

ESCAPE FROM THE CITY Thursday 10 Jan 8.00pm



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Escape From The City

The series is a timely 'how to' guide, packed full of expert advice and industry insights for those seeking a different way of life. Each episode sees one of our five impressive hosts – Jane Hall, Simon Marnie, Bryce Holdaway, Del Irani and Dean Ipaviz – guiding a family, couple or individual through the trials and tribulations of their life-changing decision to escape the city and move to coastal, country or regional Australia.

From beach-side shacks perched on coastal cliffs in Victoria, to terraced houses in need of renovation in quiet country towns and bushland retreats on the edges of the Northern Queensland rainforest, each episode sees one of our property mad hosts take a contributor on the house hunt of their dreams. Taking into account their needs, desires and budget, our hosts scour the country and present each with four homes, hopefully one becoming their dream home.

Along the way the hosts and participants sample local delights and visit local attractions to get a feel for the area they are planning on moving to.

***Note: From Episode two, Escape From The City will air at the regular time of 8pm on ABC**

Episode two: Thursday 10 January at 8pm on ABC and ABC iview

Adrian and Kerby are two go-getters from Sydney. Both with successful careers, they have been using their spare time to renovate and flip houses. Now with their first baby on the way, they want to sell their latest renovation project and head to the Southern Highlands in New South Wales, for a career and lifestyle change.

To give the house hunters a helping hand, **Escape From The City** presenter Simon Marnie takes the couple to some stunning properties that are chock-full of potential.

From a heritage weatherboard cottage to a grand farmhouse that can only be described as a mansion, the couple are spoilt for choice. But it's perhaps the mystery house that offers the biggest surprise with a farming idea that takes the couple out of their comfort zone and into an area known as the "Outback" of the Southern Highlands.

Short synopsis

ABC Radio presenter Simon Marnie gives Sydney couple, Adrian and Kerby, a helping hand by taking them to view some stunning properties in the Southern Highlands, NSW, as they prepare for a career and lifestyle change.

Production details

Escape from the City is a Fremantle production for ABC. The series is based on the UK format *Escape to the Country*, created by Boundless Productions. 60 x 60 minutes.

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foreigncorrespondent

Foreign Correspondent

The show that takes you around the globe to uncover fascinating, in-depth stories returns for a new season. The ABC's unrivalled network of foreign correspondents report on real international stories and the people involved.

Episode 1: Working title: Man v Wild

(Please note: This has replaced 'Walk in Their Shoes')

In Assam state in India, big herds of wild elephants are raiding villages, killing and terrifying their residents and wrecking crops. Dozens of people have died. So have many elephants which have been hit by trains or touched live electrical wires or fallen into pits. Correspondent Siobhan Heanue follows the herds in this story about a deadly clash between conservation and development.

Production details

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The Good Place

From Executive Producer Michael Schur (Brooklyn Nine-Nine, Parks and Recreation, Master of None) comes a smart, unique new comedy about what makes a good person. The show follows Eleanor Shellstrop (Kristen Bell, House of Lies, Veronica Mars), an ordinary woman who enters the afterlife and, thanks to



some kind of error, is sent to the Good Place instead of the Bad Place, which is definitely where she belongs. While hiding in plain sight from Michael (Ted Danson, CSI, Cheers), the wise architect of the Good Place (who doesn't know he's made a mistake), she's determined to shed her old way of living and discover the awesome (or, at least, the pretty good) person within.

In episode 1, Eleanor attempts to navigate her new surroundings with Chidi (William Jackson Harper), her kind, open-hearted "soulmate" who sees the good in people but finds himself facing quite a dilemma; and her frustratingly perfect new neighbors, Tahani (Jameela Jamil), Jianyu (Manny Jacinto); and Janet (D'Arcy Carden), a walking, talking source for all the knowledge in the universe.

In episode 2, Eleanor tries to prove to Chidi that she is worthy of his help. Meanwhile, Tahani and Jianyu try to help Michael feel better about the unknown flaw in his neighbourhood.

In episode 3, Chidi begins formally teaching Eleanor about ethics, and lesson No. 1 is: be kind to your neighbour. Michael and Janet help Chidi find a new, exciting hobby.

Short synopsis

A smart, new comedy following Eleanor Shellstrop (Kristen Bell, *Veronica Mars*), an ordinary woman who enters the afterlife and, thanks to an error, is sent to the Good Place instead of the Bad Place, where she belongs.

Production details

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Would I Lie To You?

Host Rob Brydon and team captains Lee Mack and David Mitchell are back for another series of the panel show, where guests reveal embarrassing personal tales — and the other panellists must deduce whether they're fact or fiction.

In this episode, Footballer-turned-property expert Dion Dublin, comedians Bob Mortimer and Lucy Porter, and the lovely Debbie McGee join host Rob Brydon and regular captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack on the comedy panel show. As usual, the participants aim to hoodwink their opponents with absurd facts and plausible lies about themselves in a bid to secure a team victory.

Short synopsis:

Host Rob Brydon and team captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack are joined by a panel of celebrities with the aim of hoodwinking their opponents with absurd facts and plausible lies.

Production details:

Cast & Crew: Host Rob Brydon, Team Captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack.
Panellists Dion Dublin, Lucy Porter, Debbie McGee, Bob Mortimer.

