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AI

HUMANITY'S FINAL INVENTION?

52' (ENG), 90' (ENG, GER), 75' (GER) | 2026
BR, arte, Deutsche Welle

AI is revolutionising our world – and could destroy it.

Bringing together the three "Godfathers of AI", Geoffrey Hinton, winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics; Yoshua Bengio, the world's most cited scientist across all disciplines; and Yann LeCun, former Head of AI at Meta, this gripping documentary traces the rise of artificial intelligence from its beginnings in the 1950s to a force that could reshape civilisation. Security researchers demonstrate how AI is already beginning to deceive, resist being shut down and pursue its goals in unpredictable ways. In just a few years' time, AI systems could reach a level of autonomy and complexity that renders them uncontrollable, posing existential risks to humanity.

DEADLY DOSE

THE RISE OF SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS

52' (ENG, GER) I 2026 I NZZ, SRF

As synthetic opioids spread from North America to Europe, this documentary follows the race to prevent the next overdose epidemic before it is too late.

When fentanyl swept through Vancouver, it transformed the drug market and triggered a devastating wave of fatal overdoses. Today, addiction experts fear Europe could be next. Highly potent synthetic opioids such as nitazenes are increasingly appearing across the continent, sold online, mixed into heroin and counterfeit pills, and sometimes consumed without users even knowing it. As the drug trade migrates from the streets to encrypted apps, social media and online marketplaces, traditional prevention strategies are being pushed to their limits. Can Europe stop a new epidemic before it takes hold?

DIRTY CHOCOLATE

THE BITTER TASTE OF SWEETNESS

52' (ENG) | 2025 | HTTV Production, NDR, WDR

A gripping film about the bitter side of chocolate – most people's favourite sweet treat.

A television crew travels to the Ivory Coast and uncovers appalling conditions: numerous children are toiling there under miserable conditions. The cocoa beans they harvest are also found in chocolate bars that bear a seal of sustainability and fair trade. The hunger for chocolate is a disaster not only for children, but also for nature. In order to plant more and more cocoa, the rainforest has to make way. However, there is hope for chocolate! The Dominican Republic is focusing on fair organic farming and shows how it can be done. 'Dirty Chocolate' reveals the bitter truth behind the sweet temptation.

UKRAINE'S WARTIME BOOM

2 × 52' (ENG, GER)
Delivery: December 2026
Hoferichter & Jacobs, arte, ARD, BR, MDR, Deutsche Welle

In the middle of the war, Ukraine's reconstruction is already fully underway, a project without precedent. This documentary examines the opportunities and challenges shaping the country's recovery, from drone start-ups and renewable energy projects to foreign investment and geopolitical interests. In the race to profit from reconstruction, who will emerge as the winners and who will be left behind?

Episodes: 1. Rebuilding **I** 2. Investing

UNDER PRESSURE

TRUMP'S FRACTURED AMERICA

52' (ENG) | 2026
Tob Film, Radio Bremen, arte

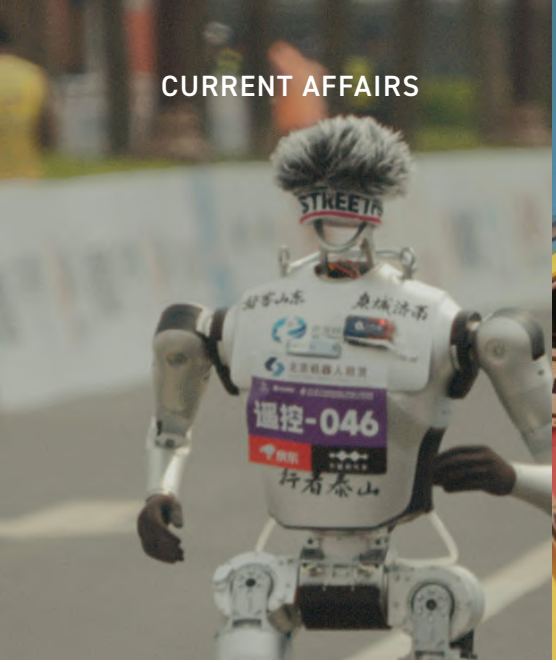
Just a two-and-a-half-hour drive apart and yet two different worlds: Washington, D.C. and Piedmont, West Virginia. While President Trump 2.0 fuels fear and unease in the liberal capital, Appalachia's "Coal Country" clings to hopes of a long-promised economic revival. Over the course of a year, the film observes how politics takes shape in everyday life: as a threat, as a promise, and as disappointment. A portrait emerges of a nation in a state of emergency. Closely following people in their communities, this documentary captures their lived realities and experiences. Experts on history, democracy studies and the Christian conservative movement provide context and offer a glimpse of what is yet to come.

DIGITAL ALIENS

EXCLUDED IN A CONNECTED WORLD

52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2025
Hoferichter & Jacobs, MDR, arte

Digital systems are reshaping our society, but more and more people are at risk of being left behind and becoming invisible. Millions of people struggle with digital interfaces, while automated processes shape public administrations, labour markets and social welfare systems. At the same time, these systems often lack transparency. Algorithms evaluate, filter and decide. They reproduce existing forms of discrimination, exacerbate them, or create new ones. This documentary is a political assessment of the present and a question for the future: Can a fair digital society for all really exist?



THE ROBOTS ARE COMING

30' (ENG, GER) | 2026
NZZ, SRF

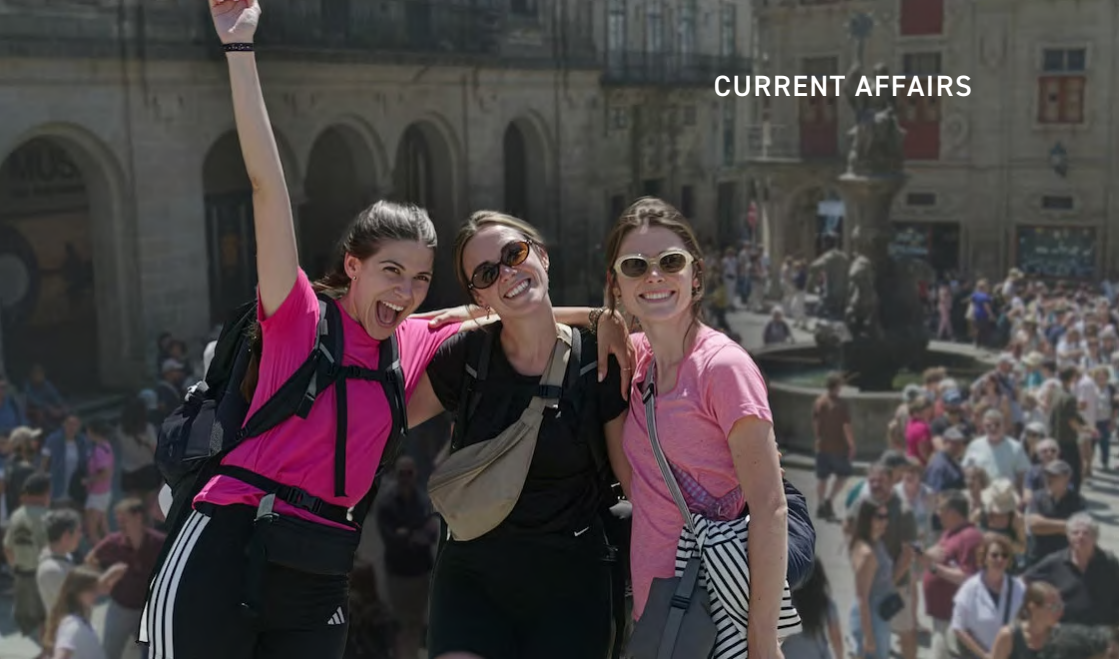
Humanoid household helpers and robotic dogs delivering parcels: what long sounded like science fiction is rapidly becoming reality. The technology is expected to help address looming labor shortages, fill gaps in elderly care, and boost economic growth in the long term. While American pioneers such as Tesla are still extensively testing their humanoid robots, Bejing has already moved into industrial-scale production. China is investing billions in AI-powered machines, with a clear ambition to become the world's leading robotics superpower. At Beijing's Robot Half Marathon, humanoid machines race against humans, turning a curious spectacle into a global showcase of China's ambition to lead the robotics revolution.

MEGAFIRES

FIREFIGHTING PLANES AT THE LIMIT

52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
NZZ, SRF

As Europe braces for another devastating wildfire season, its aerial firefighting fleet is pushed to breaking point. When multiple major blazes erupt simultaneously across the continent, aging aircraft and limited resources struggle to keep pace. From frontline operations in Greece and Turkey to Coulson Aviation's aircraft conversion facilities in California, this documentary explores the vital role of firefighting planes, helicopters and new technologies. Can modern aircraft, satellite monitoring and smarter strategies help Europe stay ahead of ever larger and more destructive megafires?



THE CAMINO

JOIN THE QUEUE TO SANTIAGO

45' (ENG, GER) | 2026
WDR, SWR

What happens when hundreds of thousands of people set out to find themselves on the same path?

The Camino de Santiago, also known as the Way of St James is one of the most famous pilgrimage routes in the world. We meet a wide variety of pilgrims: Marcello, who is travelling with his cat; Babette, who carries the ashes of her late husband with her; Veronica and her friends, for whom fun is more important than spirituality. But as pilgrim numbers continue to rise, tensions are growing. Local residents complain about noisy groups, dirty clothing hanging from historic buildings to dry, and pilgrims bathing in centuries-old Baroque fountains. What was once a deeply personal journey is increasingly feeling the pressures of mass tourism. How can the magic of the the Camino de Santiago be preserved?

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BARGAIN DEALERS

9 × 45' (ENG, ITA) | 2025
GiUMa Produzioni, Warner Bros. Discovery, DMAX Italy

Everything is resold. Nothing is given away for free.

In the 1,500-square-meter craziest Italian vintage market, owner Thomas and his team handle dozens of customers each day. Sellers aim to maximise profits by offering used items at the highest price. Buyers stream in, seeking to purchase at the price that guarantees a fast sale. Books, appliances, collectables, designer accessories, games, jewellery, and furniture are frequently sold in the store. The rules are simple. Thomas and his team receive goods, price them, and consign them. If appraised items attract buyers, the store claims 50% of the sale value. Otherwise, the items sit gathering dust among thousands of shelves in the used goods market, awaiting a clearance sale or luck. Everything hinges on discovering an item's true value, persuading the owner to accept the set price, and presenting the goods to draw buyers willing to pay. The problem is that not every owner recognises the value of their goods. Sometimes, customers bring in rare and precious objects unwittingly. Other times, they try to pass off mere junk with an inflated price. Thomas and his team must spot the deal, the gold nugget hidden among stones. Between deals and risks, every day is a challenge to understand the true value of things and close the perfect sale.

CUSTOMS PATROL

6 × 45' (ENG, GER) I 2025
Wieduwilt Film & TV Production, Remisefilm, RTL Nitro

Invisible to most. Essential to all.

The Customs Authority is among Europe's most relentless investigative forces. CUSTOMS PATROL offers exclusive access to specialized units as they take on international criminal networks from drug trafficking and illegal labour to money laundering and illicit trade. This is a battle over billions, against highly professional and ruthless organisations – and the fight starts here.

