

Big Pacific



Genre	ZDFE.unscripted
Formats	4 x 50' + Behind the Scenes'
Specials	4K/UHD

The Pacific Ocean covers one third of the Earth's surface. It is greater than all Earth's land combined, holds half of our world's water, and hides the deepest place on our planet. It's what huge and iconic, rare and dazzling creatures call home — and where creatures yet to be discovered lurk.

Over four cinematic episodes, "Big Pacific" breaks the boundaries between land and sea, moving throughout the Pacific Ocean to present a broad range of locations, species, natural phenomena and behaviours. Each episode focuses on an iconic characteristic of the Pacific: Passionate, Voracious, Violent, and Mysterious.

Filmed in Ultra High Definition, "Big Pacific" will present the ocean and its denizens in a way never before seen on television — exploring the monstrous to the minute; the alien to the intimate.

Episodes:

1. Violent Pacific
2. Mysterious Pacific
3. Passionate Pacific
4. Voracious Pacific
5. Making of

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Wild Dolphins

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	Specials	4K/UHD

In the waters surrounding New Zealand there live a number of dolphin species, each of which has evolved unique strategies to survive in the different habitats.

Off the iconic Kaikoura Peninsula, huge pods of dusky dolphins spend their nights feeding out in an underwater canyon, and in early morning they rest and play closer to shore. The majestic landscape of Fiordland is home to the bottlenose dolphins who have adapted to the extreme cold down here by growing bigger and fatter. In the bays and coves which slice into the Banks Peninsula, the small and rare Hector's dolphins communicate via clicks at a very high frequency. And off the North Island, common dolphins use their echo-location to hunt in the open ocean. The ability of all these dolphins to pass on knowledge in their family pods is paramount for every aspect of life.

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Savage Island Giants



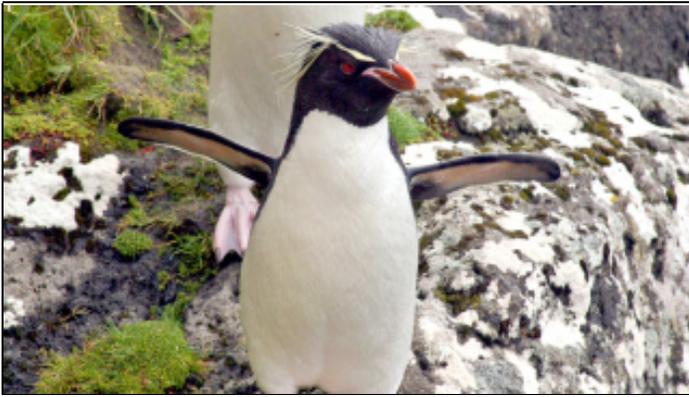
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The Auckland Islands are an isolated archipelago of islands far south of New Zealand. They might seem bleak, but they are a surprising sanctuary for wildlife.

In summer, hordes of giant sea lions descend upon a desolate beach, and testosterone-driven males begin bloody battles for mating rights. When the pregnant females return to give birth on the beach, chaos ensues. The pups are always in danger of being squashed by overly eager males. Some of the rarest penguins on the planet, the yellow-eyed penguins, are also breeding here and must constantly evade the huge brawling male sea lions. Southern royal albatross, giant petrels and skuas are other species that go to extremes to ensure their offspring's survival. The drama of summer in the sub-Antarctic islands peaks as the sea lion pups dare to take their very first ocean swims.

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Penguin Central



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Every winter, four penguin species begin their breeding in four very different locations in southern New Zealand. In the rugged Fiordland National Park, some Fiordland crested penguins build cave-like nests inside the fiord, while others prefer the coastline. On the sub-Antarctic Auckland Islands, the rare and otherwise anti-social yellow-eyed penguins start seeking each other out. Near the city of Oamaru, little blue penguins scurry up the beach to reach their colony. And on Canterbury's Banks Peninsula, the white-flippered penguins must climb up a steep cliff to reach their nests.

"Penguin Central" follows the dramas of all four species as they mate, lay eggs and nurture their young to ensure their survival. Each story comes with its own triumphs and tragedies and illustrates just what extraordinary parents these penguins are.

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How the Silk Road Made the World



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The Silk Road is one of humanity's greatest enterprises. For thousands of years across the vastness of Eurasia, a trade route linking east and west has deeply influenced history. Silk Road trade has helped to build and break empires, fed revolutions and profoundly affected civilisations.

Humanity as we know it and all we have created owes much to the legendary Silk Road. This is true of objects as basic yet revolutionary as a piece of paper. Travel through time to witness the evolution of ancient warfare, experience the horror of the Black Death, see the explosive impacts of innovations and live through radical social change. Embark on a dramatic historical journey throughout Eurasia and delve into the captivating tales of this world-famous trade route. Discover how the Silk

Road made the world.

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The Desert Sea (Das Wüstenparadies)



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In the southwest of the United States there is a desert like no other. One that carries more examples of life than many of the earth's more fertile regions. America's iconic Sonoran Desert is a desert in every sense of the word, but with a climatic and geologic quirk an abundance of life has evolved and adapted here.

Filmed in Ultra High Definition, "The Desert Sea" is a stunning naturalhistory series that explores this unique desert and the abundant and diverse creatures that have adapted to life here: mammals like the Pronghorn antelope, the speedy jackrabbit and the cougar; large birds including the road runner, condor and Harris hawk; downright weird reptiles such as the Gila monster, the chuckwalla and the horned lizard; and a rich coastal marine environment of sea lions, dolphins and even blue whales.

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China's Secret Lands



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Set in China's remote Tibet, Xinjiang, and Yunnan provinces, this threepart series reveals in UHD the colourful and diverse cultures and untold stories of China's remote border provinces.

Tibet is the rooftop of the world; an extreme environment where people have lived for 5,000 years. Here, ancient culture and devoted spirituality meet an emerging modernity, which is creating unique opportunities for its people.

In Yunnan, 25 different ethnicities embrace the modern world, united by the life-giving force of water, which continues to drive both Yunnan's cultural and economic future. In the far west of China, mysterious Xinjiang — once at the crossroads of the ancient silk road — is fast regaining its reputation as a place of influence and opportunity as China builds 21st century trade

routes to take its goods to the world.

Episodes:

1. Yunnan: Land of Colourful Clouds
2. Tibet: Ancient Land, Modern World
3. Xinjiang: A Modern Oasis

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China's Wild Side



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China's Wild Side is an Ultra High Definition, 2 part series that focuses on China's little known but surprisingly rich wildlife ecosystems: Tibet and Yunnan.

The series explores 2 very different wildlife ecosystems that are both surprising and rich with diversity. Tibet, dominated by a vast high altitude plateau, is home to animals that have evolved to cope with the thin air; from the great bovine, the wild yak, to a snake that can only live in volcanic hot springs. While, Yunnan -a lush subtropical paradise - has perhaps the greatest diversity of all of China's regions, home to the nation's only elephants, as well as the highest living primates on earth, the snub-nosed monkeys.

Using immersive and state-of-the-art UHD, including aerial drone photography, we'll reveal China's greatest wildlife kingdoms in all of their glory.

Episodes:

1. Tibet's Animal Kingdom
2. Yunnan: Kingdom of the Wild

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