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HOT ROADS - THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS ROADS II

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There's only one goal, and that's getting there.

These are some of the world's most dangerous roads. Whether legally or illegally, people, animals and goods are transported on them. They are tracks, paths and passes. However, there is no information about what the routes actually look like, the precipices they can lead to, or the number of curves and obstacles that must be overcome. The roads can change from day to day and even from hour to hour. Rain, mud, snow, sandstorms, rockfalls and hurricanes can turn a predictable risk into an unknown quantity. Everyone who embarks on this dangerous journey hopes to arrive safely.

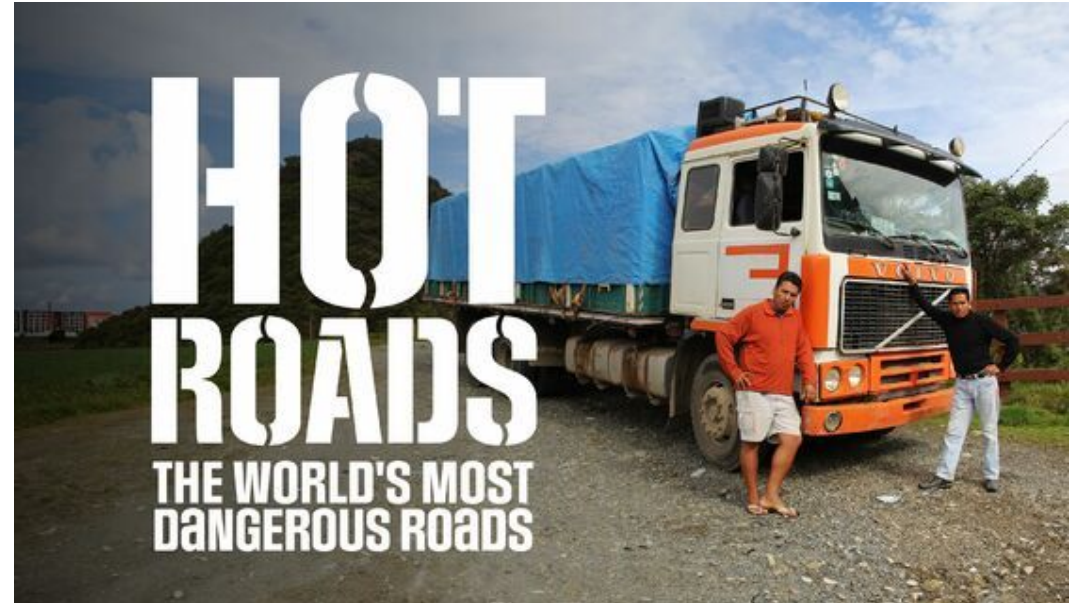
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1. The Road To Death In The Andes

The Carretera de la muerte - the road to death- is one of the most dangerous roads in the world. Year after year many people die here. We accompany trucker Omar and his co-driver Jaime on their trip across the Andes, encountering cyclists, mountain bikers and coca-farmers on the way.

2. The Racing Cyclists Of Burundi

The racing cyclists of Burundi have a dangerous job. But it's a vital one for Burundi's economy. Bicycles are the main means of transportation in one of the smallest countries in Africa. Bananas, the staple food in Burundi, are transported from the markets to a banana beer brewing factory. We accompany Tharcien, a bike courier, on his exhausting cross country trip on the Burundi Highway.

3. The Sichuan-Tibet Highway

The Sichuan Tibet Highway is the road of longing for many. It leads through fascinating landscapes and remote areas up to the Himalayan Mountains. We accompany truck driver Ren Taiping on his trip to the Tibetan capital city of Lhasa, encountering pilgrims, mountain bikers and nomads on this dangerous journey.

4. The Philippine Serpentes

The Halsema Highway, situated on the island Luzon, leads right through the Philippine jungle with its frequent fog and heavy rainfalls. Every trip on this so-called road is an adventure and highly dangerous. We accompany a bus driver and a taxi driver on their challenging trip across the mountains.

5. The Canadian Ice Roads

The Canadian ice roads exist only for a few months in the winter when the ice is thick enough. The only time of the year when goods can be transported up to Northern Manitoba. We accompany the truckers Vlad and Hugh as well as the aboriginal Canadian Scott with his pick-up on their long journey to a village called God's Lake. A risky trip in icy temperatures, sometimes even below - 60 degrees Celcius. The men are in constant danger of getting stuck and need to forget everything they ever learnt about driving on a highway in order to arrive safely.