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Treasure Hunters (Series 2)

10 x 30'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Mount Diwata, Part I

This episode profiles gold fever in the Philippines. In 1983 Gold was discovered in the jungles of Mount Diwata, on the island of Mindanao. A gold rush followed, the likes of which hadn't been seen since the Klondike rush of 1895. Today, this jungle village has become a thriving city of over 70,000 gold diggers that sustains itself in the humid hothouse climate and tropical monsoons.

2. Mount Diwata, Part II

The hunt for gold on Mount Diwata continues...

3. Yamashita's Gold

During WWII, the Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita hid an immense war booty in the Philippines. Some 40,000 tonnes of gold and countless jewels, worth \$300-400bn were stored. In 1945, due to advancing American divisions, Yamashita and his army retreated to the jungle mountains of Luzon, the largest island of the Philippines. Since, hunters have combed Napulawan, looking for the treasure.

4. The Mystery of the Peacock Throne

On the night of August 4, 1782, the British vessel Grosvenor ran around on the craggy South African coast of what is now Transkei. On board was the famous Peacock Throne of the Great Mogul of Dheli, fashioned of pure gold, rubies, pearls and emeralds. In 1880, a treasure seeker discovered gold and silver coins there. Since then the hunt has been on.

5. The Bass Strait Triangle

The narrow Bass Strait, between Melbourne and Tasmania, has become a ship cemetery. The strait, named after the British discoverer George Bass, who disappeared here 200 years ago in 1803, has a history full of adventure, treachery, violence, horror and mystery. Tasmanian divers dive into a lost paradise to find the undiscovered treasures of the Bass Strait.

6. The Ghost Fleet of Vigo

In the early 1700s, the largest gold and silver shipments of all time set sail from Panama, headed for Cadiz in South Spain. Seventeen Spanish merchant ships carried three years' worth of treasures. The hunt for the sunken treasure has been ongoing since. We dive the waters in Vigo.

7. The Kronan Project

In 1672, Stockholm shipbuilders completed the triple-decker Kronan, then one of the largest ships in the world. With its 126 bronze cannons, the impressive vessel was the flagship of the main fleet and served as staff quarters for the Royal Admiral. In 1980 the ship was found, and the uncovering of the wreckage continued into 1994.

8. The Emerald King

One of the greatest treasures in the world lies in the mountains of Rio Minero in Colombia – the emerald mine of Muzo. Between 1965 and 1990, 4,000 guarqueros lost their lives searching for green gold. Colombia earns \$460 million annually exporting emeralds, while 80,000 Colombians live from the emerald trade.

9. The Great Treasure of Cocos Island

Cocos Islands, 300 miles off the coast of Costa Rica, is perhaps the most mysterious of all treasure islands. The basis for Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island, many explorers over the years have found treasure buried on the island, but no one is sure who left it there. We examine the mystery of Cocos Island.

10. Devil's Playground

Treasure hunters have searched from the shores Long Island, New York, to the Island of Madagascar for Captain William Kidd's treasures. Kidd began his career as a pirate hunter but crossed the line of piracy when his crew pressured him into achieving quick results. He was captured in Boston and sent to London to stand trial. His treasure remains undiscovered.