



20 YEARS SINCE FRIENDS FIRST HIT OUR SCREENS!

GET YOUR SOFA SELFIE AS TV'S MOST FAMOUS SOFA EMBARKS ON A UK TOUR TO CELEBRATE FRIENDS 20th ANNIVERSARY

AND DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE FRIENDS EPISODE EVER ON COMEDY CENTRAL'S POLL

This **September 22nd** marks the **20th anniversary** of everyone's favourite TV show **FRIENDS**. Since **FRIENDS** first hit our screens in 1994, the six New Yorkers have experienced break ups, make ups, getting married in Vegas and even saying the wrong name at the altar, providing us with magical moments and favourite quotes that are still as memorable today as they were 20 years ago.

To mark **FRIENDS** officially turning 20, Comedy Central, the home of **FRIENDS** in the UK, and Warner Bros. are celebrating the anniversary with a series of special events, ensuring its devoted fans remain the best of friends – including a UK tour for the iconic Central Perk sofa, the release of a **FRIENDS** special edition box set, a special marathon broadcast of every episode from all 10 seasons, and a national voting poll to reveal the UK's favourite episode.

To kick off the landmark celebrations, a replica of TV's most famous sofa will be installed with a backdrop at prominent UK locations, giving fans the chance to celebrate the anniversary with *their* friends, take a sofa selfie and sit on Central Perk's sofa just as Ross, Rachel, Joey, Chandler, Monica and Phoebe did for all those years.

Fans can bring their own friends in on the fun by shouting about their sofa experience on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using #Friends20th. The sofa has already visited Latitude Festival and will be hitting up Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Leeds Festival, Westfield Shopping Centre and various University's Freshers' weeks *this August and September.

Extending the celebration into every living room, Comedy Central, will be taking fans down memory lane from August 23rd with back to back episodes airing every day from 5pm – 9pm. As they go back to the very beginning, starting with the very first episode, *'The One Where It All Began'* and continuing to play every episode from all 10 series, culminating with the bitter-sweet series finale, *'The Last One'*.

And if that weren't enough... Comedy Central are also running a **Friends 20th Anniversary** poll to encourage the public to vote for their favourite ever **FRIENDS** episode. The top 20 episodes will then be shown in ranking order commencing on **Sunday 21st of September**. Will it be *'The One with Ross's Tan'* or *'The One With Chandler In A Box'* or.....? Visit www.comedycentral.co.uk to vote now before the poll ends on 31st August!

To keep up to date with the 20th anniversary and find out where the sofa tour will be going, follow us here:

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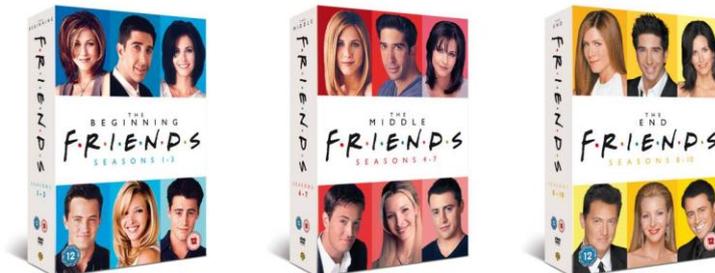
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The celebrations don't stop there, Warner Bros. Home Entertainment are also releasing special edition **FRIENDS 20TH Anniversary Box Sets (The Beginning, The Middle & The End)** available from **22nd September**.



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Notes to Editors

*The upcoming sofa tour dates are as follows:

- Leeds Festival: 21st – 25th August
- Marylebone Train Station: 9th – 10th September
- Cambridge HMV store: 17th September
- Cardiff Metropolitan University: 23rd September
- Plymouth University Freshers': 24-27th September
- Nottingham Trent University – 25th September
- Westfield Shopping Centre 22nd – 27th September