

Inside the World's Toughest Prisons

Inside the World's Toughest Prisons is a television documentary series produced by London-based Emporium Productions^[1] and available on Netflix.^[2] The documentary shows life in 19 prisons around the world, mostly from the prisoner perspective but also including the perspective of prison guards and others interacting with the prison system. Season 1 was hosted by Irish journalist Paul Connolly and originally aired on Channel 5 (UK).^{[3][4]} Seasons 2, 3, 4 and 5 were commissioned by Netflix and hosted by UK journalist **Raphael Rowe**, who had himself served 12 years in prison for a crime he was eventually acquitted of.^{[1][5][6][7]} Season 5 of the series was released on the 9th January 2021.^[8]

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		First released	Last released	Network
<u>1</u>	4	April 12, 2016	May 4, 2016	<u>Channel 5 & Netflix</u>
<u>2</u>	4	July 6, 2018		<u>Netflix</u>
<u>3</u>	4	December 14, 2018		
<u>4</u>	4	July 29, 2020		
<u>5</u>	3	January 9, 2021		

Season 1

Season 1, hosted by **Paul Connolly**, was aired in 2016 on Channel 5 in the United Kingdom.^[4] It is now available on Netflix along with Seasons 2, 3, 4 and 5.^[2]

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Genre	<u>Documentary</u>
Presented by	<u>Paul Connolly</u> (season 1), <u>Raphael Rowe</u> (seasons 2-5)
Country of origin	<u>United Kingdom</u>
Original languages	English (presenter), local languages of countries whose prison systems were visited (Spanish, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Romanian, Polish, Sabela, Mauritian Creole, Afrikaans)
No. of seasons	5
No. of episodes	19
Production	
Executive producers	<u>Emma Read</u> (Emporium) <u>Gabe Solomon</u> (Emporium) <u>Olivia LaRoche</u> for season 2 onward (commissioned the show for Netflix) ^[1]
Release	
Original network	<u>Channel 5</u> (season 1) <u>Netflix</u> (season 2 - present)
Original release	April 12, 2016 – present
External links	
Website	(http://www.channel5.com/show/inside-the-worlds-toughest-pris)