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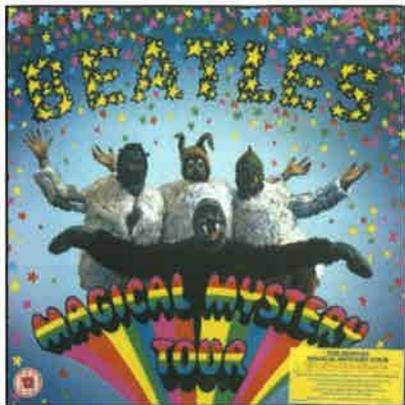
# THE BEATLES MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

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The Beatles 1967 experimental psychedelic TV special was re-released by Apple/EMI on 8th October on DVD and Blu-ray, plus as a deluxe box set edition. Apple Films have fully restored the long out-of-print film and it's now available with a remixed soundtrack (5.1 and stereo) and tons of great bonus features, packed with unseen footage. There are newly-filmed interviews with Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, and other members of the film's cast and crew, as well as a director's audio commentary by Paul McCartney.



"Magical Mystery Tour" has never looked so good and the stunning picture and sound quality is a huge improvement over previous VHS and DVD releases (and of course far superior to when it was first shown on TV in black and white!) The restoration of the film was overseen by Paul Rutan Jr. of Eque Inc. (the same company that handled the restoration of "Yellow Submarine"). The soundtrack work was done at Abbey Road Studios by Giles Martin and Sam Okell.

Apple and EMI partnered with Omniverse Vision, to bring exclusive showings of "Magical Mystery Tour" to the big screen for the first time. Screenings took place in selected cinemas from 27th September in the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Australia, Italy, Japan, and other countries worldwide. A special Gala Screening of the film, along with the BBC Arena documentary "Magical Mystery Tour Revisited" was held at the British Film Institute in London on 2nd October, with Paul McCartney in attendance. The film has also been made available via the iTunes Store featuring extensive bonus features and detailed art, including a companion booklet, plus a new website dedicated to the film has been launched, with clips, quotes, music and opinion at: [www.magicalmysterytour.com](http://www.magicalmysterytour.com)

The limited edition deluxe version of "Magical Mystery Tour" comes in a 10" x 10" box, which contains both the DVD and Blu-ray, as well as a 60-page book with background information, photographs and documentation from the production. The deluxe box also includes a mono copy of the 7" vinyl "Magical Mystery Tour" double EP, featuring the film's six new Beatles songs.

The Special Features include:

Director's Commentary by Paul McCartney

The Making Of Magical Mystery Tour (19:05) - includes unseen footage and interviews with Paul and Ringo, along with other cast members and crew.

Ringo The Actor - Ringo reflecting on his role in the film.

Meet The Supporting Cast – A feature on the background and careers of Jessie Robins, Ivor Cutler, Nat Jackley, The Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band, Victor Spinetti, George Claydon and Derek Royle.

Your Mother Should Know/Blue Jay Way/The Fool On The Hill - Three new edits of these performances featuring footage not seen in the original film.

Hello Goodbye, Top of the Pops 1967 – The Beatles allowed the BBC to film them in the edit suite where they were working on MMT. This was then turned into a promo clip by the BBC who shot their own additional footage.

Nat's Dream – A scene directed by John Lennon featuring Nat Jackley but not included in the original film.

Ivor Cutler Going In A Field – Ivor performs 'I'm Going In A Field', not included in the original film.

Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush – The filming of Traffic acting out their 1967 hit single 'Here We Go Round The Mulberry Bush' was commissioned by The Beatles for possible inclusion in MMT but was not used in the final edit.

As well as the Special Features there are four hidden Easter Eggs containing more outtakes and previously unseen footage:

Fish And Chip Shop – includes footage of the cast ordering and eating fish and chips.

Jessie's Blues - features Aunt Jessie improvising a song on the bus.

Magic Alex Sings Walls Of Jericho - features Magic Alex singing on the bus with the other passengers clapping along.

Missing Dining Room Scene - is footage of the cast eating a meal while listening to the hotel band.

These fascinating "secret" Easter Eggs can be found by navigating around the main menu with your remote control. The film ratio does seem to have been cropped to fit widescreen, which is a shame, plus there is no option for the original mono soundtrack with its unique mixes – a shortcoming of the previous "Help!" and "Yellow Submarine" DVDs also.

However, this really is a fabulous new package; with so much additional outtake footage it could nearly have made another film! The special feature "Making Of Magical Mystery Tour" is a much shorter and concise version of the BBC Arena "Magical Mystery Tour Revisited" and is in fact more enjoyable, as it concentrates wholly on the MMT film and not so much on the prevailing culture as the more rambling BBC doc does, and there is plenty more extra material spread throughout the other Special Features anyway (although sadly there is less revealed of fabulous stripper Jan Carson as on show in the BBC version!).

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