



HURRICANE KATRINA: RACE AGAINST TIME

Series & Episode Descriptions

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Short Description

This gripping historical record reveals the chaos and fallout of Katrina. (73 characters)

Medium Description

A gripping historical record, this series exposes how a natural disaster became a national tragedy through archival footage and firsthand accounts. (147 characters)

Long Description

A gripping historical record of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, this five-part series transports viewers into the chaos that engulfed New Orleans in the days leading up to and following the storm's landfall. With archival footage and moment-by-moment accounts from residents, first responders and officials, the series exposes how a natural disaster became a national tragedy. (381 characters)

Longer Description:

Told in unflinching, moment-by-moment detail, **HURRICANE KATRINA: RACE AGAINST TIME** transports viewers into the chaos that engulfed New Orleans as one of the deadliest catastrophes in U.S. history unfolded—capturing the fear, heroism and resilience of those who fought to survive the storm and its aftermath. With the clear-eyed perspective of two decades of hindsight, this gripping historical record corrects persistent false narratives and exposes how a natural disaster became a national tragedy. Grounded in gut-wrenching eyewitness testimony from survivors, first responders and officials, and brought to life with immersive archival footage, the series is an unparalleled, emotionally raw examination of the storm's personal, political and societal fallout. From the Oscar®- and Emmy®-winning producers at Lightbox and acclaimed filmmaker Ryan Coogler and his production company, Proximity Media, and directed by Oscar-nominated Traci A. Curry, this landmark documentary series arrives in time to mark the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

EPISODE DESCRIPTIONS

EPISODE 101: "The Coming Storm"

Premieres July 27 at 8/7c on National Geographic; Streams next day on Disney+ and Hulu

Rating: TV-14, Runtime: 44 min

Short Description

As Hurricane Katrina's wrath is unleashed, residents prepare for disaster. (74 characters)

Medium Description

Hurricane Katrina looms over New Orleans, while residents face a chaotic evacuation. As the city scrambles to prepare, 100,000 are left behind. (143 characters)

Long Description

It's a typically vibrant New Orleans summer when Hurricane Katrina looms. Sitting in the bullseye of a Category 5, the city faces a reality check. With a delayed evacuation order, many are trapped and forced to brace for the storm's fury. Residents recount for the first time how they navigated the impending disaster, capturing the harrowing experience of preparing for "The Big One." (386 characters)

EPISODE 102: "Worst Case Scenario"

Premieres July 27 at 9/8c on National Geographic; Streams next day on Disney+ and Hulu

Rating: TV-14, Runtime: 44 min

Short Description

Chaos ensues as the city floods and residents fight to survive. (63 characters)

Medium Description

New Orleans floods after the levees breach. Residents try to evacuate, rescue efforts begin, and a chaotic atmosphere sets in. (126 characters)

Long Description

After Hurricane Katrina passed, citizens soon discovered the levees breached, quickly flooding New Orleans like a bathtub. First responders and everyday citizens jumped in heroically to save locals; many residents were forced to flee their houses for dry land. As residents braved dangerous conditions to survive, ineptitude at all levels of government was exposed as the water rose. (383 characters)

EPISODE 103: "A Desperate Place"

Premieres July 27 at 10/9c on National Geographic; Streams next day on Disney+ and Hulu

Rating: TV-14, Runtime: 44 min

Short Description

Rescues persist as media highlights looting over those trapped in the city. (75 Characters)

Medium Description

Rescues persist as thousands are trapped at home, with others ushered to the Superdome. Stories of resilience emerge amid media focus on violence. (146 characters)

Long Description

Three days into the flood, rescue operations continue around the clock. Thousands remain trapped, as the government struggles to coordinate a rescue effort. Inside the Superdome, stories of resilience and survival emerge above the sometimes-horrific conditions. Meanwhile, media coverage shifts to emphasize disorder, focusing on looting rather than the thousands still stranded. (379 characters)

EPISODE 104: "Shoot To Kill"

Premieres July 28 at 8/7 on National Geographic; Streams same day on Disney+ and Hulu
Rating: TV-MA, Runtime: 44 min

Short Description

Gen. Honoré leads rescues amid pressure and escalating violence. (64 characters)

Medium Description

Gen. Honoré leads rescue efforts post-Katrina amid pressure to use force. Evacuees face discrimination, and tensions rise as violence increases. (144 characters)

Long Description

In post-Katrina New Orleans, Gen. Honoré leads rescue efforts amid pressure to use force, while local heroes tirelessly save lives. Thousands remain stranded in their homes, the Superdome, the convention center, and along the interstate as evacuation efforts continue to fail. Tensions rise while violence erupts and militias target residents. (343 characters)

EPISODE 105: "Wake Up Call"

Premieres July 28 at 9/8c on National Geographic; Streams same day on Disney+ and Hulu
Rating: TV-MA, Runtime: 44 min

Short Description

With New Orleans' population evacuated, the city's future remains unclear. (74 characters)

Medium Description

The future of a devastated New Orleans hangs in the balance as its residents struggle to return, rebuild and restore their lives even 20 years later. (149 characters)

Long Description

New Orleans' resilient residents exit the city, forming part of the Katrina diaspora. As they navigate the uncertainty of how and when they might restore their lives, a plan for a new New

Orleans takes shape. The future of the devastated city hangs in the balance as its residents struggle to return, rebuild and restart their lives even 20 years later. (353 characters)