



**Around the World with Orson Welles**  
**Limited Edition Blu-ray and 2-disc DVD**

**In 1955, the celebrated polymath Orson Welles was invited to write, direct and present his first television production – a series of travelogues exploring Europe. A unique and enthralling entry in the career of one of modern cinema’s most revered figures, Welles’ masterful series is released at last, on Limited Edition Blu-ray and DVD on 24 August 2015. The discs are accompanied by some rare and fascinating extra features.**

Part home-movie, part cinematic essay, each episode of *Around the World with Orson Welles* takes the viewer on a journey to meet famous people and explore the continent’s most romantic cities. In Paris, we are introduced to artists and poets such as Jean Cocteau; in Madrid, we attend a bullfight; in London we hear from Chelsea Pensioners and in Vienna, in an episode which was long believed lost, we are taken to the locations of *The Third Man* in which Welles starred.

The six episodes (each approx. 26 mins) that were commissioned by Associated-Rediffusion and broadcast on Britain’s then-new ITV channel are: *Pays Basque I – The Basque Countries*; *Pays Basque II – La Pelote Basque*; *Revisiting Vienna*; *Saint-Germain-des-Prés*; *London – The Queen’s Pensioners* and *Spain – The Bullfight*.

The BFI has been marking Orson Welles’ centenary year with a two-month retrospective season at BFI Southbank (1 July – 31 August) and the release in selected cinemas UK-wide of *Touch of Evil* (1958) and the new documentary, *Magician: The Astonishing Life and Work of Orson Welles*, which also comes to BFI DVD on 24 August.

**Special features**

- *The Dominici Affair* by Orson Welles (Christophe Cognet, 2000, 52 mins): documentary, including a partial reconstruction, exploring the making of Welles’ unfinished *Around the World with Orson Welles* episode *The Tragedy of Lurs*, about the controversial Dominici murder case in France
- *The Levin Interview with Orson Welles* (John Phillips, 1967, 27 mins): rare interview of Welles discussing his work and career with Bernard Levin
- Illustrated booklet with a new essay by Ben Walters and film credits

**Blu-ray product details**

**RRP: £22.99 / Cat. no. BFIB1212 / Cert E**

UK / 1955 / black and white / 164 mins / English language / Various aspect ratios / BD50 / 1080p / 24fps / PCM mono 1.0 audio (48k/24-bit)

**DVD product details**

**RRP: £22.99 / Cat. no. BFIV2053 / Cert E**

UK / 1955 / black and white / 158 mins / English language / Various aspect ratios / 2 x DVD9 / PAL / Dolby Digital mono 1.0 audio (192 kbps)

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