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Piers Gibbon presenter, writer, conference host and voiceover artist

Piers has a degree in Human Sciences from Oxford and has travelled along the length of the Amazon, lived with tribes people and immersed himself in other cultures.

In 2000 Piers made **Jungle Trip**, *Channel 4*. The programme followed him into Peru for an extensive scarification involving the native hallucinogenic drink ayahuasca and having frog poison burned into his skin. It also involved ingesting a live millipede as one of the few westerners to be inducted into the shamanic tradition of "yachay" (swallowing the magical phlegm of a maestro).

Following this, in 2003, Piers presented a six part series on 'weird' food **Tasting History**, *ITV*.

From this extraordinary experience Piers went on to present the critically acclaimed **Headshrinkers of the Amazon**, *Channel 5 & Nat Geo 1 X 60*.

Piers' next adventure took him on a slightly more daunting journey through Papua New Guinea for **Cannibals**, *National Geographic 1 X 60*

His extensive knowledge of peoples and places has come together in his latest series **The Witch Doctor Will See You Now**, *National Geographic 6 X 60* - a journey which has taken him through Hong Kong, Peru, India and Cameroon.

Piers' book, **Tribe** was published by *Octopus* in 2010. *Geographical Magazine* described it as: "a beautifully illustrated book that celebrates human diversity, making us fall in love with the world again."

In addition to travel and people, Piers is also fascinated by gadgets and computers and has also been **Technology Toys** correspondent for *NowTV*.

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Piers has narrated over 300 hours of science, natural history and adventure documentaries for broadcasters worldwide, including *BBC*, *NatGeo*, *Discovery*, *Channel 4*, *Channel 5* as well as commercials for **BMW** and **The Royal Bank of Scotland**.

He trains people in public speaking and hosts awards ceremonies and conferences. Clients have included arts and medical organisations such as, **BMW**, **Virgin**, **AET**, **AXA**, **The Financial Times** and **Lawson Dodd PR**.

Broadcast:

TV:

The Witch Doctor Will See You Now, *National Geographic*, Autumn 2011 6 X 60

Cannibals, *National Geographic*, 2011 1 X 60

Head Shrinkers of the Amazon, *Channel 5*, 2009 1 X 60

Tasting History, *ITV1*, 2003

Technology Toys [correspondent], Now TV

Radio:

The Good Drugs Guide, 2005, *Resonance FM*

Books:

Tribe: Endangered Peoples of the World, *Octopus*, 2010

Awards:

Nominated for a Sony Award for his radio documentary series *The Good Drugs Guide*.