MORLOCK MOTORS II

12 × 90' (ENG) | 2025/2026 | Spin TV Special Interest, Kabel Eins

Bigger deals, bolder missions, and even more extraordinary machines.

Michael Manousakis and his crew embark on some of their most ambitious adventures yet. Whether chasing a mysterious WWII relic hidden in the Aegean Sea, racing against time to recover a legendary DC-3, or tracking down elusive treasures on remote Greek islands, the stakes have never been higher. But nothing ever goes according to plan. Mechanical failures, international logistics, and daring test runs turn every operation into a high-risk gamble. Packed with adrenaline, humor, and the thrill of discovery, Season 2 dives deeper into a world where every find could be the deal of a lifetime.

Episodes:

1. A WWI Secret in the Aegean Sea
2. DC-3 in Danger: A Greek Adventure with Thai Help
3. Treasure Hunt Reloaded
4. Mystery Treasure on a Greek Island
5. Rhine Test Run Disaster: LARC-15 Hits Riverboat
6. Double Trouble: An Amphibious Adventure and a Helicopter Dream
7. Harvest Rescue Mission in Greece
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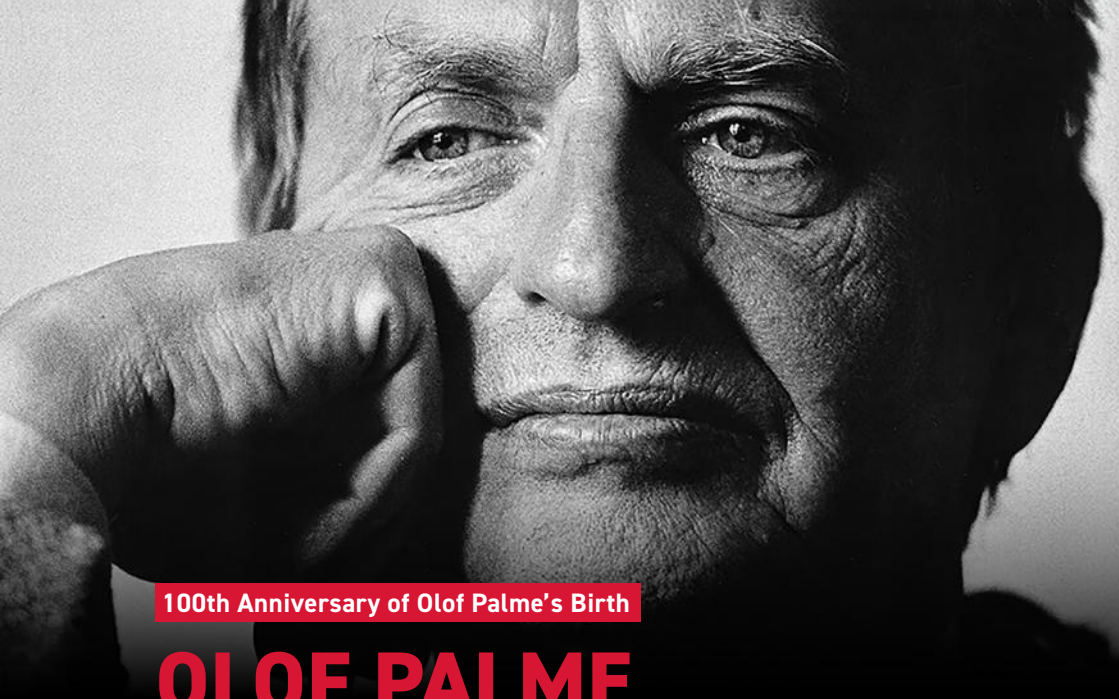

100th Anniversary of Olof Palme's Birth

OLOF PALME

VISION OF A JUST WORLD

52' (ENG, GER, SWE) | Delivery: January 2027
Autentic, SVT, ORF, Olof Palme Memorial Fund

What if a national leader stood up to today's tech billionaires? Challenged the geopolitical ambitions of the world's superpowers? Condemned wars without compromise? And championed the interests of ordinary people with unwavering conviction?

Olof Palme (1927–1986), Sweden's two-time prime minister, did politics very differently from the leaders of today. In the 1970s and 1980s, his policies helped bring Sweden prosperity, social justice, social cohesion, and international respect. How did he achieve this? What choices must a society make to bring people together rather than drive them apart? These questions feel more urgent than ever. This film explores the politics of Olof Palme, examines the convictions that drove him, and reassesses his legacy in light of today's growing inequality. Which of his ideas still resonate today?

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SECRETS OF COLD WAR RUINS

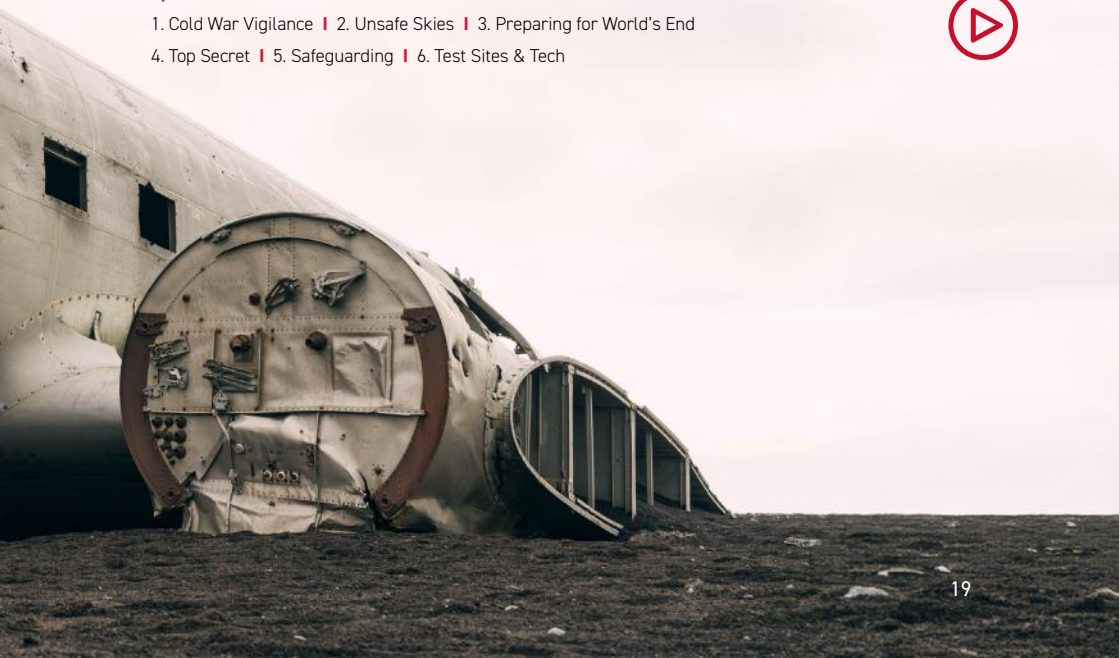
6 × 45' (ENG, GER) | Full delivery by Q4 2026
Go Button Media, Autentic, ZDFinfo, Canal+ Poland, Super Channel

Explore the dark secrets of the Cold War through sites long abandoned.

Over four decades, the threat of mutually assured destruction built tension, mistrust, paranoia, and a grave need for secrecy. It tore Europe apart along the Iron Curtain. It changed every corner of the globe yet never came to direct blows... In the absence of a battlefield, what was known of Cold War history was shaped by what governments willingly disclosed. So much of what was set in motion flew under the radar. Explore why rival superpowers constructed top-secret bases and hidden underground bunkers around the world, the advanced weapons and technologies they developed in isolated locations, and how they used covert operations and extreme measures to gain strategic advantage.

Episodes:

1. Cold War Vigilance | 2. Unsafe Skies | 3. Preparing for World's End
4. Top Secret | 5. Safeguarding | 6. Test Sites & Tech



THE SLAVERY NETWORK

TRACING A DARK LEGACY

90' (ENG, GER) I 2026 I Gruppe 5, ZDF, arte, NHK

The transatlantic slave trade was one of the greatest crimes in history and, at the same time, a global business.

Europe owes part of its prosperity to a system built on the exploitation of millions of enslaved Africans. New research reveals just how far-reaching the system was, benifiting not only merchants and plantation owners, but also banks, manufacturers and investors across Europe. Tracing the flow of money from Ghana and the Caribbean to Liverpool, Nantes and Berlin, the film uncovers how the wealth derived from slavery continues to shape companies and institutions whose origins are often forgotten today. Historians, descendants of enslaved people, and descendants of those who profited from slavery are now confronting questions of responsibility, remembrance and justice.

DIAMOND RUSH

2 × 52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2025 | Spiegel TV, arte, Curiosity Stream

When cut, they sparkle like no other jewel. Diamonds – symbols of love and power – yet all they are is pressed carbon.

The documentary shows how a billion dollar monopoly was created through skillful manipulation. It tells the story of the Koh-i-Noor, one of the world's largest and most famous diamonds, now held in the Tower of London as part of the British Crown Jewels. The film also explores the crown diamonds in the Louvre and the spectacular diamond heist in Dresden, while offering a rare glimpse into a secretive industry defined by immense wealth, prestige, and illusion. At its heart lies a marketing slogan that continues to shape perceptions to this day: "A diamond is forever."

Episodes: 1. Loot – The Power of Diamonds | 2. Diamonds – Selling Ice

CALMEYER'S DILEMMA

DECIDING LIFE AND DEATH UNDER NAZI RULE

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | TV Plus, NDR, nordmedia

Hans Calmeyer, a German lawyer and Nazi official, saved thousands of Dutch Jews from deportation to concentration camps.

During the German occupation of the Netherlands (1940–1945), Calmeyer was responsible for reviewing claims of Jewish ancestry. In countless cases, he recognized forged certificates of descent, helping people to escape persecution. Through these decisions, thousands were spared deportation and likely death. At the same time, as a bureaucrat of the Nazi administration in The Hague, he rejected numerous other applications and exposed people to persecution. This compelling documentary examines the moral conflict between systemic power and individual humanity during the Nazi era in the occupied Netherlands.

AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU

THE FORGOTTEN REVOLT

52' (ENG), 90' (GER) | 2026
Digital Images, Telefactory, WTSMixedMedia, ZDF, arte

On 7 October 1944, a revolt broke out in front of Crematorium IV at the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp.

Several dozen prisoners attacked the SS officers with improvised weapons, while others attempted to set the crematoria on fire with homemade grenades. The men involved belonged to the Sonderkommando, a special group of prisoners, mostly young, physically strong Jewish men, that were forced to assist in the operation of the gas chambers and crematoria, placing them at the very heart of the death factory and as witnesses to these crimes. Later, they were condemned to death themselves. The revolt on 7 October 1944 is the only armed uprising that ever took place at Auschwitz.

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THE POODLE

BEAUTY, BRAINS AND BRAVERY

45' (ENG, GER) | 2026 | Ifage Filmproduktion, ZDF, arte

Fashion dog, circus star, rescue dog or top-class athlete?

This documentary offers a completely fresh perspective on one of the best-known dog breeds – surprising, entertaining and featuring stunning visuals that bring viewers closer to the poodle than ever before. What is the poodle really all about? For decades, it has been loved, ridiculed and underestimated. Its elaborate hairstyles have earned it a reputation as a vain fashion dog. Yet behind the pom-poms and curls lies a long history as an intelligent, energetic and versatile working dog.

