



“XPLORATION AWESOME PLANET”

SEASON V - 2018/2019

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FIRST QUARTER

Week of December 31, 2018 through week of March 25, 2019

Week of December 31, 2018 (Episode #118)

Join host Philippe Cousteau Jr., grandson of legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau, as he journeys to the most spectacular places on the planet. In this episode, we dive with dozens of bull sharks in Fiji to see how a protected marine reserve is helping local sharks to thrive. We then head to South Florida to plant native mangroves in an area of need. We head down to a nearby beach to then remove invasive plants that affect Miami’s coastlines in a negative way. The journey ends with a trip to Maui where local volunteers help to keep endangered Hawaiian Monk Seals safe when they come ashore.

Week of January 7, 2019 (Episode #119)

Join host Philippe Cousteau Jr., grandson of legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau, as he journeys to the most spectacular places on the planet. In this episode, Cousteau explores some of our planets most incredible natural formations. We’ll look at different types of corals in Fiji, visit a remote glacier in the Canadian Rockies, and marvel at the arches of the Utah desert.

Week of January 14, 2019 (Episode #120)

Join host Philippe Cousteau Jr., grandson of legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau, as he journeys to the most spectacular places on the planet. In this episode, we travel to the intersection of sports and our environment. We start in the Rocky Mountains where an Olympic snowboarder aims to keep our mountains protected. Then it’s off to Hawaii where a professional surfer is teaching kids the importance of keeping our oceans and beaches clean. From there it’s on to California as a world champion boxer fights for water rights. And finally a professional football team hopes to leads the way with renewable energy in their stadium



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Week of January 21, 2019 (Episode #121)

Join host Philippe Cousteau Jr., grandson of legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau, as he journeys to the most spectacular places on the planet. In this episode, we reveal the winner of our second ever #StudentExplorer Contest. Philippe and the lucky student then head to Fiji for dolphins, diving, and to take part in a coral reef restoration project.

Week of January 28, 2019 (Episode #122)

Join host Philippe Cousteau Jr., grandson of legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau, as he journeys to the most unique formations and natural wonders of our planet. In this episode, we learn from the students who want to change the world. We'll start at the national finals of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize where students are presenting solutions to some of our biggest challenges. Then we see how one student teaches younger kids about climate change in a creative way. We'll wrap up with a team of college students in Pennsylvania who help the local community by monitoring local sinkholes.

Week of February 4, 2019 (Episode #123)

Join host Philippe Cousteau Jr., grandson of legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau, as he journeys to the most unique formations and natural wonders of our planet. In this episode, we visit a few examples of threatened places. We'll start in North Carolina looking at the effects of sea level rise on barrier islands. Then we see how innovative tools are helping to protect against future oil spills. We'll head to Utah to learn why over a million acres of pristine land is now under threat of development. And we'll end in Pennsylvania where one sanctuary has put protections in for migrating raptors before it's too late.

Week of February 11, 2019 (Episode #124)

Join host Philippe Cousteau Jr., grandson of legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau, as he journeys to the most unique formations and natural wonders of our planet. In this episode, we see a few hidden parts of nature. We'll start in Washington where the Seattle Aquarium shows us a few unique traits to see otters. Then we'll head to Australia to look at the small mantis shrimp that packs a heavyweight punch. We'll finish up in Florida following one researcher who combs the beaches in the early morning to find and protect newly made turtle nests.



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Week of February 18, 2019 (Episode #125)

Join host Philippe Cousteau Jr., grandson of legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau, as he journeys to the most unique formations and natural wonders of our planet. In this episode, we visit a few remote areas to see how research and restoration is conducted. We'll start in the Yasawa Islands of Fiji where manta rays migrate each year for food. Then we'll go to the Hawaiian island of Kaho'olawe, which is off-limits to the general public. Here we'll see a unique history of destruction that one organization is helping to restore. We'll finish up in Virginia seeing how drones are helping researchers access remote locations quicker and easier.

Week of February 25, 2019 (Episode #126)

Join host Philippe Cousteau Jr., grandson of legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau, as he journeys to the most unique formations and natural wonders of our planet. In this episode, we'll meet a few different science communicators. We'll start at Cal State Long Beach where one researcher is helping to communicate the impacts of development on local salt water marshes. Then we'll head to Florida where we meet a researcher educating the public daily on the hazards and health effects of red tides. After that we'll visit a large STEM event in Tulsa Oklahoma where communication is key for a day with thousands of students on hand to learn about science. We'll finish up in Pennsylvania and New Jersey where a grad student uses a wind tunnel to teach others about sand dunes.

Week of March 4, 2019 (Episode #127)

Join host Philippe Cousteau Jr., grandson of legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau, as he examines different methods of farming. We'll join an oyster farmer as he pulls in a harvest off the coast of southeastern Louisiana, and then visit an aquaponics farm in Los Angeles to see how the owner is promoting sustainable food sources. From there, we'll head to Pennsylvania to learn about a program to train new farmers and help them establish their own agricultural businesses.

Week of March 11, 2019 (Episode #128)

Join host Philippe Cousteau Jr., grandson of legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau, as he journeys to the most spectacular places on the planet. In this episode, we venture into the remote wildness of British Columbia, and get up close and personal with its animal inhabitants.

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Host Philippe Cousteau visits Yosemite National Park, one of the first parks protected by the Federal Government. We'll explore the famous cliffs, such as El Capitan and Half-Dome. We'll head to the Mariposa Grove, which has 500 giant sequoia trees. And we'll look at the wildlife that thrives in various ecosystems at Yosemite.

Week of March 25, 2019 (Episode #130)

Host Philippe Cousteau visits the Mohave Desert, and discovers how varied deserts can be; some deserts are covered with sand dunes, while others have amazing vegetation. We also travel to Death Valley, the hottest spot in North America. Then we explore the Joshua Tree National Park, which has the unusual Joshua tree, and many other exotic plants.