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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC UNVEILS TRAILER FOR *TUCCI IN ITALY*: A CINEMATIC JOURNEY THROUGH FOOD, CULTURE AND HISTORY

Stanley Tucci Embarks on an Unforgettable Culinary Voyage Across Five Regions
— Tuscany, Lombardy, Trentino-Alto Adige, Abruzzo, and Lazio Showcasing
Their Diverse Flavors and Rich Traditions

From SALT Productions and BBC Studios, *TUCCI IN ITALY*
Premieres May 18 on National Geographic;
All Episodes Stream the Next Day on Disney+ and Hulu

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(WASHINGTON, D.C. – April 16, 2025) – This May, National Geographic invites audiences to take a mouthwatering adventure with acclaimed Academy Award® Nominee, Emmy®- and Golden Globe®-winning actor Stanley Tucci as he travels across Italy in **TUCCI IN ITALY**.

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From Tucci's SALT Productions, alongside BBC Studios' Specialist Factual Productions, the five-part series follows Tucci on a visually stunning and deeply personal exploration of the country's breathtaking landscapes, rich history, and the complex connections with its food that have shaped each region's distinct culture and, of course, their iconic pasta. **TUCCI IN ITALY** premieres May 18 at 8/7c on National Geographic and all episodes stream the next day on Disney+ and Hulu.

More than just a travelogue, the series is a rich, narrative-driven exploration that delves deep into the heart of Italy's culinary traditions. In **TUCCI IN ITALY**, Tucci meets with locals, chefs, fellow foodies, fishermen, artisans and even cowboys to unearth hidden gems and untold stories, resulting in a curated journey across the full series. With National Geographic's signature immersive storytelling, the series offers a fresh perspective on both well-loved and undiscovered corners of Italy, blending stunning cinematography with Stanley's signature wit and charm.

Tucci said, "Italy is a feast for the senses, and **TUCCI IN ITALY** is an invitation to the table. It's about more than just the food; it's about the people, the history, and the passion that makes Italy so special. I hope you'll join me on this new adventure. I believe that eating well is inspiring, and I hope to inspire viewers to embrace the beauty and richness of Italian culture."

Across five unforgettable episodes, Tucci indulges in a lavish Sienese feast in Tuscany, uncovers futuristic farm-to-table delicacies in Lombardy, and rediscovers the rustic soul of Lazio through its timeless culinary rituals. And for the first time, he visits the regions of Trentino-Alto Adige, where he samples pine needle pesto in the Alpine wonderland and experiences Abruzzo's wild seafood traditions atop a trabocco, a centuries-old wooden fishing platform. Along the way, Tucci immerses himself in the stories, passion, and traditions that have shaped Italy's most iconic dishes. This is Italy, as you've never seen it before—an intoxicating blend of flavors, history and heartfelt storytelling.

Episodes include the following:

- **"TUSCANY"**

Premieres May 18 at 8/7c on National Geographic; Streams May 19 on Disney+ and Hulu

Stanley revels in the artistry of the food in this picturesque region. The spirit of culinary creativity is alive in the birthplace of the Renaissance. In Florence, where he spent a memorable year of his youth, he samples a famous, and unexpected, breakfast dish. He heads out on the ranch with traditional Tuscan cowboys and experiences a grand outdoor feast in Siena at the world-famous Palio.

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- **“LOMBARDY”**

Premieres May 18 at 9/8c on National Geographic; Streams May 19 on Disney+ and Hulu

Stanley exposes the pioneering spirit of Italy’s industrial heartland, where the cuisine and ingredients are defiantly forward-thinking. He samples a futuristic menu made possible by a space-age farm, taste-tests new dishes at the country’s famed service stations and discovers one of the world’s most expensive ingredients being grown in the shadow of a steel factory.

- **“TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE”**

Premieres May 25 at 8/7c on National Geographic; Streams May 19 on Disney+ and Hulu

Stanley delves into the complex identity of Italy’s northernmost region, where many speak German as well as Italian. He samples an unexpectedly delicious hay soup, skis down a mountain to experience Dirndl Day, eats slope-side polenta, and fly-fishes in a glacial river. Along the way, he uncovers a history of border conflict, which has left its mark on the people and their food.

- **“ABRUZZO”**

Premieres June 1 at 8/7c on National Geographic; Streams May 19 on Disney+ and Hulu

Stanley discovers unexpected delights in this wildest of regions, one he’s never visited before. He explores how the rugged terrain impacts its food and culture. High up in sheep country, he cooks mutton on a traditional barbecue, savors a Sunday lunch with an unexpected French influence, and reveals the surprising—and deliciously sweet—origins of confetti.

- **“LAZIO”**

Premieres June 8 at 8/7c on National Geographic; Streams May 19 on Disney+ and Hulu

Stanley ventures beyond Rome to Lazio’s less visited countryside to understand the relationship between the ancient metropolis and rural heartland. He samples a Roman pizza, porchetta from Ariccia, a rustic fish soup, and a springtime lamb—dishes that share a culinary soul with beautiful ingredients allowed to speak for themselves.

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TUCCI IN ITALY is produced by SALT Productions and BBC Studios. For SALT Productions, Stanley Tucci and Lottie Birmingham are executive producers. For BBC Studios, Amanda Lyon is executive producer, Ben Jessop is co-executive producer, and Alan Holland is head of Specialist Factual Productions. For National Geographic, Charlie Parsons is senior vice president of Global Development, and Tom McDonald is executive vice president of Global Factual and Unscripted Content.

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About SALT Productions

SALT Productions was established in 2023 by Stanley Tucci and Lottie Birmingham. With a decade of close collaboration under their belts, the two launched Salt Productions as a means to combine their shared aesthetic and work ethos in order to create and produce a wide array of projects, spanning non-fiction, commercial, and fictional genres for both film and television. The company prides itself on delivering compelling, high-quality content that resonates with diverse audiences, while maintaining a keen focus on storytelling and originality. For more information, visit [www.salt-productions.co.uk](#).

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