

Miracles Of Nature

26 x 30'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Patagonia - South America, Hungary - Europe, Belize - Caribbean

We will visit wind-swept Patagonia with its amazing glaciers. Then we lose ourselves in the midst of Europe's only steppe - the Hungarian Puszta where the local 'wonders' includes hot springs. As we continue to Belize, we admire the largest coral reef in the southern hemisphere and a mystical cave system. We will end our journey in New Zealand where we will explore White Island - one of the most fascinating and accessible marine volcanoes on Earth.

2. Great Britain - Europe, Russia - Lake Baikal, Spain - Europe

We head of to the north of the United Kingdom to encounter some dramatic mountain scenery. The Scottish Highlands, a place where the best whiskey in the world is made and where the men still wear skirts. Actually they are called Kilts. On the shores of Lake Baikal - the largest, deepest, and oldest lake in the world, we'll taste local fish, and the vodka they make out of milk. To conclude we will explore Spanish Andalusia, and the mysterious Sierra Nevada Mountain Range.

3. Yemen - Arabian Peninsula, Oman - Arabian Peninsula

We will begin in poverty stricken Yemen where the men carry their dull daggers tucked in their waistbands. It is here that we shall discover the rock formation claimed to be the petrification of Noah's Ark. Then, we will drop by the Yemeni island of Socotra to revel in the beauty of untouched nature... We will continue our wandering in style – by going to opulent Oman. Here we will explore the intricacies of frankincense and discover the charm of camels. And to wrap it all up, we'll witness the breathtaking spectacle of nature on the shores of the Indian Ocean.

4. Antigua and Barbuda - Caribbean, New South Wales - Australia, British Virgin Islands - Caribbean

We're going to the Caribbean. We'll discover an ingenious, and very eco-friendly way, to visit the rain forest in Antigua. On Barbuda, we will watch a colony of magnificent Frigate birds. From the Caribbean, we'll go to New South Wales - one of the Australian territories, where the breath-taking Blue Mountains are a favorite destination tourists and mountain-climbers alike. Then, to conclude today's adventures, we'll return to the Caribbean. We'll venture to the British Virgin Islands, where we will have the chance to admire beautiful white beaches, and crystal clear, turquoise waters.

5. North Pole, Quebec and Alberta - North America

We will start in Svalbard, and from there, we will head off to explore the icy waste land of the Arctic. Later in the program, we will discover the splendor of Canadian nature in two of its French-speaking regions. In Quebec, 100 kilometers inland on the most southerly ord in the northern hemisphere, we will watch the low tide set. In Alberta we will seek to comprehend the sheer size of the Saskatchewan River and the majestic Rocky Mountains.

6. Madeira - Europe, Taiwan - Asia, Bali - Asia

We will visit three unique islands – Madeira, Taiwan and Bali. Even though these islands are thousands of kilometers apart, they have one thing in common. All three islands were created by ancient volcanic action, that shaped their landscapes into truly wild and unbelievable beauty.

7. Mongolia - Asia, Jordan - East

Today, we shall discover that “Mongolia” is much more than just the desert and camels. The environment of the Gobi desert is so diverse, you can find everything from uncharacteristic ice-passes to breathtaking waterfalls and lakes. From the Gobi semi-desert, we will move on to the lush, green northern Mongolian hillsides that provide refuge for Buddhists. 5000 kilometers further southeast of the Gobi, lies Jordan We will conclude our journey in the footsteps of Indiana Jones – in the Jordanian Petra, and on the shores of the Dead sea.

8. Costa Rica - Caribbean, Kenya - Africa

We begin in Costa Rica, in an amazing rain forest. Here they make delicious chocolate out of cocoa beans. Mother Nature is at her magnificent best – showcasing hundreds of plant and animal species. To wrap up, we'll take all precautions necessary to look at one of today's most active volcanoes. Green monkeys will be our tour-guides in the Kenyan, “Lost City of Gedi”. Later, we will stop to wonder at the poetic symbiosis of wildlife in such close proximity to the capital – Nairobi. Despite its' 200 year history, some members of the animal kingdom remain oblivious to Nairobi's existence.

9. Iceland - North Europe, Laos -Asia

We will visit Iceland and marvel at its numerous hot springs. But, it also is steeped in a rich cultural history. And there's nothing quite like the rejuvenating thermal baths and breathtaking Nordic vistas you find in Iceland. Tropical Laos is also inseparably linked to nature. Only here, monochromatic white glaciers are replaced by lush green scenery. We will lose ourselves in the intricate cave labyrinth of the Laotian underground only to re-emerge into the sunlight and get up close and personal with the water buff alo on the Mekong river.

