

DNA Journey Returns To ITV

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DNA Journey returns to ITV and ITV Hub next month, as the first of our seven celebrity duos set off on a quest to discover where they come from and unearth secrets from their past in a life changing and emotional voyage of discovery.

The new series, going out in two parts this year (Spring and Autumn 2022) is produced by Voltage TV and Mitre Studios and kicks off next month with three incredible globetrotting DNA stories from **Jayne Torvill** and **Christopher Dean**, **Maureen Lipman** and **Rula Lenska** plus **Anne Hegerty** and **Shaun Wallace** whose friendship takes them on a road trip they will never forget.

In the second part of the series, going out in the Autumn, brings together more big names. **Rob Beckett** and **Romesh Ranganathan**, **Alison Steadman** and **Larry Lamb**, **Joel Dommett** and **Tom Allen**, plus **Alison Hammond** and **Kate Garraway**.

Delving into their family histories, the celebrated TV duos will be using cutting edge DNA technology and genealogy to uncover the truth behind their bloodlines, as well as coming face to face with living relatives they never before knew existed.

In the ultimate TV road trip, this year's celebrities follow in the footsteps of Ant & Dec, Freddie Flintoff and Jamie Redknapp, Amanda Holden and Alan Carr and Martin and Roman Kemp.

The previous series, which last aired in March 2021, consolidated with 3.9 million viewers.

ITV Head of Entertainment Commissioning **Katie Rawcliffe** said: "DNA Journey is an enthralling combination of heart-warming, emotional and high octane all at the same time, and it's great to welcome some of TV's favourite faces onto the show to delve deeper into their family histories and secrets."

ITV Commissioning Editor **Louise Major** said: "Everyone has a desire to learn more about where they come from and to be able to share this personal experience with some of our favourite faces is so special and a real treat in the mid-week schedule."

Kathleen Larkin, Executive Producer at Voltage TV, says: "It's always a treat to see our celebrity pairings as you've never seen them before. In this series, they face particularly emotional revelations...which always end with an uplifting resolution that warms the heart."

A spokesperson at **Mitre Studios** said "The great joy of DNA Journey is that our stars have no idea where their trip is going to take them. It's an absorbing, involving, voyage of discovery with a secret surprise or twist in every turn."

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