird species populate the grassy wetlands and rainforests. Uluru is situated in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, 450 km south west of Alice Springs. This magnificent towering Aboriginal rock is sacred to the indigenous Anangu people and is a spectacular sight each day at sunrise and sunset when it is bathed in different hues from the changes in surrounding light.

This arid land is where you'll find the red kangaroo, a powerhouse animal, specially suited to the tough Australian climate. King's Canyon near the red centre of Alice Springs even contains a so-called 'Garden of Eden', a waterhole brimming with palms and ferns. Katherine Gorge, located within Nitmiluk National Park, is a renowned natural wonder consisting of 13 gorges carved from ancient sandstone. Litchfield National Park is home to hundreds of magnetic termite mounds, a rock formation known as the Lost City and Florence and Wangi Falls.





## Episode 2: East

Australia's eastern coastline is vast. From pristine sandy white beaches to rugged rocky cliffs there is sublime beauty that has to be seen to be believed. From the tropical north we will travel south from Cape Tribulation to the world renowned Great Barrier Reef and the fringing reefs. Down to the Whitsundays and Whitehaven Beach, then to the largest sand island in the world, Fraser Island. Eastern Australia is also home to some of the oldest rainforests in the world - none more spectacular than the Daintree National Park. Here cassowaries wander the forest floor, Lumholtz Tree Kangaroos climb through the canopy and crocodiles lurk in the waters.

While not known for its rocky peaks, Australia nevertheless has its fair share of spectacular mountainous regions. The Great Dividing Range is an expansive collection of mountain ranges, plateaus and rolling hills, that runs roughly parallel to the east coast of Australia and forms the fifth-longest land-based mountain chain in the world. The Blue Mountains just west of Sydney, feature the towering limestone rocks that make up the Three Sisters. While at the southern end of the range is the Australian Alps, home to the country's tallest mountain, Mount Kosciuszko.





### Episode 3: South

The Southern regions of this vast continent is a kaleidoscope of unique and ever changing landscapes. The island state of Tasmania is home to picturesque beaches, rugged mountain ranges, the Tasmanian Devil and temperate rainforests which among the world's oldest forests. One of Australia's most recognisable mountains is Cradle Mountain in Lake St Clair National Park, itself a part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. The Tarkine, home to extensive stands of eucalypt forest and cool temperate rainforest that includes ancient myrtle beech trees.

The Great Ocean Road follows 244 km of the expansive southern coastline. This rugged terrain is home to majestic geographic formations including the 12 Apostles. The Great Otway National Park, in Victoria, encompasses a stunning landscape including undulating plains and plateaus of the hinterlands, waterfalls and magnificent Mountain Ash forests. In South Australia you'd be forgiven for thinking you were navigating the unexplored face of Mars when visiting Flinders Ranges. As towering ancient cliffs and deep craters border dusty red roads.

While off the coast of South Australia is Kangaroo Island a sanctuary for wildlife and natural, rugged beauty.





## Episode 4: West

In the west be blown away by jaw-dropping scenery and the sheer number of diverse and dramatic landscapes. For instance, the Pinnacles are thousands of limestone pillars rising from a lunar-like landscape of yellow sand. These bizarre rock formations range in height from between a few centimeters to four meters. Rottnest Island is known as the home of the cutest and most photogenic animal in the world, the quokka. Apart from a small colony on the mainland, they are found nowhere else on Earth. The Ningaloo Reef Marine Park extends for about 260 kilometers and harbours an astounding diversity of marine life including manta rays, dugongs and whale sharks.

In the north west is a region called the Kimberley's one of the world's last wilderness frontiers Here we'll discover the striking Bungle Bungle Range. This spectacular geological landmark is composed of grey and orange banded 'beehive' shaped sandstone domes. The Kimberley coast is recognised as one of the world's most pristine marine environments. Perhaps the region's best known geographical feature, Horizontal Falls, has been described by David Attenborough as one of the world's great natural wonders because of the way massive tidal movements create a waterfall that moves horizontally.





## Navigating The World - New Zealand (4 x 1 hr)

*Navigating New Zealand* will showcase the natural, ancient and iconic treasures across the North and Island's of New Zealand, celebrating the beauty and intrigue of the land of the 'Long White Cloud'.

We'll explore volcanic wonderlands, towering mountain ranges, lush temperate rainforests, spectacular waterfalls and ancient glacial landscapes.

Here are indicative episode outlines of the types of places you will see...







## Episode 1: North

We begin exploration on the North Island traversing through and discovering some of the Island's most breathtaking natural treasures. These will include places like the extraordinary Waitomo Caves where, under the green hills of Waitomo lies a labyrinth of caves, glow worms, sinkholes and underground rivers.

Wai-O-Tapu is a landscape sculptured by thousands of years of geothermal activity features include naturally coloured springs, bubbling mud, steaming ground, expansive vistas, huge volcanic craters and sinter terrace formations. We'll climb Mount Taranaki New Zealand's most perfectly formed volcano, it's around 120,000 years old and last erupted in 1775.