10. Lapland, Switzerland, France, Gibraltar - Europe

We will enjoy visits to three different „gems“ of the European continent. Starting off in the North, we will explore the pristine mountains of Lapland. From there, we will attempt to conquer the peaks of the Swiss Alps. From the Alps of Switzerland, we will go to France, where, in the wine

region known as Champagne, they know a thing or two about making the best wines in the world. Then we will end today's adventure in Gibraltar – one of the pillars of the ancient world.

11. Great Britain - Europe, Kazakhstan - Asia, China - Asia, Czech Republic - Europe

We will travel to the very north of Great Britain – the Shetland Islands. Here, a million birds watch as the human population, numbering only 20,000, gets on with their everyday lives. The cooler climate accounts for the purposeful character of the locals. We will then travel from “the very end of the world”, to its very “center”. The local nomadic Dervishes call the Pribalchaší region in the southeastern province of Kazakhstan – Almaty, the “center of the World”. Later we will follow our camera to the Yellow Mountains in Central China and to Cheng Kang, known as the “Venice of China”. Our last stop will bring us back to the “center of Europe”. We will visit a region of the Czech Republic known as ‘Bohemian Paradise’. Here we will explore rocky labyrinths and ancient castles. We will also discover the semi-precious stone called, Czech garnets.

12. Czech Republic - Europe, Cuba - Caribbean, Fiji - Pacific

Today, we are headed for the Czech Republic, and to the region of Southern Moravia. Did you really think that orchids only thrive in the tropics? Far from it! These phenomenal and exquisite plants also flourish in the very heart of Europe. Later, we will go back to the Caribbean... to Cuba. Cuba is a place of unbelievable natural beauty, and of brutal cock-fighting. Then finally, we will visit Fiji in the Pacific Ocean. It's enchanting nature is largely untouched by humans, and so it is perceived

as a true paradise on Earth.

13. Israel - East We will travel to the Holy Land, Israel

We will start in the south and work our way to the north. Along the way, we will stop to admire several locations. Some of the stops will take us to incredible works of nature; while others are the setting of Biblical tales. We will also present places that are associated with historical turning points. In the north of Israel, we will climb the Golan Heights whose natural beauty, sadly, is overshadowed by the ongoing conflict.

14. Vesterålen, Fair Isle, Orkneys

Many islands lie in the sea between Great Britain and Scandinavia. All of these islands would have remained snow-covered and life would not have been sustainable were it not for the Gulf Stream. The warm waters flowing through the Atlantic Ocean all the way to South America account for the mild island climate, rich nature and history that reaches back thousands of years. Such are the three islands we are about to visit in today's Miracles of Nature – Vesterålen, the Fair Isle and the Orkneys. Three islands – three unique places – three stops. Firstly, we will introduce the miracle by the name Vesterålen.

15. Zimbabwe, Zambia Once upon a time, this was a single country known as Rhodesia

Today, it lies divided by a national boundary. Zimbabwe was initially Southern Rhodesia and lies to the south of the Victoria Falls along the river Zambezi. Zambia was initially Northern Rhodesia

and lies on the other bank of the river. Zimbabwe is a landlocked country in the south-east of Africa. It borders with South Africa to the south. According to archeologists, the earliest records indicate that first human settlements in this area reach back to the 3rd century.

16. Canary Islands, Guelmin

Today's journey in search of incredible miracles of nature begins on the Canary Islands. Lanzarote is of a volcanic origin. Volcanic activity created a fantastical landscape, similar to that on Mars. On Gran Canarias we will witness a traditional harvest of a crop that has been brought to the rest of the world from here. Sugarcane. We will wrap up today's episode in the Moroccan province of Gulemin, a home to a nomadic tribe whose inseparable companions are camels.

17. Veracruz, Cayman Islands

In search of more miracles of nature today, we shall venture into the Mexican seaside state of Veracruz in the south-west of the country. We will admire the unbelievable colors of locally grown orchids, find out how vanilla is grown and discover how brown sugar is made. To top things off, we will witness one extraordinary ritual. Later, we will visit the Cayman Islands in the Caribbean. The three islands are relatively small, as per surface area, but are inhabited by some remarkable animals such as sea turtles, friendly rays and other types of fish as well as fascinating blue iguanas.