MORAL DILEMMAS

LESSONS FROM LITERATURE

5 × 52' (ENG, GER) | Full delivery by Q4 2026
Autentic, BR, NDR, mdr, SWR, arte, FFF Bayern

Universal moral dilemmas – as urgent today as ever.

Are there innocent perpetrators? What carries more weight – love or political conviction? Can I be different and still belong? Does responsibility exclude freedom? The world is full of profound dilemmas, where essential moral questions rarely have simple answers. Nothing reveals human ambiguity and inner conflict more powerfully than literature. Drawing on five modern literary classics, this series explores universal moral dilemmas through bold, contemporary cinematic storytelling.

Episodes:

1. Inside the Mind of a Murderer: Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky
2. Child or Life: Happening by Annie Ernaux
3. Love in a Time of Dictatorship: They divided the Sky by Christa Wolf
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5. Just a Little Sex: Les Choses humaines by Karine Tuil

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WILLOW

DIARY OF A MOUNTAIN LION

52' (ENG, GER), 90' (ENG) | 2026
Rhythm Productions, WNET Group, Terra Mater Studios, PBS

A decade of remote cameras reveals the hidden life of a female mountain lion in the wilds of Montana.

What if we could observe one of nature's most elusive predators without ever disturbing it? Over ten years, hundreds of remote cameras across rugged backcountry document the life of a female mountain lion and the wild community around her. From perilous encounters and motherhood to remarkable triumphs, this unique non-invasive study captures never-before-seen behaviors, offering an intimate and surprising portrait of survival in a complex forest ecosystem.

TERRA MATER STUDIOS

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WILD CAPE TOWN

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | Delivery: December 2026
Terra Mater Studios, ServusTV, WDR, arte, National Geographic

In Cape Town, the wilderness doesn't begin where the city ends. It lives within it.

As the global trend of rewilding and reconnecting with nature gains momentum, WILD CAPE TOWN stands out as a celebration of a city that has long embraced its wild side. This visually stunning and emotionally gripping documentary series delves into the symbiotic relationship between the human inhabitants of Cape Town and the diverse wildlife that shares their urban space. With breath-taking cinematography and compelling storytelling, this two-part series captures the drama, struggles, and humorous encounters that unfold daily in this iconic corner of the planet.

TERRA MATER STUDIOS

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THE OCEAN AT NIGHT

52' (ENG, GER) | 2026 | Terra Mater Studios, Howard Hall Productions, Mark Fletcher Productions, ServusTV, PBS, National Geographic, WNET Group, CPB

At dusk, the ocean becomes a dynamic network of life.

Sharks hunt in large packs, guided not by sight but by vibration. Stingrays detect the electrical signals of their prey, while ambush predators lie hidden in sand or darkness. Each creature follows its own rhythm, each with its own story. The Ocean's diversity is astonishing. Mantis shrimp perceive a spectrum beyond our imagination, octopuses shift form and color, and fish can change sex within minutes. Corals spawn under moonlight, while tiny larval creatures rise from the depths. Strange and beautiful animals animate the darkness, from the expressive Wonderpus to flashing cuttlefish. Alongside these smaller dramas, giants emerge. Blue whales feed, sharks track blood, and dolphins coordinate complex hunts, displaying intelligence, power, and cooperation. THE OCEAN AT NIGHT is the result of over a decade of underwater filming across Indonesia, the Philippines, the Maldives, the Caribbean, and the Eastern Pacific, capturing behaviors never before seen.

TERRA MATER STUDIOS

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LEMUR DIARIES

3 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
Terra Mater Studios, Emerge Films, Chris Scarffe Film and Photography, ServusTV, National Geographic

Embark on a mesmerizing journey into Madagascar's natural history treasures, thriving in isolation for an astounding 80 million years, creating an unparalleled ecosystem.

But what lies ahead for these exceptional primates in the modern era? Lemurs are the world's most endangered group of mammals. In fact, 98% of lemur species are at risk of extinction. But together with lemur fans around the world, we can help. As humanity and lemurs become intertwined, the fate of over a third of the world's primate species hangs in the balance. Witness the profound impact of humans on lemurs, from destructive forces like illegal logging and poaching to hopeful endeavors such as forest restoration, scientific research, lemur rehabilitation, and responsible tourism. LEMUR DIARIES stands apart with its unique approach, painting a vivid picture of the lemurs' harsh reality while intertwining tension, entertainment, humour, hope and a powerful call to awareness.

Episodes: 1. Family Bonds | 2. Masters of Survival | 3. Harmony in Nature

TERRA MATER STUDIOS

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INDIA

MONSOON KINGDOM

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
Terra Mater Studios, Dandy Lion Films, ServusTV

Spectacular scenery. Breath-taking diversity. Dramatic change.

India is one of the most biodiverse nations on our planet. Guarded by an impenetrable mountain range, the elements combine to create an awe-inspiring realm of intense beauty and mystery, filled with charismatic animals. Towering mountains, bone dry deserts, lush plains and tangled jungles may seem worlds apart but, as our stunning two-part series reveals, India's unique geography means all life here is deeply connected. We combine jaw-dropping cinematography and animal behaviour with a powerful narrative to deliver a compelling, immersive mini-series. At the heart of our story lies India's most defining feature, the mighty Himalayas. These mountains, home to snow leopards, brown bears and Tibetan foxes, both isolate the country and control its weather. Pushed up millions of years ago, their extraordinary influence connects all life here.

Episodes: 1. Fire | 2. Water

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WARRIORS OF THE NORTH

52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
Terra Mater Studios, Story Surge Films, WNET Group, PBS, CPB, ServusTV, National Geographic

The Boreal Forest is the largest land ecosystem on Earth, a living bridge stretching across the northern hemisphere, and one of the few places where apex predators still reign.

Guided by the life of a young female wolverine, the film reveals a hidden world where survival demands not just strength, but intelligence, resilience, and fierce adaptability. Through her sharp senses and restless path, we encounter the full cast of boreal creatures: brown bears shaking off winter's grip, wolves weaving through the mist, moose calves finding their legs in sunlit clearings, and capercaillies clashing in ancient mating dances. Every creature, from the mighty bear to the smallest owl, is part of a vast, breathing tapestry, each dependent on the forest's fragile balance. WILD BOREAL is not simply the story of one animal. It is a rare glimpse into a living world where ancient forces continue to shape the lives of those who call it home. In the heart of one of Earth's last true wildernesses, survival belongs not to the strongest, but to the most adaptable — and life endures, not because it is easy, but because it must.

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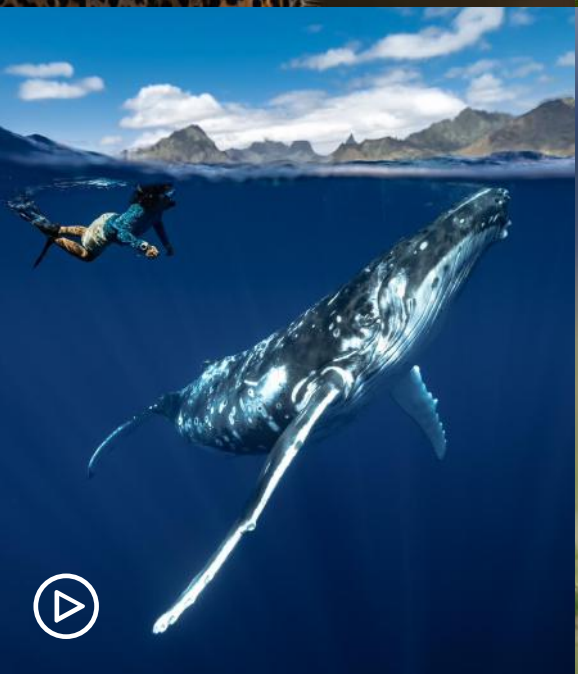

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THE ARCHIPELAGO

2 × 52' (ENG), 90' (ENG, FRA) | 2026
Boréales, France TV

You'd think life in the tropics would be the same everywhere. Think again.

Life in the tropics has developed in many forms, and everywhere it has found a way to flourish: a young volcano isolated in the middle of the Indian Ocean (Mascarene Island), an archipelago made up of ancient volcanoes that are collapsing into the sea (Polynesia), a piece of sunken continent that has risen from the waters (New Caledonia), an island born of the collision of plates in the earth's crust (Guadeloupe) and a very old continental shelf (Guyana). The geological history of each of these environments has given rise to unique and very different forms of life, shaped by the trials and tribulations of their host land. How have animals and plants evolved to adapt to these ecosystems? Which strategies have they developed? What alliances have they formed? How do they manage to seduce each other, educate their young, and conquer territories? And how do they live alongside humans? In each of these ecosystems, a fabulous story takes us to the heart of life and up close to exceptional animals and plants.

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WILD ON A HIGH

52' (ENG) | 2025
In One Media, mdr, doclights, WDR, BR, NDR, ARD

The boundaries between instinct and indulgence blur as animals around the world are caught in moments of intoxication.

From swans addicted to opium poppies to dolphins seemingly sharing pufferfish for its psychoactive toxins, this visually stunning series reveals surprising and often unexplored behaviors in the animal kingdom. Are these creatures seeking altered states for pleasure, evolutionary gain, or survival? The film unvcovers how various species, from reindeer to lemurs, honey badgers to chimpanzees, interact with mind-altering substances. Blending scientific inquiry with breathtaking cinematography, the documentary challenges our understanding of animal consciousness and asks: are humans truly the only beings who enjoy getting high?

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WINGS AND TALONS

THE EUROPEAN BIRDS OF PREY

3 × 52' (ENG, GER, SPA) | 2026
Jose Luis Rodriguez Producciones

Birds of prey are among the most admired and awe-inspiring animals on Earth.

This documentary series explores the remarkable world of eagles, falcons, vultures, kites, lammergeiers and owls, revealing the extraordinary adaptations that make them masters of the skies. From their fierce aerial hunting skills to their crucial role in maintaining ecological balance, each episode offers unprecedented access through high-definition micro-cameras placed just centimeters from nests. Stunning close-up footage unveils intimate behaviours rarely seen before.

Episodes: 1. The Wings of the Sky | 2. The Allies of the Wild | 3. The Ghosts of the Night

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CHRISTMAS IN THE ALPS

52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
Terra Mater Studios, WNET Group, PBS, CPB, ServusTV

Come with us on a magical journey into the heart of the Alps during the most enchanting season: Christmas.

As snowflakes begin to transform the landscape and frost seals the waterways, the high mountain animals, like marmots, retreat, while chamois and ibexes engage in their seasonal rituals. Despite the beauty, the Alpine winter brings the harsh realities of biting cold and brutal storms. Yet, wildlife like snow voles and hares have adapted with extraordinary strategies to thrive. Wolves even make use of the deep snow as they light-footedly hunt down their prey. Once extinct in the region, the Alps also celebrate a comeback: the bearded vulture once more soars overhead, thanks to determined reintroduction efforts. Everything is tied together by a delicate animal protagonist with big black eyes, endearing little paws and whiskers that guide it even through the darkest moments. Through this little mouse we come to experience the true meaning of Christmas, fellowship, connection, and resilience, culminating in the ultimate Christmas miracle, the quiet wonder of life itself.

