



Secret World Of...

26 x 1 HOUR

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Amusement Parks

Spending the day at an amusement park is fun, but come with us as we look beyond the fences. We'll find out who makes the scream machines we love and discover why we love them. We'll meet the master planners behind the good times and get a glimpse of the future of fun as we go inside the secret world of amusement parks.

2. Circuses and Sideshows

Ladies and Gentlemen, high above center ring, death-defying daredevils, spectacular stunts, amazing animal acts. Join us as we take a look behind the big top, inside the Secret World of Circuses and Sideshows.

3. Daredevils and Speed Demons

Speed Demons and Daredevils push the limits of technology and the human body. Join us as we take a look at the inner workings of these people

4. Magicians and Mentalists

Magic is a business of fantasy and a business of secrets. Some of these secrets are centuries old and some are still being created. We'll go behind the scenes to witness amazing acts and meet incredible performers. We'll learn the tricks of the assistants and will even meet a psychic parrot, all here on the Secret World of Magicians and Mentalists.

5. Las Vegas

Las Vegas, an oasis in the desert, where fantasy rules and dreams can come true. Join us as we look beyond the neon and find out how the casinos lure you in and keep you betting. We'll see surveillance cameras catch cheaters in action and go back stage with a showgirl and discover the gritty reality of the Las Vegas sex scene. Lady Luck uncovered, on the Secret World of Las Vegas.

6. Pro Wrestling

Professional wrestling can be described as a soap opera of combat. Come with us for a rare glimpse into the lives and minds of the warriors, the trainers, the promoters, the fans and all the participants who make war a weekly spectacle of mass consumption. There are no punches pulled and no holds barred in the Secret World of Professional Wrestling.

7. Rodeos

Meet the fearless rodeo athletes and the animals who challenge them. For the spectator, it's a couple of action packed hours of entertainment. For the cowboy, it takes raw courage and exceptional athletic ability to survive the rodeo lifestyle. We'll step into the arena with a charging bull and uncover the tricks to riding a bucking bronco. We'll give you the dirt and reveal the true cowboy spirit on the Secret World of Rodeos.

8. Supermodels

Supermodels, the newest breed of celebrity who define our ideals of beauty. We'll find out how these cover girls got their start and meet the people who create the look. We'll go backstage at a high profile fashion show and reveal the private lives of these flawless beauties. We'll discover the naked truth here on the Secret World of Supermodels.

9. Miami

Miami, one part United States and two parts everywhere else. From South Beach to Little Havana, Miami is a complex tapestry of people and cultures with a spicy blend of languages, where overstatement is an understatement. Join us as we probe the secrets of the nightclubs, ride along with the peace-keepers and get dressed with a special breed of entertainer, all here on the Secret World of Miami.

10. Airports

Every minute of the day, all over the world, people are arriving at the airport for many different purposes. Business travellers, students seeing the world for the first time, families separating or re-uniting - air travel has brought the world closer together. We'll go underground and learn about the baggage system and we'll meet the border patrol and uncover the scams, all here on the Secret World of Airports.

11. Megastructures

Megastructures, equal parts technology, innovation and imagination, express strength, durability, and man's everpresent struggle to control his environment. Join us as we soar through the secrets of skyscrapers and dig deep into the earth in pursuit of the ultimate tunnel. We'll go behind the scenes with the bridge builders and meet the purveyors of a fantastic new future right here on the Secret World of Megastructures.

12. Cars

The car is a way of life. For millions of people it's a potent symbol of independence and excitement. The car gives us power, mobility and freedom, as well as congestion and frustration. Over a lifetime the average driver spends three and a half years behind the wheel. Join us and we'll take you on an incredible journey inside the Secret World of Cars.

13. Beauty Pageants

Beauty Pageants, where little girls fantasies come true and the world's standard of female perfection is established. Come with us for a revealing look into the dressing rooms, the rehearsal halls and the back stage area to find out just how contenders are made, how shows are produced and how a title holder's year is celebrated. Take a perfect, graceful glide into the Secret World of Beauty Pageants.

14. Multiple Births

Twins, triplets, quads and more. We're fascinated by their strange similarities and their rarity in a world filled with single children. Here we will witness a multiple birth and see how parents cope with the days after delivery, and the sleepless nights once their babies come home. Together we will spend some time in the fast lane of fertility as we explore the Secret World of Multiple Births.