18. Salzburg region, Algarve, Corsica

Today we will visit three remarkable nooks of Europe in search of miracles of nature. To begin with, we will venture into Austria's Salzburg region. An area that is famous for its Alps and Tauern mountains but also because it is the birth place of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. After that, we will move over to the south western outpost of the old continent, to Portugal's Algarve region. To conclude, we will admire Corsica, the French island of beauty.

19. Seychelles, Mauritius, South Kivu

We set off on today's adventure in search of unusual miracles of nature in the Seychelles. In the islands' rain forest we will encounter some remarkable fauna and flora. We will continue to Mauritius. The symbol of Mauritius and of the cruel and inconsiderate colonization of Africa is the extinct Dodo bird. We will conclude today's episode in the very heart of Africa, in the only place ? on the planet where close relatives to humans, the mountain gorillas - live. The country is the Democratic Republic of Congo and the province we shall visit is South Kivu.

20. Altiplano, Los Yungas, Lake Tititaca

Today, in search of more miracles of nature, we shall discover Bolivia. Bolivia is a country of countless fascinating natural sights. We will begin on the high plateau of Altiplano, stopping by the world's largest salt lake. Later, we will descend a few thousand meters using the road of death – indeed, the world's most dangerous road, to the Los Yungas province. Here, we shall encounter coca - a plant that is cherished by the natives despite its unflattering reputation the world over. We will round up today's journey on the shores of lake Tititaca, the highest navigable lake in the world.

21. Zambia, Kakheti, Svaneti, Kurzeme

Zambia, the Latvian region of Kurzeme, the Georgian provinces of Kakheti and Svaneti, seem to have very little in common. They lie in Africa, Europe and on the borderline between Europe and Asia respectively. Kakheti and Svaneti are both a part of Georgia but very unlike one another. So where is the connection? How are these regions similar? There are some similarities but the main one is that all these places are endowed with beautiful, raw nature. People have not always cared to live in harmony with this nature, but today's trends move more and more in that direction. It's no longer just about taking, but also about giving back, and the natural world is grateful for it.

22. Ethiopia, Jamaica

In today's episode, we will visit two different corners of our planet. While these places are thousands of kilometers apart, spiritually they are more like close relatives. Our first stop is Ethiopia in East Africa. It is dissected by the Great African Rift Valley which is considered by many to be the cradle of humankind. In Ethiopia, we will also encounter a hyena herdsman. After that, we will cross the Atlantic Ocean to a country which surprisingly has a lot in common with East Africa. Rastafarians from Jamaica believe that the Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, believed to be the Black Messiah, led his people to the Promised Land – Ethiopia. Watching in awe as the Dunn's River Falls and Y. S. Falls tumble down, it feels like Jamaica could be a Paradise on earth.

23. Poland, Masurian Lake - Cuba - Guantanamo - Italy - Lipari

Today's journey in search of more miracles of nature brings us to the Masurian Lake District which is an impressive water world in north-eastern Poland. We will then trade in the cool Baltic region for tropical Caribbean. Here we will prove that it would be wrong to link the Cuban province of Guantanamo only with the famous American naval base. To wrap things up, we will return to Europe's Mediterranean region to visit people of the Lipari Islands who continue to survive in the shade of ever smoldering volcanoes.

24. Afghanistan - Bamiyan - Turkey - Niğde - Patagonia

Today we will visit some places where people haven't had it easy. Despite the hardships they experience daily, they choose to stay and shape their destiny. Bamiyan – a poverty stricken Afghan province, mercilessly tested by time. Niğde – A Turkish province with striking history. And Patagonia – the rough land at the very end of the world.

25. Thailand, Ceylon

Thailand is one of the few countries in south-east Asia that has never been a European colony. Perhaps the word "thai" which means "free" has something to do with it. It is possibly the reason why this country evokes a certain magic that sets it apart from the surrounding countries. Some 30 kilometers south of India lies an island that has been known under many names throughout history: ancient Greek geographers called it Taprobane and Arabs referred to it as Serendib. Ceilão was the name given to Sri Lanka by the Portuguese when they arrived in 1505, which was translated into English as Ceylon. As a British Crown_colony" crown colony, the island was indeed known as Ceylon, and achieved independence under the name Dominion of Ceylon in 1948.

26. The best of Miracles of Natures

Come join us on a round the world trip. While watching Miracles of Nature we encounter some amazing natural sights, often ordinary at first sight. Let us be reminded of some truly remarkable places on earth, the most extraordinary animals that have ever evolved, and the rarest plants to have ever grown.