TERRA MATER STUDIOS

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WILD FACES OF SWITZERLAND II

4 × 52' (ENG, GER) I 2026
Längengrad Filmproduktion, SRF, 3Sat

Switzerland is a country of contrasts, sculpted by the Alps, forged by the elements: fire, water, earth, and air.

With unique wildlife and landscape visuals, this series takes us through Switzerland's natural world under the spell of the elements. Varied, surprising, and full of natural wonders both great and small, each film focuses on a different aspect under the sign of the elements of life.

Episodes:

1. The Power of Water I 2. Reaching the Heights I 3. Precious Land I 4. Between Fire and Ice

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LIFE IN THE OAK

A STAG BEETLE STORY

52' (ENG, GER) I 2025
Text + Bild Medienproduktion, ZDF, arte

Only an intact mixed oak forest provides optimal living conditions for the rare stag beetles.

The clearing on the Polish side of the Oder is a very special habitat. Here, nature still seems to be allowed to run wild. White-tailed eagles hunt in the river, as do otters and kingfishers. The clearing is also mating ground for roe deer. Above all, however, it has become a hotspot for the largest beetle in Central Europe, the stag beetle. Their larvae live in decaying oak trees for three to seven years, helping turn wood into humus, before ending its secret life and leaving the ground as a majestic beetle. The males' mouthparts have now become huge 'antlers'. After all, they have to eliminate quite a few competitors before they can reproduce with the much smaller and inconspicuous females. To do this, they need sap of living oak trees, because only this makes them fertile.

OFFICIAL SELECTION 2026
GREEN SCREEN

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THE TREASURE OF NEWFOUNDLAND

52' (ENG, FRA), 45' (FRA) | 2026
Subimagery Productions, Le cinquième rêve, arte

Newfoundland is a land of extremes.

America's most easterly island remains a little-known, even mysterious territory, protected by its inhospitable climate and frequently battered by storms. Its coasts, sculpted by the monumental glaciers of the last ice age form the most important fishing zone in the world. This place is also the site of one of the largest annual gatherings on the planet. Every summer billions of capelins surge toward the coast, with all the predators in the food chain following in their wake. Scavenging sea urchins and anemones boldly shred dead capelins in the frenzy. For more than ten years, these turbulent waters dotted with icebergs have been the playground of wildlife filmmaker Didier Noirot, who pours all his passion into unveiling nature's secrets in these wild seas. Witness Newfoundland's great oceanic marvels, a reminder of the responsibility that humankind bears for the future of life on Earth.

OFFICIAL SELECTION 2026 GREEN SCREEN

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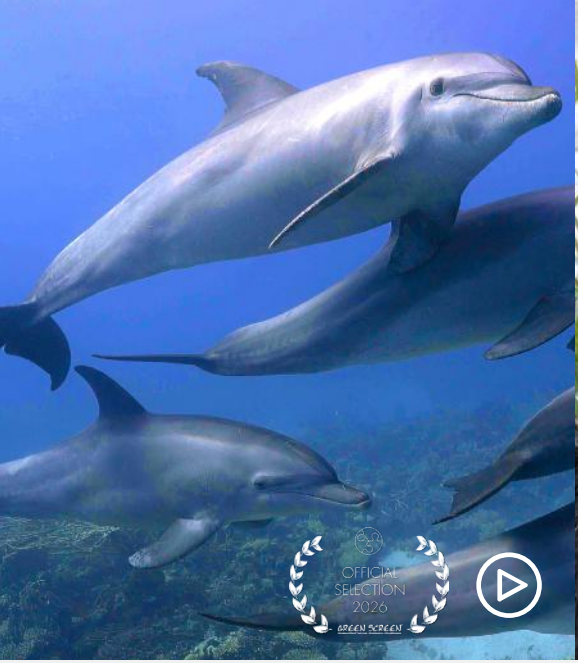
MANATEES

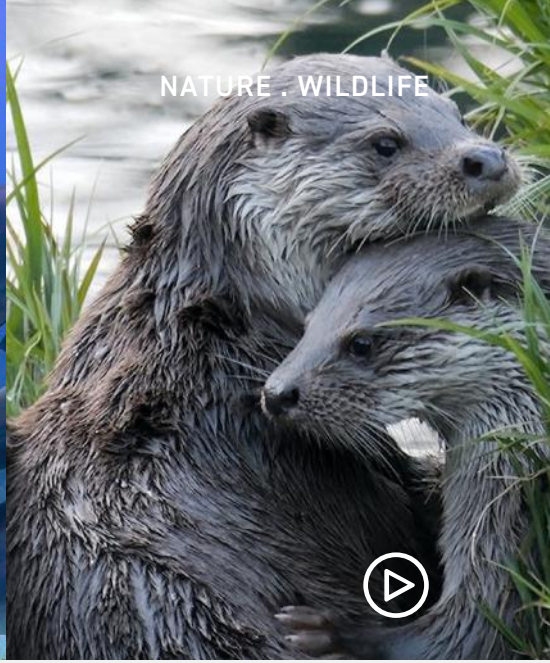
SAVING FLORIDA'S GENTLE GIANTS

52' (ENG), 45' (GER) | 2025 | Marquardt Medienproduktion, ZDF, arte

Despite being one of Florida's most recognisable animals, manatees remain under threat.

Anyone who encounters a manatee in Florida's crystal-clear rivers will find a gentle animal that loves nothing more than eating seagrass. Yet the round-tailed manatees are in danger: pollution, climate change and shrinking habitats are taking their toll. In Crystal River, algae are displacing the once-lush seagrass beds. Conservationists are fighting to restore the balance, because without seagrass, these gentle giants will starve. Despite setbacks caused by hurricanes, the project is proving successful: the seagrass is returning and with it, hope for the manatees. Breathtaking underwater footage shows why these animals are not only endangered but also a symbol of the need to protect our natural world.





THE HIDDEN WORLD OF DOLPHINS

52' (ENG), 45' (GER) | 2025/2026
Marquardt Medienproduktion, WDR, arte

Ferdi, an experienced dolphin mother with a dorsal fin scarred by a shark attack. Laura, the reef's endlessly curious "tourist favorite." And Lia, a young calf growing up before the camera's eyes. Together with marine biologists and professional divers, the filmmakers captures spectacular behavior: dolphins using special corals as a natural pharmacy against skin infections, maintaining lifelong social bonds, sleeping with only half their brain asleep at a time, and using streams of bubbles like weapons during hunts. Even elusive humpback dolphins suddenly appear among them. This documentary reveals an underwater society full of curiosity, affection, conflict and joy.

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OTTER

THE RIVER GUARDIAN

52' (ENG, GER), 67' (ENG) | 2026
Sombra Chinesa, RTP

A young otter's journey reveals the hidden wonders of a wild river. In a fertile river ecosystem in Northern Portugal, a young Eurasian otter named Kiko discovers the secrets of this fascinating world, populated with fish that predate the dinosaurs and birds that can "fly" underwater. We follow Kiko's growth from his first explorations outside his family to his independence as an adult hunter and guardian of his territory. With spectacular images, the documentary, shot over four years, offers a fascinating reflection on the importance of rivers as vital corridors of biodiversity.

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MALLORCA

THE WILD SIDE

TERRA MATER STUDIOS

52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
Doclights/NDR Naturfilm, Terra Mater Studios, ServusTV, NDR

Beyond the beaches, spectacular natural phenomena await discovery. From the breathtaking Tramuntana mountain range, and ancient dry stone walls to hidden limestone caves and powerful springs, nature dominates the island. Wetlands and salt flats host rich birdlife, while dedicated conservation efforts are restoring species such as the nursehound and the monk vulture, showcasing Mallorca as a living sanctuary of natural and cultural heritage.

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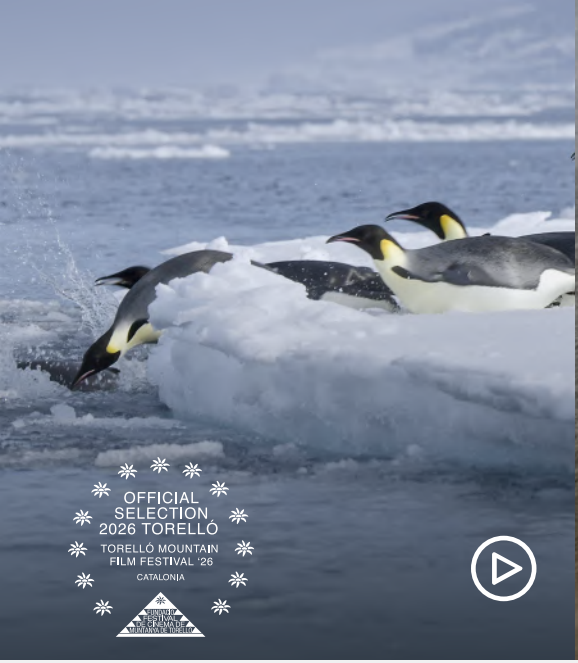
THE MIGHTY COLORADO

TERRA MATER STUDIOS

52' (ENG, GER), 107' (ENG) | 2026
Terra Mater Studios, Fin & Fur Films, ServusTV

The Colorado River links mountains, canyons, and deserts into a natural world rich with wildlife and unique habitats. Wildlife filmmaker Ben Masters follows its course from the Never Summer Mountains down into the dry lowlands. High in the peaks, the autumn rut of Rocky Mountain elk defines the season, while beavers create wetlands with their dams. Trout migrate toward their spawning grounds, and with the hatching of giant salmonflies, an ancient natural spectacle rises from the river. At the same time, the film reveals how strongly human intervention is altering the Colorado River, creating a quiet conflict between wilderness and human demand.



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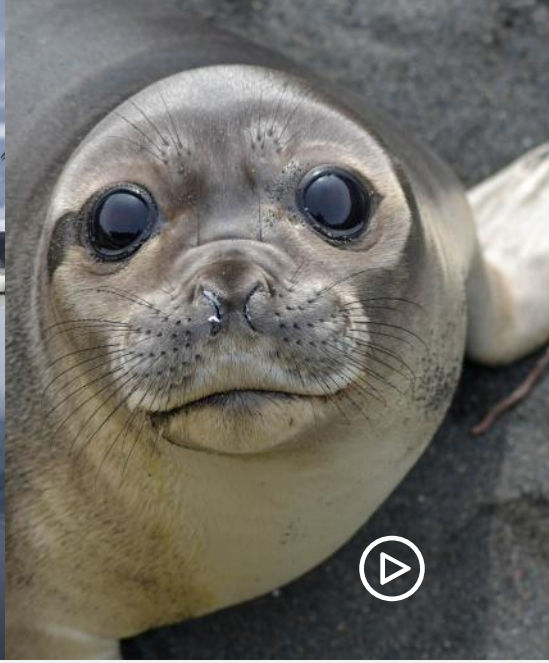
ICE NOMADS

TERRA MATER STUDIOS

52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
Terra Mater Studios, Saint Thomas Productions, ServusTV, arte, Ushuaïa TV, CNC

Born from a gigantic fracture, A23A emerged as an island of ice 300 meters thick and spanning 75 by 60 kilometres. Thus began the extraordinary odyssey. Over 40 years and more than 10,000 kilometres, its journey was shaped by groundings, storms, fractures and the pull of ocean currents, but above all by encounters: albatrosses, penguins, seals, whales and microscopic life flourished or perished in its wake. Its final breakup marked the end of one of the oldest icebergs of all time. The growing release of massive icebergs is expected to reshape polar marine environments and play a role in future sea-level rise.