In the middle of the North Island is Taupō where you'll find Lake Taupo, situated in the caldera of Taupo Volcano, and the spectacular Huka Falls. While the Whakarewarewa Redwood Forest is a magnificent stands of towering Californian Redwoods, lush native forest and exotic trees.

One of the most picturesque spots along the North Island's coastline is Cathedral Cove in a region called The Coromandel.





## Episode 2: East

Breathtaking landscapes and landmarks appear at every turn as we trek down the Eastern side of the South Island. Highlights include Marlborough Sounds which is a collection of ancient sunken river valleys filled with the waters of the Pacific Ocean. Forested hills rise steeply from the sea around an intricate coastline of sheltered inlets and sandy bays.

Arthur's Pass National Park is a landscape of two halves. On the eastern side, you'll see wide, shingle-filled riverbeds and vast swathes of beech forest. Descend the western side and you venture through dense rainforest alongside and over deeply gorged rivers. New Zealand's most iconic and awe-inspiring natural landmark is Aoraki/Mount Cook the country's highest mountain, with a height of 3,754 metres. Lake Tekapo is a remarkable turquoise coloured glacial lake which gets its intense milky-turquoise colour from the fine rock-flour which is suspended in the water.

While the no trip to the east coast would be complete without exploring the mysteriously spherical stones known as the Moeraki Boulders. Each boulder weighs several tonnes and is up to two metres high. Scientists believe these calcite concretions were formed 65 million years ago.







## Episode 3: South

Our expedition continues into the southern regions of the South Island starting in Wanaka.

Known for its turquoise lakes, snow-capped mountains, and incredible scenery Wanaka is located in the spectacular alps of the South Island. At its heart Lake Wanaka is at 45 kilometres long and covering 193 square kilometres, New Zealand fourth largest lake. Another of New Zealand's most recognised lakes is Lake Wakatipu. Occupying a single, glacier-carved trench and is bordered on all sides by tall mountains, the lake shore include Queenstown and the villages of Kingston, Glenorchy and Kinloch.

Exploring the Fiordland National Park is like walking back in time. With ancient rainforest clings impossibly to the mountains; waterfalls tumble hundreds of meters into massive fiords; shimmering lakes and granite peaks look the same today as they did a thousand years ago. Finally, The Catlins, a wild coastal corner of the South Island with woodlands and waterfalls. It's also home to amazing wildlife including fur seals, Hooker's sea lions and sea elephants as well as yellow-eyed and blue penguins and blue penguins.



## Episode 4: West

In this fourth and final episode we travel up the west coast, and untamed natural wilderness of rivers and rainforests, glaciers and geological treasures.

Franz Josef Glacier and Fox Glacier are considered among the most accessible glaciers in the world they descend from the Southern Alps down into temperate rainforest just 300 metres above sea level. Nearby Lake Matheson, is the ideal surface to admire the reflection of the perfectly placed Mount Cook and Fox and Franz Josef Glaciers

Further down the coast is Milford Sound where plunging cliffs and raging waterfalls meet inky dark waters. This is New Zealand's wild side at its absolute best. Mount Aspiring National Park, named for Mt Aspiring, one of New Zealand's highest peaks, this park is a dreamland of mountains, glaciers, river valleys and alpine lakes.

There's no better display of the ruggedness of the west coast than the Punakaiki Pancake Rocks, an extraordinary part of the western coastline of the South Island where blowholes, shoot water skyward from rocks that resemble giant stacks of hotcakes.







## Navigating The World - South East Asia (4 x 1 hr)

*Navigating South East Asia* will showcase the natural treasures across 11 different countries and celebrate the beauty and intrigue of these amazing places.

We'll explore lush rainforests, unique mountain ranges, majestic tropical islands and underwater wonderlands. Journey along as we encounter wildlife found nowhere else on earth and be enchanted by ancient wonders.

Here are indicative episode outlines of the types of places you will see...





## Episode 1: North

We begin our journey on mainland SouthEast Asia traversing through Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos discovering some of the region's most breathtaking natural treasures and extraordinary cultural monuments. From Cambodia's Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world, to Thailand's floating mountain temples and Myanmar's Golden Pagoda.



We'll explore some of the stunning National and Marine Parks in Thailand including Phang Nga Bay with its distinctive emorous limestone karsts that vertically jut out of the emerald-green water. Khao Sok National Park is host to the enormous manmade Cheow Lan Lake. This inland sea also features massive limestone formations and the surrounding sandstone and mudstone hills are covered by the oldest evergreen rainforest in the world. While in Khao Yai National Park you're able to do plenty of wildlife watching, in particular elephants, Asian Black Bear, Malayan Tapir and Crab-eating Macaque.



We'll also trek down the majestic Mekong River, the world's 12th longest river, which divides the border between Cambodia, Thailand and the eastern plains of Laos.







