

Amazon Studios Greenlights James May's Our Man In...Japan – An Epic Journey Across An Extraordinary Country

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Host of Prime Video's *The Grand Tour* is set to go on his quest to understand a truly remarkable country in this brand new Prime Original series James May's *Our Man In...Japan* goes into production now, and will launch exclusively on Amazon Prime Video in over 200 countries and territories



LONDON – 11 March, 2019 – Amazon Studios today announced it has commissioned the six-part unscripted series *Our Man In... Japan* with [James May](#) (*The Grand Tour*, *Top Gear*, *James May's Man Lab*, *James May's Car of the People*, *Toy Stories*). The new UK Prime Original series will be directed by BAFTA TV Award nominee [Tom Whitter](#) (*James May's Man Lab*, *Toy Stories*, *Apollo 13: The Inside story*) for Plum Pictures where it will be exec produced by Will Daws (who has overseen several James May projects including *Toy Stories*, *Man Lab* and the *Reassembler*). The team start filming today, and will launch exclusively on Amazon Prime Video in over 200 countries and territories worldwide.

Fifteen years after James May first visited Japan as a baffled tourist, he embarks on a quest to understand the unique, extraordinary and complex country. The birthplace of the haiku and classical art forms driven by the principles of Wabi (stark beauty) and Sabi (natural inspiration) and Yugen (grace and subtlety), Japan is also the place that's given us Godzilla, Hello Kitty, Cosplay, and some of the strangest obsessions on the planet. James will embark on an epic journey across all of Japan from North to South, determined to understand why this unique land and its people are the way they are, what drives their whole culture and what their approach to life can teach the rest of us. James can't speak the language, he is clueless about Japanese etiquette, but at least he knows there's a small tree called a banzai...

'Japan is the most amazing place I've ever visited,' said James May. 'Everything about it is a surprise: a boiled sweet, a bullet train, an unexpected ancient temple, and the challenge of eating a single edamame bean with chopsticks. It's a class A stimulant for all the senses, and an etiquette minefield for the unwary. I intend to immerse myself in it completely, in the pursuit of enlightenment and life balance. And I bet the noodles will be fantastic.'

'We're incredibly excited to announce this new project with James, which will see him take on an epic thousand mile journey across ancient Japanese islands, mega cities, and all points in between,' said Georgia Brown, Director of Prime Original Series in Europe. 'The *Grand Tour* fans around the world will be delighted to hear that they will have even more James May on their screens. We can't wait to see what James and his talented team produce from this ambitious adventure.'

Amazon announced in December that they have entered into a deal with *The Grand Tour* hosts Jeremy, Richard, James, and Executive Producer Andy Wilman, to develop brand new TV shows with them individually, which will see more of the popular presenters on Prime Video in the coming

years. Season three of *The Grand Tour* launched on 18th January, 2019, with new episodes releasing every Friday exclusively on Prime Video worldwide. Amazon also announced that the Prime Original worldwide hit TV series has been renewed; *The Grand Tour* series four will go into production in 2019 and will see Clarkson, Hammond & May ditch the tent and take on big adventure road trips that fans around the world love.