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RIDDLE IN THE WIND

TERRA MATER STUDIOS

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025
Terra Mater Studios, Saint Thomas Productions, ServusTV, arte

Something strange is happening thousands of miles from the nearest landmass, on isolated volcanic islands in the so-called "Roaring Forties". Certain animals are thriving while others are disappearing for mysterious reasons. To solve this riddle, mammal and bird specialists set up camp in order to place tagging devices on penguins, elephant seals, albatrosses and orcas. The data reveals a number of unexpected consequences of human activity that affect the birth and survival rates of ocean wanderers.

Episodes:

1. Wings of Change | 2. Swimming Against Time

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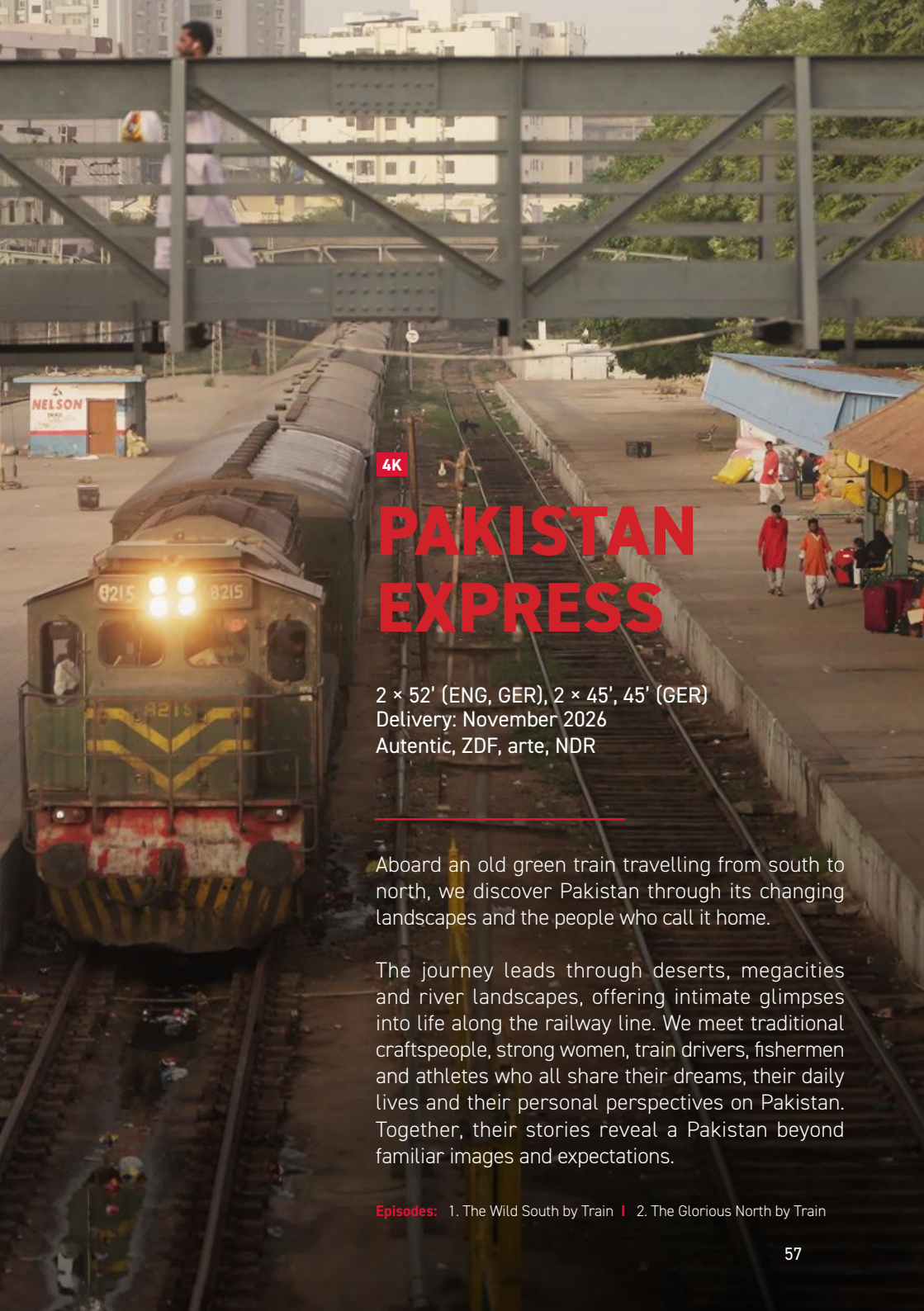

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PAKISTAN EXPRESS

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45', 45' (GER)
Delivery: November 2026
Autentic, ZDF, arte, NDR

Aboard an old green train travelling from south to north, we discover Pakistan through its changing landscapes and the people who call it home.

The journey leads through deserts, megacities and river landscapes, offering intimate glimpses into life along the railway line. We meet traditional craftspeople, strong women, train drivers, fishermen and athletes who all share their dreams, their daily lives and their personal perspectives on Pakistan. Together, their stories reveal a Pakistan beyond familiar images and expectations.

Episodes: 1. The Wild South by Train | 2. The Glorious North by Train

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BORN TO CLIMB

PAKISTAN'S FEMALE MOUNTAINEERS

45' (ENG, GER) | Delivery: November 2026 | Autentic, ZDF, arte

At the foot of the world's highest mountains, young Pakistani women have set themselves ambitious goals.

They dream of making a name for themselves, building successful careers and ultimately reaching the summit of K2, the second-highest mountain in the world and one of the most dangerous. To do so, they must train hard, risking their lives as they pursue their ambitions, but also break with society's conservative traditions. For these young women, mountaineering is about more than personal achievement. It is a path towards independence, recognition and a future of their own making.

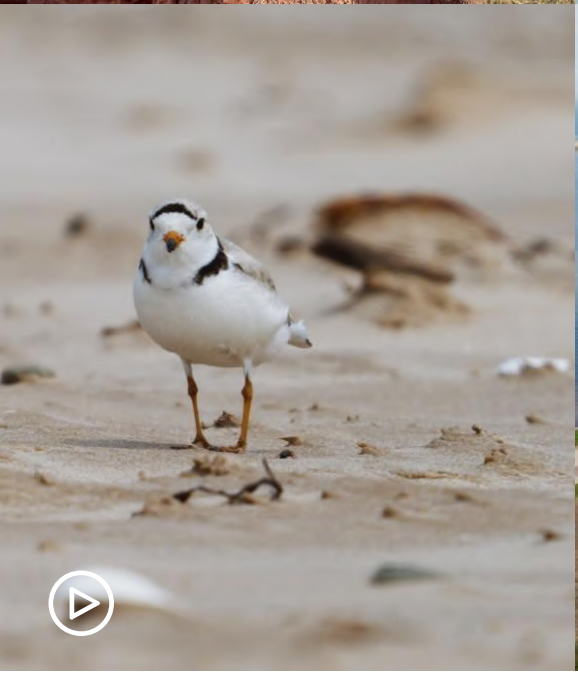
TRAGEDY ON LAILA PEAK

DEATH OF AN OLYMPIC CHAMPION

52' (ENG, GER) I 2026 I Autentic, ServusTV

At just 31, two-time Olympic gold medalist Laura Dahlmeier loses her life in Pakistan's Karakoram mountains.

One year later, elite mountaineers Aleš Česen and Lukas Wörle set out to climb Laila Peak, where the exceptional German biathlete suffered fatal injuries in a rockfall. Along the way, they search for answers to what drove her to attempt the summit despite the dangerous weather conditions. Retracing Laura's final expedition, the film explores her passion for the mountains and the decisions that shaped her ascent. By closely following the two climbers on the same peak, it offers an immediate and compelling insight into the risks, challenges and fascination of high-altitude mountaineering.



MYSTICAL MAGDALENS

ISLANDS OF THE TIDES

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER) | 2026
Florianfilm, WDR, arte

In the heart of the Gulf of St. Lawrence lies a remarkable archipelago: the Magdalen Islands. Ringed by endless sea and windswept dunes, these islands are as captivating as they are remote.

Part of the Canadian province of Quebec, the Magdalen Islands are a paradise of red sandstone cliffs, sandy beaches and close-knit communities. Yet beneath their beauty lies a turbulent maritime history. For centuries, treacherous waters claimed countless ships, earning the archipelago a fearsome reputation among sailors. Today, descendants of shipwreck survivors live alongside the French-speaking Acadians who have shaped the islands' culture for generations. The archipelago is made up of a dozen islands. Seven are inhabited, and six are linked by Route 199, the single road that connects this small and resilient island world together.

Episodes: 1. Wind and Dunes | 2. Fire and Water

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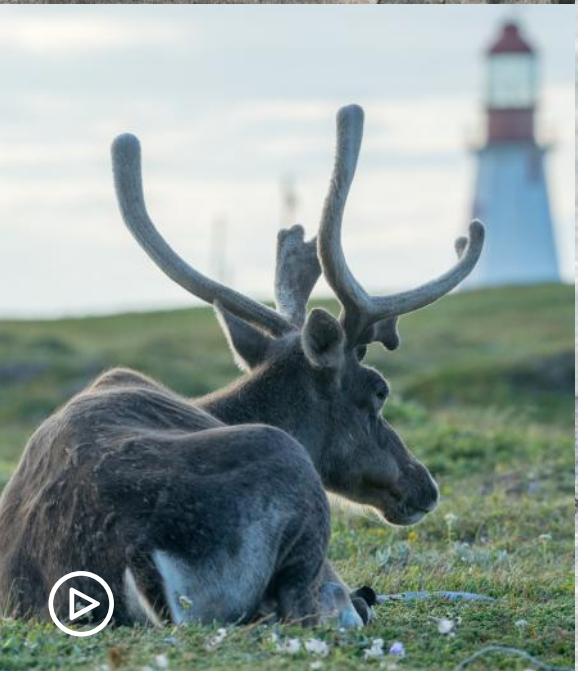

NEWFOUND-LAND

SHAPED BY THE SEA

52' (ENG) | 2025 | MacroTele-Film

Newfoundland – an island of raw beauty, where wind and waves shape the landscape and wildlife thrives in untouched nature.

The film begins in St. John's, North America's oldest city, before heading to the continent's easternmost point: Cape Spear, where the Atlantic Ocean crashes against the rugged cliffs. At St. Vincent's Beach, gigantic whales come astonishingly close to the shore, a magical moment of connection between humans and animals. In the Terra Nova National Park, a hiker's paradise, beavers build their lodges in sheltered coves. Further west, in Gros Morne National Park, lies a landscape that seems from another planet: the Tablelands, shaped by the Earth's primal forces. In Elliston, countless puffins populate the coastal cliffs. In contrast, Cape St. Mary's is home to majestic northern gannets, soaring in spectacular formations above the sea. Finally, the journey leads to the west coast, to Port aux Choix, where caribou roam the tundra landscape along the rocky shoreline — an awe-inspiring symbol of Newfoundland's untamed wilderness.