15. Cruise Ships

Cruise Ships, the floating resorts that promise to take their guests to paradise and leave reality back on the shore. But cruising isn't all fun and frolic and here we investigate the issues that arise on-board including over worked crew, crime and scandals like the illegal dumping of oil at sea that one cruiseline practiced. Join us as we reveal all in the Secret World of Cruise Ships.

16. Toys

Toys are magical and captivate children all over the world. From the fantasies of children to the opportunities of adults, toys continue to propel the imagination and generate serious fun for everyone. But toys are more than just fun, toys are a serious business and everybody wants to get into the game. It's the hard work of grown-ups that keeps us playing. Join us here as we bring you the Secret World of Toys.

17. Rio

Rio de Janeiro, a city famous for its annual carnival blow-out and worshipped for its beaches, bikinis and beautiful women. Rio is the intoxicating South American city that seduces the soul and liberates the spirit but it is also a city of contrasts with a stark division existing between social classes. While some of Rio's residents live along the beaches, over half live in much poorer areas throughout the city. It's all about the people and the passion here on the Secret World of Rio.

18. Sitcoms

Sitcoms, a nightly retreat for many, a place where the coffee pot is always full and everybody knows your name. But the business of comedy is no joke and a whole lot of blood, sweat and food goes into bringing our cherished night time friends and neighbours to life. Before a show can find it's place with the viewers, or in the ratings, it goes through a long and complicated process. Here we go behind the scenes and bring you the Secret World of Sitcoms.

19. Stock Cars

Stock car racing is a dynamic union of man and machine, from life on the road during the Winston Cup Series, to the dreams of local Saturday night dirt tracks. It guarantees bumper-to-bumper thrills, non-stop action and modern day heroes. We'll discover what keeps this machine humming, the fans flocking and the sponsorships flowing. Start your engines as we go roaring into the Secret World of Stock Cars.

20. Monster Trucks

Monster Trucks, the mighty giants of motor sport racing that guarantee action, air and adrenaline with every performance. From sold out arenas to local fairgrounds, we'll discover why size really does matter, what it takes to get behind the wheel, and how danger lurks around every turn as we go flipping, smashing and flying into the Secret World of Monster Trucks.

21. Ballroom Dancing

Ballroom Dancing is a world of fierce competition masked by glamour - gleaming hardwood floors, glittering chandeliers and graceful couples whirling in perfectly synchronized movement. We'll go behind the scenes to the sweat behind the spotlight, we'll see the high cost of competing and the heavy toll of training. Find out what separates the champions from the amateurs as we tango through the Secret World of Ballroom Dancing.

22. Gambling

Las Vegas, the heart of the gambling empire, where casino lights and dropping coins seduce millions of gamblers every year and now there are more ways to gamble than ever. Las Vegas still holds the undisputed title as the number one gaming hot spot as more than thirty million people make their pilgrimage to this gaming mecca every year. Get ready to place your bets here on the Secret World of Gambling.

23. Fashion

Fashion is a fantasy of seduction and style where there's no better place to parade than the red carpet on oscar night when gowns trigger rounds of flashbulbs and flurries of excitement. But the world of fashion is also a cutthroat business and it demands nerves of steel to stand up to the pressures of becoming a world class designer. It takes a whole lot of hunting to tap into trends and it's everyones job to sell the image in the Secret World of Fashion.

24. New York City

New York City, famous for it's frantic pace and no-nonsense attitude, a city where dreams are created and destroyed at every hour of the day and night. We'll delve into the real city beyond the myths and discover the people and places that make up the Secret World of New York.

25. Fame and Fortune

Money buys fine wines and grand estates and pays for lavish vacations and elegant afternoons, but only a privileged few can ever afford to live the dream and for most people it's a life of fantasy. It's easy to accumulate material possessions and spend millions when money is no object. To a member of the elite, this life of leisure seems to be the norm, but to outsiders it's surreal. Here we bring you the Secret World of Fame and Fortune.

26. Aircraft Carriers

An aircraft carrier has only one mission, launching and retrieving airplanes to protect the interests of her home country. The United States Navy currently operates twelve massive super carriers, each featuring a flight deck that spans the length of four football fields, a total area of 41/2 acres. Buckle yourself in and join us as we explore these huge vessels on the Secret World of Aircraft Carriers.

