

Apollo's Moon Shot

6 x 60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Rocket Fever

Cold War politics push a nascent space program into overdrive when John F. Kennedy calls for a moon landing. Project Mercury takes the first step. It lags behind the Soviets, but builds momentum with the flights of Alan Shepard and John Glenn – until Kennedy's assassination shocks the world.

2. Triumph & Tragedy

The Space Race moves from initial sprint to middle-distance endurance. Project Gemini tests longer flights, rendezvous and docking, and spacewalks. After near-tragic trial and error, it hands the baton to Project Apollo. But a fire kills three astronauts – and threatens to derail Apollo's Moon Shot.

3. Into the Void

Two years after the Apollo 1 tragedy, NASA makes another attempt at manned Apollo mission. Racing to fulfill Kennedy's dream of landing a man on the moon by the end of 1969, NASA quickly launches three Apollo missions, testing the newly redesigned command and lunar modules and thrilling the American public with live broadcasts from space.

4. One Giant Leap

In 1969, NASA must undertake one last mission before sending a crew to the moon: a dress rehearsal for the landing itself. After Apollo 10 overcomes some technical problems, NASA's ready for the challenge. Four months later, Apollo 11 dazzles millions by bringing them along on one of humankind's most epic journeys.

5. Brink of Disaster

Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins remembers the jubilation of the moon landing. Apollo 12 is struck by lightning - twice - as its crew embarks on the second moon landing. An explosion on Apollo 13 puts the crew in a life or death situation.

6. New Frontier

The age of Apollo comes to an end. In the final four moon landings, a grounded astronaut gets a second chance, NASA takes a car to the moon, and science takes center stage. Rare artifacts from the National Air and Space museum reveal one of man's most remarkable adventures.