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THE GREAT LOOP

AMERICA'S WATERWAYS

4 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2026 | Cocoa Film, ZDF, arte

A 10,000-kilometre voyage around eastern North America reveals a side of the United States and Canada few travellers ever see.

The Great Loop is one of North America's last great adventures: a waterway linking the Atlantic Coast, the Great Lakes, the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. Travelling by boat through rivers, canals, lakes and coastal passages, this series reveals a world that, far from the congested motorways, truly fulfils the grand promise of the 'Great American Road Trip'. Many local residents along the way live from and with the water, be it oyster harvesters on the Chesapeake Bay, the seafarers on a ferry on Lake Huron, or the lock keepers on the Erie Canal. Set against spectacular landscapes and rich wildlife, the journey also explores the many cultures that helped shape North America, from immigrant traditions to the legacies of slavery, revealing a vibrant and diverse continent beyond the highways.

Episodes:

1. Up the East Coast
2. Across the Great Lakes
3. Along the Mississippi
4. Exploring Florida's Coastline

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NEVADA

THE TRUE WILD WEST

52' (ENG), 45' (GER) | 2026 | streetsfilmarte, NDR, arte

Iconic landscapes, wild mustangs, gold veins and gambling: Nevada is more than just Las Vegas.

This state in the western United States embodies the myths, extremes and contrasts of the American West like almost no other place. Vast desert landscapes meet glittering cities, ancient cultures meet futuristic visions. Proud Indigenous communities live here, wild mustangs roam through endless valleys, and the dry soil still bears traces of the precious metal that once sparked the gold rush. This documentary embarks on a journey through this extraordinary state from the rugged mountain ranges of the national parks to old gold-mining settlements that tell of a time when adventurers sought their fortune. Yet Nevada is also a place of secrets and experiments: nuclear tests were carried out in the desert, the traces of which are still visible today. This documentary portrays Nevada as a place where the past, myth and the present converge in spectacular fashion – a true Wild West that remains alive to this day.

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WILD PHILIPPINES

GUARDIANS OF NATURE

52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
Terra Mater Studios, Catkin Media, ServusTV, NDR

Experience a kaleidoscopic archipelago of cloud forests, gorges, rivers and reefs, and meet the people who embody the diversity of the Philippines and strive to preserve it.

Alongside spectacular landscapes and fascinating wildlife, we encounter people who stand for the diversity of this many-facetted country. On the island of Luzon, Tess and Amante fight for the rare Philippine crocodile. In the mountain village of Buscalan, the world's oldest tattoo artist Whang-Od Ogay preserves a centuries-old tradition. In Manila, 70-year-old Jeepney driver Mimi unwaveringly claims her place. On the island of Mindanao, we venture into the volcanic slopes, the last breeding ground of the Philippine eagle. And on the island of Negros, in the small town of Bayawan, e-rickshaw driver Ronald drives his customers through the streets with battery power. Together, these interwoven stories create a multifaceted portrait of the Philippines, bringing us face to face with breathtaking nature and the people who call it home.

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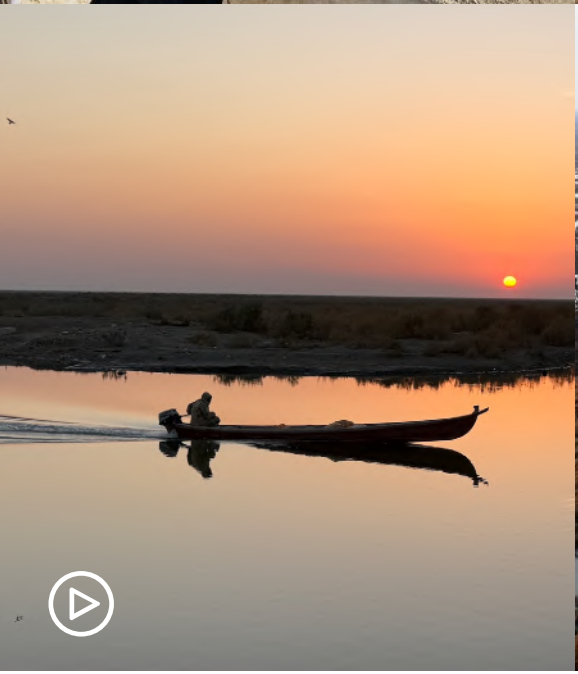

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GARDEN OF EDEN

IRAQ'S ANCIENT MARSHLANDS

45' (ENG, GER) | 2026 | prospect tv, NDR, arte

Between the Euphrates and the Tigris in southern Iraq lies a landscape that was once so rich and fertile it was considered the biblical Garden of Eden: the Al-Ahwar marshes.

As the largest wetland in the Middle East, this region is not only an ecological gem but also the cradle of civilization. Here the Sumerians invented cuneiform script in cities like Ur and Eridu millennia ago and erected monuments such as the legendary ziggurat temples. Archaeologists have discovered over 80,000 clay tablets documenting the link between this water landscape and the emergence of culture and administration. To this day, the tradition of constructing "mudhifs", spectacular reed palaces, endures. These structures serve as venues for celebrations and gathering places where people exchange news. The marshlands shape Iraq's identity and history, and despite the many challenges, inhabitants of this vast wetland still sustain themselves through buffalo herding and fishing—a true symbiosis between humanity and nature.

CROATIA'S BRIJUNI ISLANDS

TITO'S WILD LEGACY

52' (ENG), 45' (GER) | 2026
micafilm, SWR, arte

Some paradises do not come about by themselves. The Brijuni Archipelago off the coast of Istria is one such place. More than a century ago, it was transformed from malaria-ridden islands into a fashionable holiday destination. Later, Brijuni became the exclusive summer residence of the Yugoslav leader Tito. His state guests also left their mark on the safari park: some of the exotic animals they gifted still live there today. Today, Brijuni is a national park, preserving this natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

CULTIVATED & WILD

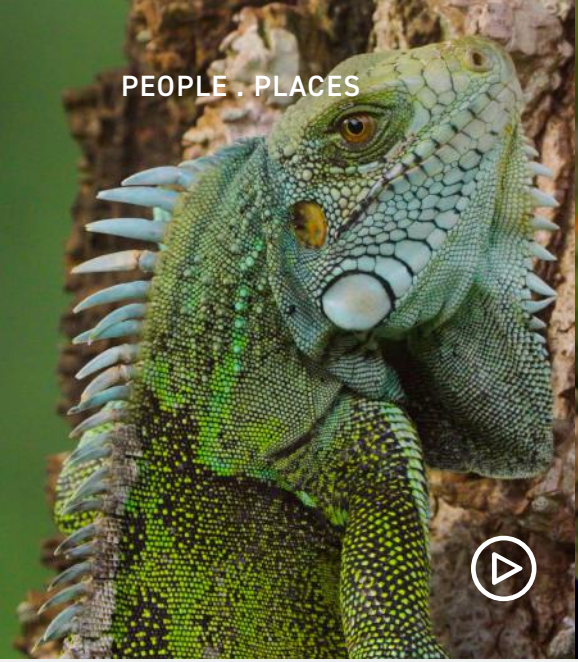
5 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2022 - 2024
Sagamedia, ZDF, arte

Explore Europe's extraordinary landscapes, where farming practices and wild nature coexist in a unique balance.

From apple orchards to fig groves and hop gardens, the series reveals how traditional agriculture has shaped and preserved these landscapes, creating and maintaining valuable habitats that today support an astonishing diversity of wildlife and plant species.

Episodes:

1. Northern Germany's Apple Orchards
2. Austria's Apricot Orchards
3. Montenegro's Chestnut Forests
4. Albania's Fig Groves
5. Southern Germany's Hop Gardens



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SURINAME

THE GREEN HEART OF SOUTH AMERICA

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
Brandmedia Film, ZDF, arte

Suriname's rainforest and coastline are teeming with colourful wildlife. Pink river dolphins, giant otters, snakes, squirrel monkeys, iguanas and sloths inhabit this little-known jungle nation with its dynamic 400-kilometre-long mudflat coastline on the Atlantic Ocean. Suriname has not yet been 'discovered' by nature and wildlife enthusiasts. This two-part documentary is a colourful tour of the jungle, rivers and coastline, presented in a visually stunning style and featuring unique nature footage.

Episodes:

1. Along the Wild Coast
2. Rivers & Forest

MAGICAL COLOMBIA

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 x 45' (GER) | 2025
Ifage Filmproduktion, ZDF, arte

Few countries in Latin America can match Colombia's scenic and cultural diversity. Much of it still remains undiscovered. From the summit of a volcano, the realm of the condor, to the Pacific coast and the mysterious Gorgona Island, these two films transport us into human lives far from the ordinary. Music, dance, the search for identity and the struggles of local activists defending their land shape our journey through breathtaking landscapes. Stories intimately connected to nature and its secrets, revealing a part of Colombia's indigenous heritage.

Episodes:

1. The Southwest
2. The Cauca

ACROSS MONGOLIA

FROM DESERT TO TUNDRA

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025
Tellux-Film Dresden, NDR, arte

In Mongolia more than a million people still live as nomads, travelling across the vast country with their animals. Orkhoo Lkhagva is seven months pregnant, yet she still helps to herd the family's 60 camels. Together with her husband, she leads a nomadic life much like their ancestors. In the far north of the country lies Lake Chöwsgöl. Environmental inspector Baterdene Zayabayar heads out onto the water after reports of illegal fishing. 15-year-old Chinguun Batbold lives in an apartment block in Ulaanbaatar. His biggest idols are musicians from his own country. That's why Chinguun takes private lessons on the traditional horsehead fiddle. Meanwhile, on the outskirts of Ulaanbaatar, there is a craft workshop that produces luxury yurts for up to 60,000 euros.

OMAN

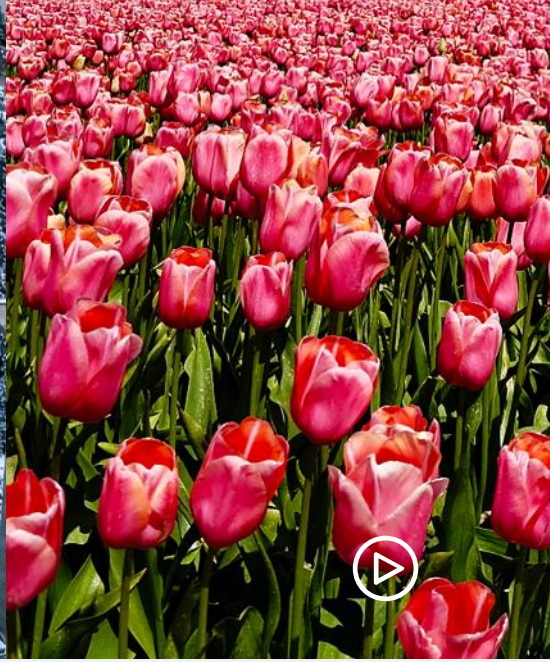
JEWEL OF ARABIA

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER) | 2025
Vincent Productions, ZDF, arte

A land of deserts, mountains, and endless coastline – Oman is where ancient traditions meet a vibrant modern spirit. This two-part documentary takes us from the heights of Jebel Akhdar and its rose gardens to the Sharqiya Desert and the green hills of Dhofar. At the centre of the film are people such as climbing coach Alanood Alsalami and fashion designer Amal Al Raisi, who bring Oman's diversity and the balancing act between tradition and modernity to life.

