

Tales From Europe: A Checklist

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"Tales From Europe" were broadcast on BBC1 on Thursdays at 5.25pm or 5.30pm between October 1964 and April 1969, after *Blue Peter*, and before the news. They were dubbed and narrated, and they were introduced by Peggy Miller.

Some of the stories were repeated after the 1960s, often in colour, but not as of "Tales From Europe", which had ended.

The information presented here comes from old copies of the *Radio Times* at Westminster Reference library. [You can also view the original broadcast details for Tales from Europe between 1964 and 1969 on the BBC Genome Project](#)

Links to episodes are to their respective BBC Genome listing

1	October	1964	The Tinderbox	1	Germany
8	October	1964	The Tinderbox	2	Germany
15	October	1964	The Tinderbox	3	Germany
22	October	1964	Heidi	1	Switzerland
29	October	1964	Heidi	2	Switzerland
5	November	1964	Heidi	3	Switzerland
12	November	1964	Heidi	4	Switzerland
19	November	1964	The Singing Ringing Tree	1	Germany
26	November	1964	The Singing Ringing Tree	2	Germany
3	December	1964	The Singing Ringing Tree	3	Germany
10	December	1964	The Boy and the Pelican	1	Russia
17	December	1964	The Boy and the Pelican	2	Russia

Tales From Europe then took a break but *The Yellow Slippers* was shown on 24th December. From Poland, it was later shown as of "Tales From Europe". On 29th

December *Snow White* was shown, another DEFA film from East Germany, like *The Tinderbox* and *The Singing Ringing Tree*. I think that this *Snow White* is the same as the *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves* shown later as of “Tales From Europe”.

31	December	1964	The Boy Who Loved Horses	1	Denmark
7	January	1965	The Boy Who Loved Horses	2	Denmark
14	January	1965	The Boy Who Loved Horses	3	Denmark
21	January	1965	Paw	1	Denmark
28	January	1965	Paw	2	Denmark
4	February	1965	Paw	3	Denmark
11	February	1965	Paw	4	Denmark
18	February	1965	The Daughter of The Sun	-	Russia

“Tales From Europe” took a break and was replaced by “Tales From Overseas” which featured an Australian story, [The Stranger](#), in five s.

8	April	1965	White Feather	-	Poland
15	April	1965	The Scouts and the Motor Car	1	Poland
22	April	1965	The Scouts and the Motor Car	2	Poland
29	April	1965	The Last Passenger	1	Netherlands
6	May	1965	The Last Passenger	2	Netherlands
13	May	1965	The Last Passenger	3	Netherlands

“Tales From Europe” took a break and was replaced by 'The Adventures of Tintin', a four-part story. Although European, it did not go out under the “Tales From Europe” heading.

When Tintin finished it was replaced by “[Noggin and the Omruds](#)”, a two- story, which, although British, was broadcast under the “Tales From Europe” heading.

1	July	1965	Pan	-	Holland
8	July	1965	The Yellow Slippers	1	Poland
15	July	1965	The Yellow Slippers	2	Poland
22	July	1965	The Yellow Slippers	3	Poland

“Tales From Europe” took a break and was replaced by *Clapperboard*, a compendium of various children's programmes.

23	September	1965	White Feather (Repeat)	-	Poland
30	September	1965	We Want a Dog	1	Czechoslovakia
7	October	1965	We Want a Dog	2	Czechoslovakia
14	October	1965	We Want a Dog	3	Czechoslovakia
21	October	1965	The Boys Who Stole the Moon	1	Poland
28	October	1965	The Boys Who Stole the Moon	2	Poland
4	November	1965	The Boys Who Stole the Moon	3	Poland
11	November	1965	Adventure in Golden Creek	1	Czechoslovakia
18	November	1965	Adventure in Golden Creek	2	Czechoslovakia
25	November	1965	They've Stolen the Sea	-	France
2	December	1965	Snow White and the Seven Dwarves	1	Germany
9	December	1965	Snow White and the Seven Dwarves	2	Germany
16	December	1965	The Proud Princess	1	Czechoslovakia
23	December	1965	The Proud Princess	2	Czechoslovakia
30	December	1965	The Proud Princess	3	Czechoslovakia

