

Journeys 26x30' HD In Africa

(13 more episodes in production)



Join Bill Ball in the exciting series as he tracks down Africa's incredible wildlife and revels in it's mysterious culture.

In never-before-seen footage--watch lion, buffalo and hyena battle for control of Ngorongoro Crater, witness the greatest migration on earth in the Serengeti, learn about the dark history of Zanzibar and discover the lost kingdom of Kilwa. Each episode brings a new adventure in Africa into your living room.

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Episodes



Episode 1: The Great Migration

One of the seven natural wonders of the world --- all other great wilderness areas are compared to this vast savannah. Wildlife numbers are awesome, but nothing like the number of great migration. We'll put you in the midst of the natural phenomenon where predator and prey are on the march for survival.

Episode 2: The Original Spice Island

The name alone conjures up mysterious and exotic images. The architecture and backstory to this once powerful independent kingdom is both amazing and horrifying. Outside of the city, Zanzibar earns its nickname of the Spice Island with huge plantations of everything to make your cooking flavorful. Bill's final stop is to visit the highly endangered Red Colobus monkeys. Learn why these human-like primates eat dirt for survival.

Episode 3: Safari 101

All the essentials for going on and having a successful safari are covered before Bill gets a very special challenge --- find at least half of the Big Twelve in one safari drive. Four hours and six very special animals --- can he do it?

Episode 4: Battle for the Crater

Nicknamed the Garden of Eden, this volcanic caldera is home to over 25,000 big game. Here survival isn't just a game. It's a matter of life and death. Watch one of the great acts of nature --- buffalo, lion

and hyena in a face to face struggle for dominance.

Episode 5: The Enchanted City

Nairobi is the capital of Kenya and one of the most fascinating cities in Africa. We visit some of the colonial architecture of a bygone era and the ultramodern side of the city. Bill also has an eye-to-eye with some endangered giraffes.

Episode 6: The Land of Elephant

Tarangire is the land of elephants. Large herds of pachyderms road this marshy park, putting on a show for whoever wants to watch. Lions and a host of hooved game make this wonder to behold.

Episode 7: The Swahili King of the Indian Ocean

Kilwa is an ancient ruined city, lost to history. It was one of the most powerful ones in the world during its prime. The architectural sophistication and sheer size will amaze you.

Episode 8: The man-eaters of Tsavo

Featured in films and documentaries, the mane-less lions of Tsavo have a fierce reputation as being the man-eaters. We go on a photo hunt for these legendary beasts of the bush.

Episode 9: Mombassa, the Centre of it all

Gold, ivory and slaves drove the economy of the East Coast of Africa some 500 years ago. Join Bill as he examines the horrors of these trade schemes. He also dons the snorkel mask and meets some amazing creatures of the coral reef.

Episode 10: Hidden wonders of the North

The Great Rift Valley is actually where the continent of Africa is literally tearing apart. That geological phenomenon has created two very distinct national parks within an easy drive of one another--- Arusha and Manyara.

Episode 11: Dar es Salaam, Countdown to History

We'll tour the capital city of Tanzania, visit its diverse religious institutions and will also re-visit the story of Livingston's final trip across Africa.

Episode 12: Saadani, where the land meets the sea

Here's one of the few national parks in Africa where the bush meets the ocean. The big game face off with the creatures of the deep.

Episode 13: Mikumi, the Gateway to the Southern Circuit

If there ever was a lost wildlife gem, it would be Mikumi. Here many of the big twelve live their lives against the backdrop of one of the most scenic parks in Africa.

Season II

Episode 1 "Kilimanjaro—Roof of Africa"

Host Bill Ball begins the ascent of the highest mountain in Africa. Trouble almost immediately affects the team as the cameraman suffers from fatigue and altitude sickness.

Episode 2 "Kilimanjaro—Roof of Africa, Part II"

The team pulls themselves together to face the biggest challenges of the climb—a near sheer wall of rock and the grueling 18 hour day that is required in the final ascent.

Episode 3 "Amboseli—Land of Extremes"

Amboseli National Park has had several years of drought so Bill is anxious to see if the famous elephant herds are healthy. He takes to the air and on ground to get a count of these incredible animals. He gets up close to buffalo, hippos and the many bird species that make Amboseli so special.

Episode 4 "Cape Town—Africa's Malibu"

One of the most modern cities in Africa, Cape Town has something for everyone. Bill explores the cities architecture, tastes a little wine at nearby Vineyards and tracks down the only penguin species in Africa before reaching the fabled Cape of Good Hope just a scenic drive outside the city proper.

Episode 5 "Nakuru—Wonderland of Africa"

This under-visited and far western Kenyan park area is renown for its giant flamingo gatherings that literally turn lakes pink. Bill explores these many parks on foot, in safari vehicle and on horseback.

Episode 6 “Ethiopia –Search for the Arc of the Covenant”

Bill journeys to Ethiopia to experience its rich culture and to examine the legend that states the Arc of the Covenant is located there.

Episode 7 “The North Cape—The Great Bloom”

Once a year in good rain years, the deserts of South Africa explode in color. This is the greatest flower bloom in the world. Bill ventures into the desert to experience this first hand and to film the rare animals that call this arid land home.

Episode 8 “Durbin—Land of Gandhi”

Few people know that Gandhi got his political activist start in South Africa. This is a city where Asia meets Africa in one of the most diverse cities in the world.

Episode 9 “Masai Mara—Where Lion is King”

In this first of a two parter on the Mara, Bill follows the migration in anticipation of the famous river crossings. He finds all 3 big cats and hyena waiting for their chance to get their share of the migrants. In this episode, the animal numbers are staggering.

Episode 10 “Masai Mara—Land of the Leopard”

Bill decides to stay on a few extra days to try and get some good leopard footage. These are the most elusive of the Big Twelve and filming them is a major challenge. In the process of tracking leopards, he runs across a newborn gazelle trying to walk for the first time. Will it succeed before the predators find it? Can Bill find and film a leopard up close?

Episode 11 “Lalibela—Where the Churches Rock”

There are a few wonders of man that compare to the magnificent rock churches of Lalibela. Literally carved out of solid rock and buried below ground level, these churches are masterpieces of a bygone era. Bill also explores the local culture, food, crafts and homeland of these unique people.

Episode 12 “Kruger—Hunt for the Cheetah”

In all previous shows, only glimpses of this Big Twelve member were seen. Here at Kruger, we get up close to this shy cat before heading out of the park and visiting a special research and breeding center dedicated to the cheetah.

Episode 13 “Johannesburg—City of Many Faces”

From the streets of Soweto to the colonial Union Building, the metro area of Joburg is a mix of architecture, people and traditions. This area is more than big city—it also has one of the best safari parks nearby that was literally manmade.