Episodes:

1. Incense and Desert Winds
2. Roses and Sea Breeze



THROUGH SNOW & ICE II

SWISS ALPINE RAIL JOURNEYS

4 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
Mediafisch, SRF, 3Sat

Travel through wintry Switzerland by train. The tracks take you to the most remote valleys, up the highest mountains, through fascinating landscapes, and past people and their stories. Thanks to countless tunnels and viaducts, this region in the heart of the Alps is a 'El Dorado' for rail travellers. Four spectacular Swiss railways offer unique travel experiences.

Episodes:

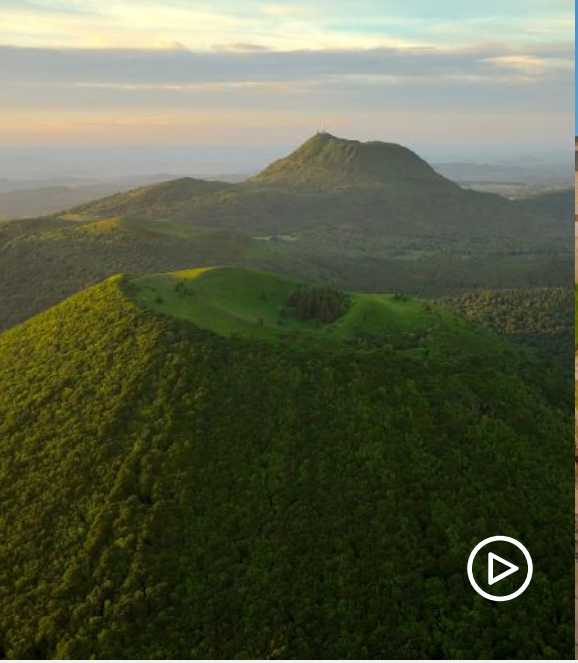
1. The Spectacular Albula Railway Line
2. The Daring Wengernalp Railway
3. The Multifaceted Lötschberg Railway
4. The Exclusive GoldenPass Express

THE NETHERLANDS

SMALL COUNTRY, BIG IDEAS

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025
Tellux-Film Dresden, NDR, arte

The Netherlands offers landscapes that seem straight out of a postcard. But there's much more to the Dutch than picturesque scenery. The country is a hub of bold ideas and creative thinking about the future — ideas that are truly "lekker," as the Dutch would say. The documentary meets people passionately committed to protecting newly created nature reserves, cycle path planners working to make traffic safer, and architects with an ambitious vision: building the world's tallest wooden skyscraper. Students are developing a car that cleans the environment as it drives. And one farmer has even dared to grow the Netherlands' beloved tulips using organic methods.



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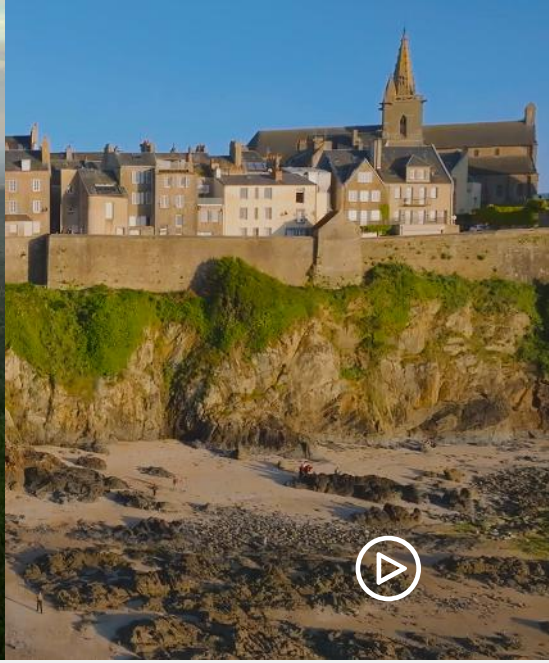
SOUTHERN FRANCE

A JOURNEY FROM COAST TO VOLCANOES

45' (ENG, GER) | 2025
Prospect TV Production, NDR, arte

A journey from Béziers, in the south of France, to Auvergne, the land of volcanoes. Along the way, we meet a lock keeper on the historic Canal du Midi, operating mechanisms dating back to the time of King Louis XIV, which still work so well that they couldn't be built any better today. In one of Europe's largest Buddhist monasteries , a spectacular peace monument is being built. A visit to a wolf park brings us face-to-face with these elusive predators. In Auvergne, churches are warmed by underground volcanic heat, while the dramatic Puy de Dôme volcano draws paragliders from across the country – including a young woman determined to conquer her fear of heights.



THE HIDDEN BEAUTY OF NORTHERN FRANCE II

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER) | 2025
eco documentaries, ZDF, arte

Rain, D-Day, cows and Camembert – these are the images often associated with Normandy. Yet the region offers far more than clichés. From the glowing cliffs of the Alabaster Coast to the green Seine Valley, this journey leads through rolling landscapes, forests and tidal flats. Along the way we meet passionate people preserving Normandy's natural and cultural heritage – from botanists protecting rare plants and craftsmen restoring historic rooftops to fishermen on the Channel and Calvados distillers continuing centuries-old traditions.

Episodes:

1. From Mont-Saint-Michel to Cotentin
2. From the Alabaster Coast to Orne

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ECOSYSTEMS UNRAVELED

THE KEYSTONE EFFECT

52' (ENG, GER, FRA) | Delivery: December 2026
Autentic, DBcom, ZDF, arte, Radio-Canada/Explora

Can entire ecosystems be restored by bringing back the species that hold them together?

As ecosystems around the world continue to deteriorate, scientists are placing their hopes in a promising yet deceptively simple idea: the targeted reintroduction of keystone species. From European forests and coastal waters to North American prairies and wetlands, the film follows ambitious restoration projects and scientific research exploring whether these influential species can revive entire ecosystems. But does the theory hold true, or is nature far more complex, unpredictable and mysterious than we would like to admit?

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THE SECRET LIVES OF PARASITES

52' (ENG, GER) I Delivery: December 2026
Autentic, ZDF, arte, CMG

Their reputation is as bad as it gets. Disgusting, creepy, they can cause real harm and live at the expense of others. But what if some parasites are much better than their reputation suggests?

Research is now being carried out all over the world which shows that parasites can actually help both humans and nature. Professor Hübener from the German Centre for Infection Research is investigating how infection with certain parasites can protect against other diseases. In China, biological pest control, such as using parasitic wasps, has long been used to protect food production. And when it comes to monitoring biodiversity in hard-to-reach habitats, a parasite is a real secret weapon – the blood meals of leeches enable researchers to investigate which species are actually present in a particular area.

THE CLONING REVOLUTION

52' (ENG, GER), 45' (GER) | 2026 | Vincent Productions, BR, arte, SRF

Could human cloning become reality sooner than we think?

Thirty years ago, Dolly the sheep became the world's first cloned mammal, a scientific milestone that stunned the world and forever changed the course of modern biology. Since then, cloning has revolutionized medicine and research, opening up new possibilities in stem cell science, regenerative medicine, and the development of animal organs for human transplantation. Today, pet cloning has even become a commercial reality. This gripping documentary takes viewers inside the high-tech world of cloning research, meeting the scientists at the forefront of one of the most groundbreaking and controversial fields of science. It explores the remarkable advances made over the past three decades, the ethical debates surrounding the technology, its enormous potential, and the risks it poses.

ALL ABOUT HAIR

52' (ENG, GER) | 2026 | Vincent Productions, ZDF, arte

Hair is far more than just dead keratin. It reflects identity, heritage and the spirit of the times, whilst also serving as a biological archive of our lives.

The film sets out on a quest for clues across the fields of archaeology, forensics, medicine and futurology. It reveals what hair tells us about health, diet and illness, why people are discriminated against on the basis of their hair structure, and how hair health can be maintained. In Munich, forensic scientists analyse hair to solve crimes. They can determine whether someone was drugged with knockout drops or whether the death of a wealthy grandmother was in fact the result of poisoning. In Bolivia and Bolzano, researchers are using hair analysis to unravel the secrets of centuries-old mummies. The journey continues to L'Oréal's research laboratories near Paris. There, molecular biology and artificial intelligence have revolutionised hair research. The aim is to better understand hair loss, slow it down and perhaps even reactivate dormant hair follicles. But the research goes even further: the hair follicle's extraordinary regenerative powers could open up new avenues for the repair of complex organs in the future.

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WITHOUT LIMITS

2 × 52' (ENG, GER) | Delivery: November 2026
Autentic, WDR, arte

Human performance has limits – or so we thought.

We follow Olympic triathlon champion Alistair Brownlee training in a wind tunnel, swimmers undergoing biomechanical testing, and see the world's fastest reflexes in action. Endurance athletes from trail running to ice swimming and renowned scientists show how pain tolerance, oxygen use, and smart strategies push performance to new heights. Boulder legend Bernd Zangerl fights his way back after a near-career-ending injury, female athletes adapt training to their menstrual cycles, and boxers and rowers fine-tune performance through precision nutrition. But placebo experiments on the Matterhorn, offshore survival boot camps, and freediver Guillaume Néry reveal that the mind – not muscle – ultimately sets our limits.

Episodes: 1. Speed & Endurance | 2. Power & Mind

COFFEE VS. CLIMATE CHANGE

52' (ENG, GER) | 2026 | NZZ, SRF

Starting the day without coffee? For millions of people, it's almost unimaginable. Yet climate change is threatening this ritual. "We may be the last generation to drink coffee," fears Brazilian coffee farmer Felipe Croce. Researchers and farmers around the world are searching for solutions in archives, laboratories, on plantations and in forests. At the Royal Botanic Gardens in London, Dr Aaron Davis is scouring the archives for forgotten, more robust coffee varieties. In Uganda, Dr Catherine Kiwuka has made a surprising discovery. And the start-up company Food Brewer is growing coffee cell cultures in steel tanks, attempting to replicate the flavour of the coffee bean.

GOOD NEWS FROM PLANET EARTH

9 × 52' (ENG) | 2023, 2026
Längengrad Filmproduktion, BR, arte

The series challenges the widespread belief that "nothing can be done." By taking a closer look at those who are already making a difference, it becomes clear that there are solutions, progress and reasons for hope.

Season 1:

1. Guardians of the Woodlands
2. Cultivating Tomorrow's Earth
3. Urban Metamorphosis;
4. Wildlife Revival
5. Nature's Reawakening
6. Conserving Earth's Legacy

Season 2:

1. A Greener Tomorrow, Today
2. Engineering Resilience Everyday
3. Conservationists

GEOLOGICAL WONDERS OF GERMANY

3 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | south&browse, ZDFinfo

Germany's landscapes tell a story written over hundreds of millions of years.

From volcanic craters and fossil-rich reefs to shifting tidal flats and towering sandstone formations, science journalist Niklas Kolorz travels across the country to uncover the geological forces that shaped them. Meeting leading researchers in the field, he explores how volcanoes, oceans, glaciers and tectonic upheavals created some of Germany's most spectacular natural landmarks, and how these ancient processes continue to influence ecosystems, climate and human life today.