6	January	1966	Heidi (Repeat)	1	Switzerland
13	January	1966	Heidi	2	Switzerland
20	January	1966	Heidi	3	Switzerland
27	January	1966	Heidi	4	Switzerland
3	February	1966	The Princess with the Golden Star	1	Czechoslovakia
10	February	1966	The Princess with the Golden Star	2	Czechoslovakia
17	February	1966	The Limping Boy	1	Hungary
24	February	1966	The Secret of the Grey Gull	1	Yugoslavia
3	March	1966	The Secret of the Grey Gull	2	Yugoslavia
10	March	1966	The Secret of the Grey Gull	3	Yugoslavia
17	March	1966	The Singing Ringing Tree (Repeat)	1	Germany
24	March	1966	The Singing Ringing Tree	2	Germany
31	March	1966	The Singing Ringing Tree	3	Germany
7	April	1966	Crook's Island	1	Poland
14	April	1966	Crook's Island	2	Poland
21	April	1966	Crook's Island	3	Poland
28	April	1966	The Tinderbox (Repeat)	1	Germany
5	May	1966	The Tinderbox	2	Germany
12	May	1966	The Tinderbox	3	Germany
19	May	1966	The Boy and the Pelican	1	Russia
26	May	1966	The Boy and the Pelican	2	Russia
2	June	1966	We Want a Dog (Repeat)	1	Czechoslovakia
9	June	1966	We Want a Dog	2	Czechoslovakia
16	June	1966	We Want a Dog	3	Czechoslovakia
23	June	1966	The Scouts and the Motor Car	1	Poland

30	June	1966	The Scouts and the Motor Car	2	Poland
7	July	1966	The Last Passenger	1	Netherlands
14	July	1966	The Last Passenger	2	Netherlands
21	July	1966	The Last Passenger	3	Netherlands

“Tales From Europe” took a break and was replaced by *The Great Adventure*, an American drama.

22	September	1966	Glamador	1	France
29	September	1966	Glamador	2	France
6	October	1966	Adventure in Golden Creek (Repeat)	1	Czechoslovakia
13	October	1966	Adventure in Golden Creek	2	Czechoslovakia
20	October	1966	Summer at Salty Creek	1	Sweden
27	October	1966	Summer at Salty Creek	2	Sweden
3	November	1966	Summer at Salty Creek	3	Sweden
10	November	1966	The Golden Goose	1	Germany
17	November	1966	The Golden Goose	2	Germany
24	November	1966	The Secret of the Grey Gull (Repeat)	1	Yugoslavia
1	December	1966	The Secret of the Grey Gull	2	Yugoslavia
8	December	1966	The Secret of the Grey Gull	3	Yugoslavia

15	December	1966	Rumpelstiltskin	1	Germany
22	December	1966	Rumpelstiltskin	2	Germany
29	December	1966	Two Boys and a Pigeon	-	Norway
5	January	1967	The Princess with the Golden Star (Repeat)	1	Czechoslovakia
12	January	1967	The Princess with the Golden Star	2	Czechoslovakia
19	January	1967	Maximka	1	Russia
26	January	1967	Maximka	2	Russia
2	February	1967	Maximka	3	Russia
9	February	1967	Paw (Repeat)	1	Denmark
16	February	1967	Paw	2	Denmark
23	February	1967	Paw	3	Denmark
2	March	1967	Paw	4	Denmark
9	March	1967	The City of Craftsmen	1	Russia
16	March	1967	The City of Craftsmen	2	Russia
23	March	1967	The City of Craftsmen	3	Russia
30	March	1967	They've Stolen the Sea (Repeat)	-	France
6	April	1967	Glamador (Repeat)	1	France

13	April	1967	Glamador	2	France
20	April	1967	The Musical Powder Box	1	Czechoslovakia
27	April	1967	The Musical Powder Box	2	Czechoslovakia
4	May	1967	The Musical Powder Box	3	Czechoslovakia
11	May	1967	The Golden Goose (Repeat)	1	Germany
18	May	1967	The Golden Goose	2	Germany

“Tales From Europe” took a break for one week for football.

1	June	1967	Katya and the Crocodile	1	Czechoslovakia
8	June	1967	Katya and the Crocodile	2	Czechoslovakia
15	June	1967	Katya and the Crocodile	3	Czechoslovakia
22	June	1967	Summer at Salty Creek (Repeat)	1	Sweden
29	June	1967	Summer at Salty Creek	2	Sweden
6	July	1967	Summer at Salty Creek	3	Sweden
13	July	1967	The Limping Boy (Repeat)	-	Hungary
20	July	1967	The Proud Princess (Repeat)	1	Czechoslovakia
27	July	1967	The Proud Princess	2	Czechoslovakia
3	August	1967	The Proud Princess	3	Czechoslovakia
10	August	1967	The Ark	1	Sweden
17	August	1967	The Ark	2	Sweden
24	August	1967	The Ark	3	Sweden
31	August	1967	The Ark	4	Sweden