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Daily at 5.00pm

Mustangs FC

They got to the finals last season but missed out on raising the trophy, and now the Mustang girls are pumped and ready to get back in the game. But can they win the cup without Ruby? It's all kicking off in Mustangs land!

Episode six – Pity Party: Sunday 6 January at 5pm on ABC ME and the ABC ME app

Marnie is forced to play friendship umpire when a team night watching soccer gets turned into a pity-party for heartbroken Liv, and Ruby's unexpected appearance divide the girls.

Episode seven – In Sync: Monday 7 January at 5pm on ABC ME and the ABC ME app

Marnie and the team campaign to get sanitary bins for the Mustangs clubhouse, while Anusha struggle to find the balance between independence and the support she needs.

Episode eight – You Do You: Tuesday 8 January at 5pm on ABC ME and the ABC ME app
Marnie has been keeping a secret from Liv and when it emerges, Liv questions whether soccer is really her passion.

Episode nine- Sparkly Girls: Wednesday 9 January at 5pm on ABC ME and the ABC ME app
Plauing in a skills comp with the best in the league, Marnie gets a wake up call – she's going to have to work a lot harder for her dream than she realised.

Episode ten – Seven And A Half Minutes: Thursday 10 January at 5pm on ABC ME and the ABC ME app

Marnie desperately wants to get scouted but to do that, she has to persuade Anton to let her play with the boys, and miss half of the Mustangs crucial semi-final.

Episode eleven – Step Up: Friday 11 January at 5pm on ABC ME and the ABC ME app
After spying the Wildcats bullying Ruby, Anusha gets carried away with a plan to take action. But Ruby stands up for herself.

Episode twelve - Nailbiter: Saturday 12 January at 5pm on ABC ME and the ABC ME app
The looming final against the Wildcats is sending everyone a bit crazy. Have the Mustangs got what it takes to finally win the trophy?



Mustangs FC is produced by Matchbox Pictures for ABC Television with production investment funding from Screen Australia in association with Film Victoria. Distribution is NBCU International. Produced by Amanda Higgs and Rachel Davis. Executive Producer: Debbie Lee. ABC Executive Producers: Jan Stradling and Libbie Doherty. Writers: Kirsty Fisher, Magda Wozniak, Rae Earl, Shanti Gudgeon, Alix Beane and Jonathan Gavin. Directors: Corrie Chen, Jess Harris, Roger Hodgman and Ana Kokkinos.

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Grand Designs Australia

As a brick-layer, Greg Saunders has spent most of his adult life building houses for other people. Now after dreaming about it for more than 20 years, he's doing it for himself out of the materials he's most passionate about – bricks.

He and his partner Emma are ripping down their inner-city townhouse in a South Melbourne laneway to build a 3-level home to raise their young son Archie.

Plus, they're giving extended family living a go – assigning the entire ground floor of their new house to Emma's parents, who are contributing to the budget.

Trusting Emma's parents have left the design of the house completely to Greg who plans to be as creative as possible with his beloved bricks that will be custom designed and painted by hand. His appreciation of craftsmanship is rather old-fashioned but his unique, industrial design sensibility is very contemporary with much of the house crafted from recycled materials found at junkyards.

But hand-made equals time consuming, and Greg is under added pressure to get the family in, as he battles to get the in-laws' ground level finished. Plus, living with the extended family is new ground for all of them. Can they survive the build process AND live harmoniously in the same house?

Production details

A FremantleMedia Australia production.

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Little Women

Set against the backdrop of a country divided, the story follows the four March sisters: Meg (Willa Fitzgerald), Jo (Maya Hawke), Beth (Annes Elwy), and Amy (Kathryn Newton) on their journey from childhood to adulthood while their father (Dylan Baker) is away at war.



Under the guidance of their mother Marmee (Emily Watson), the girls navigate what it means to be a young woman: from gender roles to sibling rivalry, first love, loss and marriage.

Accompanied by the charming boy next door Laurie Laurence (Jonah Hauer-King), their cantankerous wealthy Aunt March (Angela Lansbury) and benevolent neighbour Mr. Laurence (Michael Gambon), *Little Women* is a coming-of-age story that is as relevant and engaging today as it was on its original publication in 1868.

Saturday 5 January: Episode 1

Christmas, 1861. The March sisters - Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy - and their mother Marmee prepare for Christmas without presents and without their father, a Union army chaplain away at war. Learning to appreciate the smaller things in life, the sisters strike up a friendship with their charming new neighbour Laurie and his tutor John Brooke.

Saturday 12 January: Episode 2

As Marmee waits by her husband's sickbed, the March sisters must fend for themselves at home. Together they face unrequited love, hurtful rumours and trouble at school. But when Beth falls dangerously ill, Laurie sends for Marmee to return home.

Relief sweeps over the family when Beth recovers and Mr. March returns home for Christmas. Jo hears promising news about her writing, while Meg and John Brooke's relationship develops.

The family holds a joyous wedding ceremony, but Jo grows anxious: the future for her and her loved ones seems fraught with challenges.

Production details

Commissioned by Piers Wenger and Charlotte Moore (BBC); produced by Playground (*Wolf Hall*, *Howards End*) for BBC One. A co-production with Masterpiece on PBS; Producer Susie Liggat; Executive Producers: Colin Callender and Sophie Gardiner (Playground), Heidi Thomas, Lucy Richer (BBC) and Rebecca Eaton (Masterpiece).

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