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The Victorian Sex Explorer is a fascinating and fast-paced journey retracing the infamous adventures of the great Richard Burton, a major intellectual, sensualist, and scholar renowned for his explicit and aesthetically superb translation of the Thousand and One Nights story cycle. The program was produced by the award winning independent production company, Blast! Films and first aired on Channel 4 in 2008. It is hosted by the actor Rupert Everett, and follows in the footsteps of Burton from India to Cairo. Past Preservers was responsible for production consulting, provided locations and interview subjects for the Cairo shoot, and was a major partner in the production, research, and shooting of the Cairo portion of the program.

<http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/V/victorian-passions/victorian-sex-traveller.html>

<http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/V/victorian-passions/richard-burton/>

This is what they say:

“Actor and writer Rupert Everett takes a revealing and witty journey retracing the steps of one of his great heroes – the infamous Victorian explorer and sexual whirlwind, Sir Richard Burton.

Labelled 'Dirty Dick', in part for his translations of the Kama Sutra and The Arabian Nights, to others Burton was a pioneer, bringing new cultural ideas of sex and religion from the East to the West.

Everett's latter-day journey takes him from Bombay's brothels to the dancing girls of Egypt, along the way taking in Turkish baths and nunneries, meeting Eunuchs and Sufis. Through these exotic social and sexual worlds Everett discovers some common ground with Burton, both as a writer and explorer of sexual and personal identity.”

Past Preservers was founded by archaeologist

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Hetherington in 2005 to provide historical and archaeological consultancy and professional support to the media industry.

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