7	September	1967	Rumpelstiltskin (Repeat)	1	Germany
14	September	1967	Rumpelstiltskin	2	Germany
21	September	1967	The Golden Tent	1	Mongolian
28	September	1967	The Golden Tent	2	Mongolian
5	October	1967	The Golden Tent	3	Mongolian
12	October	1967	The Musical Powder Box (Repeat)	1	Czechoslovakia
19	October	1967	The Musical Powder Box	2	Czechoslovakia
26	October	1967	The Musical Powder Box	3	Czechoslovakia
2	November	1967	The Millionaire	1	Poland
9	November	1967	The Millionaire	2	Poland
16	November	1967	Maximka (Repeat)	1	Russia
23	November	1967	Maximka	2	Russia
30	November	1967	Maximka	3	Russia
7	December	1967	Two Boys and a Pigeon (Repeat)	-	Norway
14	December	1967	Almost a Fairytale	1	Sovexport
21	December	1967	Almost a Fairytale	2	Sovexport
28	December	1967	Almost a Fairytale	3	Sovexport
4	January	1968	On the Twelfth Day	-	A ballet on film
11	January	1968	The Adventures of Barbara	1	Poland
18	January	1968	The Adventures of Barbara	2	Poland
25	January	1968	The Adventures of Barbara	3	Poland
1	February	1968	The Adventures of Barbara	4	Poland
8	February	1968	The City of Craftsmen (Repeat)	1	Russia
15	February	1968	The City of Craftsmen	2	Russia
22	February	1968	The City of Craftsmen	3	Russia

29	February	1968	Here comes Peter	1	Sweden
7	March	1968	Here comes Peter	2	Sweden
14	March	1968	Here comes Peter	3	Sweden
21	March	1968	The Boys Who Stole the Moon (Repeat)	1	Poland
28	March	1968	The Boys Who Stole the Moon	2	Poland
4	April	1968	The Boys Who Stole the Moon	3	Poland
11	April	1968	Here comes Peter (a sequel)	-	Sweden
18	April	1968	Here comes Peter	-	Sweden
25	April	1968	Here comes Peter	-	Sweden
2	May	1968	Mario: The Man on the Rope	1	Austria
9	May	1968	Mario: Truxy in Danger	2	Austria
16	May	1968	Mario: Monika is Lucky	3	Austria
23	May	1968	Mario: Tomorrow's Champion	4	Austria

The next week's story went under the "Tales From Overseas" heading and not "Tales From Europe", although it is listed under the latter in BBC Genome. It seems that the BBC thought that they could avoid indicating programmes as repeats by doing this. The story for the next three weeks was *The Golden Tent*, which was shown previously under "Tales From Europe", although it was a Mongolian tale – although probably not made in Mongolia.

20	June	1968	Here Comes Peter	-	Sweden
27	June	1968	The Ark (Repeat)	1	Sweden
4	July	1968	The Ark	2	Sweden
11	July	1968	The Ark	3	Sweden
18	July	1968	The Ark	4	Sweden

“Tales From Europe” took a break and was replaced by *Daktari*.

26	September	1968	The Windmill	1	Bulgaria
3	October	1968	The Windmill	2	Bulgaria
10	October	1968	The Windmill	3	Bulgaria

“Tales From Europe” took a break for one week for sport.

24	October	1968	Katya and the Crocodile (Repeat)	1	Czechoslovakia
31	October	1968	Katya and the Crocodile	2	Czechoslovakia
7	November	1968	Katya and the Crocodile	3	Czechoslovakia
14	November	1968	Mario: The Ladder	1	Austria
21	November	1968	Mario: Ski Lift	2	Austria
28	November	1968	Mario: The Crash Helmet	3	Austria
5	December	1968	The Snow Queen	1	Russia
12	December	1968	The Snow Queen	2	Russia
19	December	1968	The Snow Queen	3	Russia

There was no story for the 26th December, and in January the story of *Mario* continued, not under the “Tales From Europe”, heading but “Tales From Overseas”. From now on, these two titles were used inexplicably and apparently at random, although, again, this is not noted on BBC Genome.

Why stories 1, 2 and 3 of Mario should go under “Tales From Europe” and stories 4, 5 and 6 should go under “Tales From Overseas” in Radio Times? The next story that went under “Tales From Europe”, [The Windsor Box](#), was, apparently, not European. It had just one . Then there was a three-part Russian story, *The Lost Summer*, which was “Tales From Overseas”.

20	February	1969	The Happy Age	1	France
27	February	1969	The Happy Age	2	France
6	March	1969	The Happy Age	3	France
13	March	1969	The Happy Age	4	France

Under the title “Tales From Overseas” came an American tale in two parts, *The World of Stuart Little*.

3	April	1969	The Village Matadors	1	Russia
10	April	1969	The Mystery of the Cave	1	Sweden
17	April	1969	The Mystery of the Cave	2	Sweden
24	April	1969	The Mystery of the Cave	3	Sweden
1	May	1969	The Mystery of the Cave	4	Sweden
8	May	1969	The Mystery of the Cave	5	Sweden
15	May	1969	The Mystery of the Cave	6	Sweden
22	May	1969	The Mystery of the Cave	7	Sweden

There then followed two “Tales from Europe” with no title, [The Motorbike Ride](#) (in two episodes) and [Dog in Orbit](#) (three episodes).

The “Tales From Europe” segment then finished. It was now the end of the decade, and the 1970s were a big change for children's TV. European tales continued to be shown, often on Wednesday afternoons, but not under the “Tales From Europe” banner. Some repeats of stories shown under “Tales From Europe” and some new ones, both shown in colour for the first time.