## Episode 2: East

Episode 2 moves to the east and treks through Vietnam and the Philippines. In our exploration of the Philippines we will feast on the iconic cone shaped Chocolate Hills of Bohol and be mesmerized by the World heritage Ifugao rice terraces in Batad. Dive into the picturesque waters of Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park. Consisting of two huge atoll, this dazzling marine and bird sanctuary possesses some the most the pristine coral reefs in the world. Scores of marine life including manta rays, and whale sharks call this place home.

Breathtaking landscapes and landmarks appear at every turn in Vietnam. From the remarkable limestone islands and inlets of Ha Long Bay to the jagged hills, lush rainforests and mountain rivers of Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park. Then there are white-sand beaches of Phu Quoc Island and Hang Son Doong also known as the Mountain River Cave which is considered as the world's largest cave and only become publicly accessible in 2013.

Finally, we'll explore Mekong Delta, a visual treat with riverside villages, Buddhist shrines, floating markets, fish farms, and rice plantations.





## Episode 3: South

Our expedition into the southern regions of South East Asia will concentrate on Indonesia and Timor-Leste. Made up of more than 17,000 islands, Indonesia is a star-studded landscape of volcanoes, jungles, lakes, grasslands, mangroves, exquisite coral gardens and even snow-capped mountains.

Highlights in this episode will include the spectacular Raja Ampat, Comprising about 1,000 small islands it a living library for the world's coral reefs, a haven for marine life and one of the world's most-prized diving spots. The islands of Komodo National Park are spectacular, rusty red volcanic outcrops with steep hillsides of sun-blasted rock, surrounded by immaculate coral gardens and of course home to the world-famous dragons.

Cultural highlights include the magnificent Borobudur temple is the world's biggest Buddhist monument, an ancient site widely considered to be one of the world's seven wonders. Besakih Temple often referred to as Bali's 'mother temple' – a grand complex of at least 86 clan temples and shrines.





## Episode 4: West

In this fourth and final episode we travel west and venture through Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and the Indonesian province of Sumatra.

Occupying parts of the Malay Peninsula and the island of Borneo, Malaysia is known for its beautiful beaches, secluded islands, lush rainforests and ancient religious sites like the Batu Caves. Built into a limestone mountain, it is a feat of both natural and man-made design, with is an important Hindu temple inside. Borneo is home to half of the world's known plant and animal species and it's here in East Malaysia that you'll find Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre a sanctuary for the endangered Orangutan.

Our exploration of Sumatra will reveal an island of rugged tropical terrain, critically endangered wildlife and smoldering volcanoes. While in contrast, our tour of the island city-state of Singapore, we'll discover an incredible collection of manmade wonders including Gardens By The Bay and it the impressive Marina Bay.





## Executive Producer Veronica Fury - Wildbear Entertainment

Veronica Fury is an Executive Producer and Principal of WildBear Entertainment. She runs the WildBear Brisbane Office. Veronica has over 75 commissioned television and feature documentaries to her name. Veronica's feature documentaries have premiered at major festivals such as MIFF, TIFF and been AACTA nominated and picked up by Universal Pictures and Netflix. She recently worked with Elton John as EP. Her recent television credits include Snake Boss for Animal Planet, Aussie Mega Mechanics (Series 1 & 2) and Demolition Down Under (Series 1 to 3) for Network 10/Discovery as well as Scottish Vets Down Under, commissioned by BBC and currently screening on ABC. Her clips shows include the Baby Animals in the Wild, Amazing Animal Families and Wildest Places to name a few.

Veronica has worked with television broadcasters in Australia such as ABC TV, Discovery, Network 10 and SBS, as well as major international broadcasters including ZDF Arte, Nat Geo, Netflix, American Heroes Channel, BBC, TG4, France 5, and Arte to name a few.



## Series Producer - Stephen Waller

Stephen is a highly accomplished TV Producer with 17 years' experience in broadcast television with the Nine Network and Network Ten in Brisbane. During his time at TEN he produced children's TV, documentaries and general entertainment shows. He was a part of the Totally Australia documentary unit, travelling throughout Australia and New Zealand producing 11 documentaries covering such diverse subjects as childhood obesity, venomous marine animals and the plight of the highly endangered Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat.

He also produced the award-winning children's science show Scope and Totally Wild. Stephen's talent ensures quality production values, engaging storytelling, and new and creative formats. In 2016 he moved to the Nine Network to help re-establish their children's TV unit, co-creating the children's science program BrainBuzz and working as the Supervising Producer on Smashhdwn! Since joining WildBear in October 2019 as Supervising Producer, Stephen has worked on a number of productions including Amazing Animal Families, Tribal Life, Just Animals 2 and Demolition Down Under.

He has just completed series producing Demolition Down Under Series 2 & 3 and Aussie Mega Mechanics Series 2.



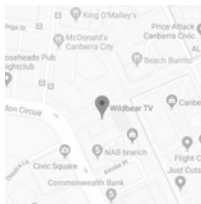


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