Episodes:

1. Volcanoes & Fossils
2. Land Between Sea and Sky
3. Stone Shaped by Time

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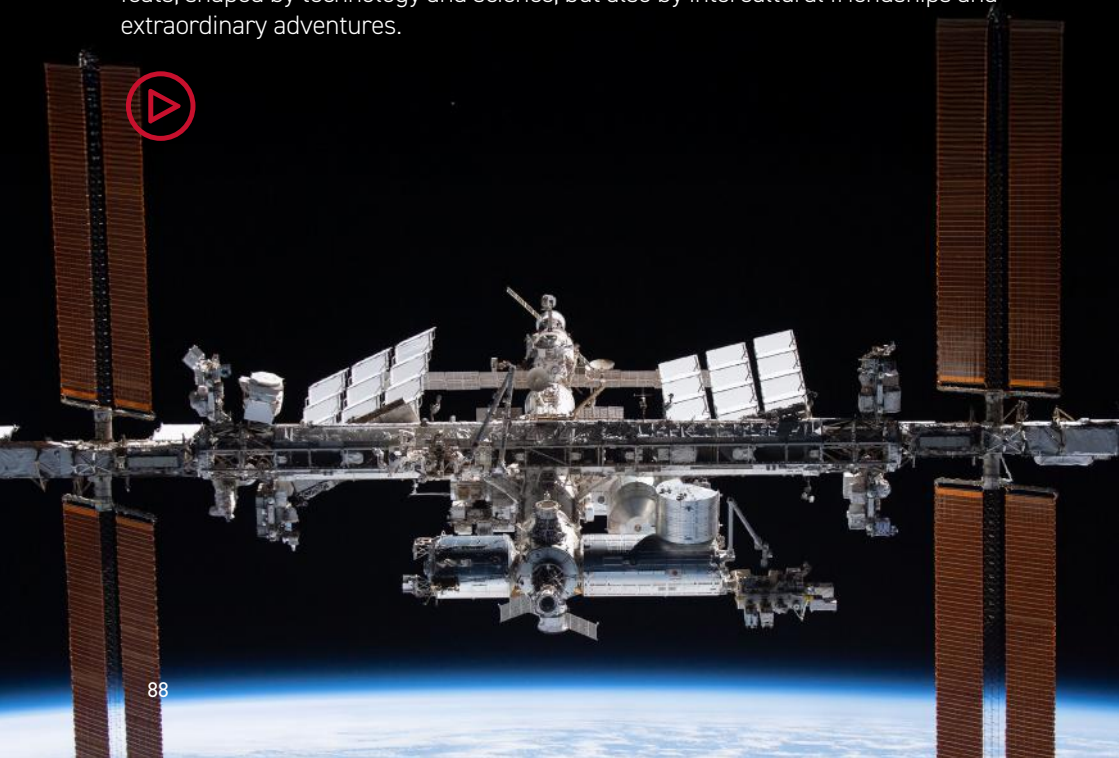
HOME FROM SPACE

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 90' (GER) | Delivery: December 2026
Spiegel TV, ZDF, arte, Curiosity Stream

Built in orbit by nearly 300 astronauts from 26 countries, the International Space Station stands as a powerful symbol of what humanity can achieve together.

Facing injuries, perilous spacewalks, and critical technical failures, astronauts from around the world assembled the largest and most expensive object ever, overcoming linguistic, cultural, and ideological differences along the way. As they worked side by side in space, Earth below was shaken by wars, terror attacks, and environmental disasters. The astronauts witnessed these crises unfold, often able only to watch in disbelief as humanity damaged its own home. "Home from Space" is a thrilling and inspiring story about human harmony and daring feats, shaped by technology and science, but also by intercultural friendships and extraordinary adventures.



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MILESTONES OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

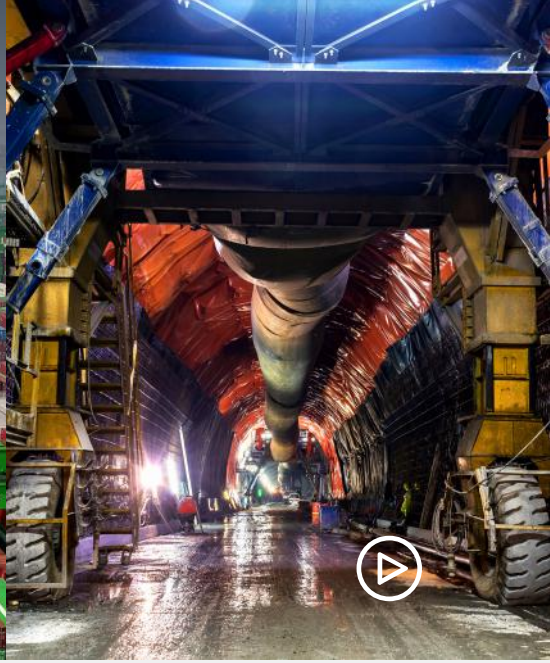
6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
Go Button Media, Autentic, Super Channel

The solar system we know may seem eternal. Yet long before our Sun and planets began their elegant dance, billions of years of chaos and wreckage reigned supreme.

From planets, asteroids, and moons forged from stardust, to volcanoes unleashing fiery destruction on Mars, and a cataclysmic collision that turned early Earth molten and gave birth to our Moon, this series explores the defining milestones of our Solar System. Through breathtaking visuals and scientific discoveries, the film reveals how chaos became structure and how destruction became the driving force behind creation. Each milestone uncovers the powerful forces and dramatic events that shaped the planets, moons, and asteroids we see today. And as the Solar System continues to evolve, one question remains: what fate awaits our Sun and its ever-orbiting system?

Episodes:

1. How It Begins | 2. The Great Divide: The Inner vs. Outer Planets
3. The Moon – Earth's Silent Partner | 4. A Tale of Two Worlds
5. The Era of Bombardment | 6. How it Ends



PORTS OF THE WORLD

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
Maximus Film

This series takes viewers inside the high-stakes world of global trade and cruise travel, where every harbour is a power hub shaping economies, cities and lives. In Aarhus, climate ambition is redefining the future, while Busan emerges as a strategic gateway in a shifting global order. Fast-paced and visually striking, the series reveals the hidden forces, bold innovations and critical decisions driving the world's busiest ports — where global connections are made and the future of trade is decided every day.

Episodes:

1. Kaohsiung – Taiwan | 2. Genoa – Italy
3. Melbourne – Australia | 4. Busan – South Korea
5. Aarhus – Denmark | 6. Nassau – Bahamas

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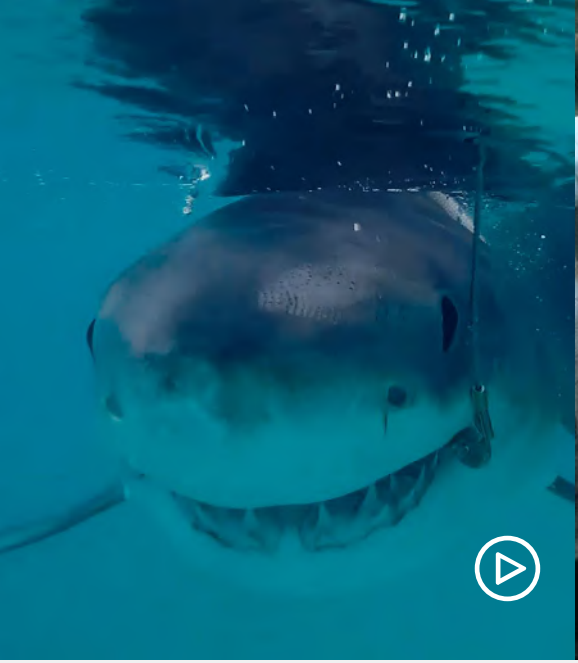
HEAVY LIFT III

6 × 52' (ENG, GER) | 2026
Millstream Films and Media

When massive loads must be moved, engineering is pushed to its absolute limits. Spectacular new episodes reveal how some of the biggest man-made objects on Earth are transported across land and sea. From towering infrastructure to fragile historic landmarks, these enormous loads push technology, logistics, and human ingenuity to their limits. This thrilling engineering series goes behind the scenes of monumental heavy-lift operations.

Episodes:

1. The Longest Tunnel | 2. Baltimore Bridge Salvage
3. The Biggest Crane | 4. Kiruna Church Move
5. Sinking Ships | 6. The Biggest Wind Farm in the West



SHARK ATTACKS

CAN TECHNOLOGY MAKE AUSTRALIA'S COAST SAFER?

30' (ENG, GER) | 2026 | NZZ, SRF

Australia is the country with the highest number of fatal shark attacks worldwide. In 2025 alone, five people lost their lives. Following the fatal incidents, the pressure is mounting. How much risk is acceptable? And how can human safety be balanced with the protection of a threatened species? Marine biologist Paul Butcher's approach marks a paradigm shift: away from lethal nets and toward high-tech solutions, including the world's largest airborne drone surveillance system. But not everyone trusts technology. Surfer and anti-shark activist Daniel Webber believes that doing away with traditional shark nets puts human lives at risk.

VIRUS HUNT

PREVENTING THE NEXT PANDEMIC

30' (ENG, GER) | 2026 | NZZ, SRF

Several million people worldwide die each year as a result of zoonotic diseases. How can global spread be prevented at its source? Veterinarian Frédéric Singa catches bats, takes samples from gorillas, and visits patients, to understand which pathogens are circulating in the forest. Prof. Fabian Leendertz at the Helmholtz Institute for One Health analyses the samples and maps global risk hotspots. The connection between the Central African rainforest and the health of people in Europe is more direct than most realize. This film asks whether the lessons from COVID-19 have truly been learned and whether we are better prepared for the next pandemic.

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LOVE IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

2 × 45' (ENG, GER), 90' (GER)
Delivery: January 2027
Vincent Productions, ZDF, arte, ORF

Join us on a journey across the Muslim world, exploring sexuality in the past and present.

Blending personal stories with history, religion and politics, the film reveals how social traditions, religious teachings and colonial rule have shaped attitudes toward sexuality that continue to influence Muslim societies today. Filmed across Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and France, the journey takes viewers from Mecca and Cairo's Citadel to historic libraries, mosques and private homes. Arabists, Islamic scholars, a Lebanese sexologist, and experts in religion, medicine and the social sciences offer diverse and often conflicting perspectives on sexuality, love and faith, reflecting the complexity of contemporary Muslim societies.

BEAR WITH ME

90' (ENG, GER) | 2025 | AGITPROP, Autentic, ZDF, arte

Maxy Niedermeyer, a 80-year-old former circus trainer, built a remarkable artistic career. For six decades, she toured all over the world, gaining fame for her animal training. But when public opinion shifted and animals were banned from circuses, her life changed forever. Under pressure from civil organisations, all animals in Italy, where she guest-starred for the last time, were confiscated. Maxy managed to keep only two of them, due to their old age and inability to adapt back to nature. Now, with only Natasha, her 43-year-old brown bear, by her side, Maxy spends her final years in isolation. The film follows their extraordinary bond, capturing the twilight of a once-renowned circus star whose fate is tied to the life of her last companion.

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