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**Join Wildlife TV Presenter, adventurer, naturalist and writer  
Steve Backshall as he takes you on a wild journey!**

**Beware! Coming to Australia in January 2016**

Steve Backshall's **Deadly 60 Live** promises to be "weird, wild and wonderful". In his first ever Australian tour, Steve will take audiences on the adventure of a life time telling the stories and showing us footage from his most famous expeditions and answering your questions about the making of his popular BBC Earth series.

*"Backshall is just so, so, so excited about the creatures he has encountered, and his enthusiasm is infectious. Pretty soon, you'll be feeling totally invigorated and excited about life."* Time Magazine

Naturalist Steve Backshall is best known for a children's TV show *Deadly 60*, in which he tracks down the world's most dangerous animals. He's swum with sharks, been bitten by a caiman and come face to face with some of the most venomous snakes on the planet.

From the Arctic to the Antarctic, from the tundra to the top of the world's highest peaks, and from the depths of the rainforest to the bottom of the sea, this wonderful event is suitable for fans of the TV series as well as wildlife enthusiasts of all ages from five to eighty.

*"Backshall conveys passion as well as he does information"* The Spectator

Steve is an author, expedition leader, naturalist, wildlife expert and a fearless presenter. Having travelled the world to learn about the most inspiring predators, Steve has been squirted with ink by Humboldt squid, flirted with by tarantula, charged by elephants, and stared out by thresher and great hammerhead sharks, but still maintains that wild animals pose no threat to people – in fact quite the opposite.

Steve has been passionate about the wild world ever since he could crawl, and, growing up, counted as his best pals the animals that lived around him – from the asthmatic donkey, to the grass snakes in the manure heap! After graduating from Exeter University in England, Steve studied martial arts in Japan, attaining his black belt. Over the following years, Steve wrote for the Indonesian Rough Guides and, during his travels, became conversant in the local language, drank blood with un-contacted tribes, nearly got caught in fatal crossfire in riots in East Timor, came nose to nose with Komodo Dragons, and attempted to walk solo across Irian Jaya (a woeful failure)!

*Deadly 60* can be seen Mondays-Saturdays at 8.00pm and weekends at 3.00pm on ABC3

**About BBC Earth.** BBC Earth is a global factual brand which seeks to inspire audiences in the UK and worldwide with the most incredible sights, stories and characters from the natural world. Commercially and internationally the brand is managed by BBC Worldwide, the commercial arm of the BBC. Since launch the brand has grown across multiple platforms including branded blocks on television, live events, social media, visitor attractions, theatrical releases for cinema and giant screen films and online on BBC.com. From 2015 the BBC Earth brand will launch new channels internationally that will be dedicated to bringing audiences premium factual content.

<http://www.deadly60liveonstage.com>

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## 2016 TOUR DETAILS

### QLD

#### **Brisbane Playhouse**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January – 6.30pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January – 10.30am, 1.30pm

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January – 10.30am, 1.30pm & 4.30pm

Bookings: Qtix 13 62 46 [www.qtix.com.au](http://www.qtix.com.au)

*Pre-sale starts 14<sup>th</sup> October*

### SA

#### **Her Majesty's Theatre, Adelaide**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January – 6.30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January – 10.30am, 1.30pm, 4.30pm

Bookings: Bass 131 246 [www.bass.net.au](http://www.bass.net.au)

*Pre-sale starts 4<sup>th</sup> November*

### TAS

#### **Wrest Point, Hobart**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January – 3.30pm

Bookings: 1300 795 257 or [www.tixtas.com.au](http://www.tixtas.com.au)

*Pre-sale starts 12<sup>th</sup> October*

### VIC

#### **Arts Centre Melbourne, Hamer Hall**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January – 6.30pm

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January – 10.30am, 1.30pm

Bookings: 1300 182 183 or [www.artscentremelbourne.com.au](http://www.artscentremelbourne.com.au)

*Pre-sale starts 15<sup>th</sup> October*

### NSW

#### **Sydney Opera House**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January – 3.00pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January – 10am, 1pm, 4pm

Bookings: 02 9250 7777 or [www.sydneyoperahouse.com](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com)

*Pre-sale starts 14<sup>th</sup> October*

### WA

#### **Riverside Theatre, Perth**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – 3.30pm, 6.30pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January – 10.30am, 1.30pm

Bookings: Ticketek 13 28 49 or [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au)

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