

Martin Clunes - Islands of Oz

Popular British actor turns to the islands of Australia for his next documentary series.

(<u>21 March 2016</u>) Beloved English actor **Martin Clunes** will voyage around Australia's islands for a brand new documentary series produced by Prospero Productions and Buffalo Pictures for Seven.

MARTIN CLUNES - ISLANDS OF OZ turns the spotlight on the world's biggest island, Australia, which is surrounded by its own vast ring of islands - more than 8,000 of them.

The series takes Martin from the East Coast islands with their European settlers, to the indigenous people and watery wildernesses of the North and West, to the South Coast islands with their strong links to the mainland and beyond.

It is a voyage around the adventure playgrounds, the best-kept secrets and the astonishing surprises of the islands of Australia.

"I've always been fascinated by islands, each one a microcosm that tells us something different about our world, and Australia's islands have it all," says Martin. "Exotic creatures, spectacular marine life and of course the different people who inhabit them – their sheer diversity is truly amazing."

Production on ISLANDS OF OZ recently commenced on Australia's East Coast.

The series will air on Seven later this year.

Martin is best known for portraying Dr Martin Ellingham in the popular 7TWO comedy-drama *Doc Martin* and Gary Strang in the '90s British sitcom *Men Behaving Badly*. He has also made a number of wildlife documentaries over the years including *Martin Clunes and A Lion Called Mugie* and presented *Islands of Britain* for ITV in 2009.

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