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Nigel Marven's Cruise Ship Adventures

6 x 60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Caribbean Voyage

Cruise ships ply the Caribbean for sun, sea and sand, but on our voyage we introduce passengers and crew to extraordinary and little-known creatures. The US Virgin Islands have the world's only beer-drinking pigs and leatherback turtles as long as a motorbike! In Dominica, there are parrots of the Caribbean and a swim with sperm whales as long as a bus. Nigel takes Garin Bader, a Las Vegas illusionist, to meet giant lizards on Richard Branson's exclusive Necker Island resort. And at the end of the voyage in Miami, the ship's Captain takes a masterclass in alligator wrestling!

2. Scandinavian Voyage

Travelling from mainland Scandinavia to remote and rugged islands in the North Sea, there are geysers spouting scorching water over 30 metres into the air and one of the world's longest and most beautiful fjords, Geiranger in Norway. The presenter tracks down a venomous adder, the only snake to live beyond the Arctic circle, and on the steep sea cliffs of the Faeroes, takes Cruise Director Eric de Gray to meet puffins. These charismatic birds can have up to 80 fish in their multi-coloured bills! In Iceland, Nigel takes passengers on an adventure to see minke whales and white-beaked dolphins. In the Danish capital of Copenhagen, a stone's throw from the Little Mermaid, he lures in insect royalty with red wine and bananas!

3. Mediterranean Voyage

On this voyage from Athens around the sun-soaked Greek islands and up the Adriatic coast to Italy, Nigel revels in the natural wonders of this ancient world. In Athens itself he reveals how a little owl was the reason for coins with two faces, the origin of heads and tails. On sun-soaked islands the presenter finds leopard snakes under stones and head-bobbing lizards on castle walls. In Santorini he takes the ship's ballroom stars and singers to dance with fishes, and mountain-climbs in Crete to find soaring griffin vultures. And on a beach near Olympia it's a dream come true for the ship's dancers when they help to rescue tiny loggerhead turtle babies and release them into the sea.

4. Central America Voyage

Nigel travels ahead of the cruise ship to adventure deep into the Costa Rican countryside; he beachcombs with tapirs and faces down dangerous white-lipped peccaries, wild pigs with colossal teeth. The luxury of the cruise ship is quite the contrast to the jungle! After journeying through the Panama Canal, the century-old engineering marvel that's the world's most famous short cut, Nigel takes cruise ship entertainers to meet adorable baby sloths. And when the ship reaches New Orleans, he brings some terrifying swamp monsters on board to show the passengers!

5. Indian Voyage

Sailing in the wake of the great explorers, this voyage takes us along the fabled Spice Route. In the bustling metropolis of Mumbai, there are flying foxes in the city and urban leopards – the big cats prey on dogs, prowling the streets at night. In Goa, an opera tenor sings to a python, and in the Maldives Nigel takes passengers to dive with manta rays. In just a short stop in Sri Lanka we're amazed by Asian elephants, the world's second biggest land mammal, and awestruck by a blue whale, the largest animal that's ever lived! For a final adventure, in Chennai, Nigel takes Captain Jose on a hunt for a classic creature of India – the deadly cobra!

6. Antarctic Voyage

Setting out from the tango capital of Buenos Aires, the ship sails south to reach the rugged and awe-inspiring Antarctic Peninsula. As whales swim past and penguins porpoise alongside the ship, icebergs are a constant threat. Further north at Tierra del Fuego, Nigel takes passengers in search of the massive Magellanic woodpecker, and then in the Falkland Islands the cruise band perform for Gentoo penguins! The last stop is in Patagonia, a wild land of giant birds called rheas and marine mammals galore – from the cliffs we see orcas skirting the surf on the hunt for elephant seals.