



## Anita Rani



Anita is one of the lead presenters on BBC One's **Countryfile** and is a regular part of the **One Show** team.

Having wowed the audience of **Strictly Come Dancing 2015** with her hard work, enthusiasm and total fearlessness, Anita is looking forward to returning to the dance floor as host of the **Live Tour** in early 2017.

With a back-to-back diary since her dancing days, 2016 was a busy year for Anita. At the beginning of the year, she visited the Zaatari Refugee camp in Jordan, listening to the refugee's moving stories and catching a glimpse of real life in the camp. **The Refugee Camp: Our Desert Home** featured as a prime time two part series on BBC One earlier last year.

In January 2016, Anita also travelled to the U.S to explore **New York: America's Busiest City** for a three part BBC 2 series . Anita and co-presenters, Ade Adepitan and Dan Snow, investigated the transport links, local delicacies and the beautiful landscapes of the Big Apple.

Delving into her family tree, Anita featured in the popular BBC series **Who Do You Think You Are?** In an episode that resonated widely, Anita travelled from Bradford to the Punjab, and was visibly moved by the discoveries she made about her grandparents, and the bigger story it told for many other families.

Turning her hand to live TV, Anita joined the team at ITV's **This Morning** for 5 shows across the summer, co-hosting alongside TV chef James Martin. She has also hosted the **One Show** on a number of occasions.

During another trip to India, Anita got stuck into experiencing the daily life of a commuter, enduring a hectic commute from CST station in Mumbai and exploring the complex food delivery system in the city. **The World's Busiest Railway Station** featured as part of the BBC's major India season in 2015.

Anita has presented a wide-range of factual programmes, for both the **This World** strand, and the **Four Wheels** series, both on BBC Two.

Her resume also includes **Escape To the Continent**, as well as the RTS award-winning **Four Rooms** on Channel 4. In 2012, Anita turned her hand to baking and was

crowned **Comic Relief's Great British Bake Off's** inaugural winner. A highlight of Anita's earlier career was presenting the monumental **Royal Wedding** ceremony back in 2011, broadcast live to millions worldwide on BBC One.

Summer 2016 saw the first ever **Countryfile Live** event held at Blenheim Palace. An interactive four day festival including food and gift markets, live talks and numerous outdoor activities saw more than 125,000 pass through the famous grounds. Due to its success, Anita will be returning to Blenheim Palace for the live show again this year.

Much in demand, Anita's expeditions have taken her all over the world. Anita's infectious enthusiasm, passion and wide-ranging interests mean she is equally happy at home presenting live TV, or filming international documentaries. Always ensuring she gets the best out of her interviewees, whether it's a farmer in Yorkshire, or a tribal leader in Papua New Guinea!

Anita recently presented and co-produced BBC One's 2 part series **My Family, Partition and Me: India 1947**. During this emotional and sobering journey, Anita explored the human impact of the Partition of India through the intimate stories of four British families, including her own. Using compelling first-hand testimony from British Partition survivors, their children and grandchildren retrace the dramatic journeys they were forced to make during Partition.

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