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EUROPE'S

# *Wildest Heritage*

*The unprecedented alliance  
of great monuments and biodiversity*



A 10 x 43 minute documentary series

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Mont Saint-Michel, the châteaux of the Loire Valley, Alhambra or Bastei Bridge... Every year, these breathtaking sites attract tourists from across the world. But hidden in the meanderings off the beaten track, fascinating and unexpected stories unfold : the stories of the wildlife that inhabits these places.

For, although these famous European cultural heritage sites have been built over the centuries, they are located within areas of outstanding natural beauty, with their own iconic species such as the Red deer of Chambord, the Black stork of Pont Bastei or the toads of the Alhambra.

Today, the preservation of these exceptional sites can no longer be done without taking into account the wildlife. And after several centuries of ignoring each other, these two worlds are finally coming together to show that natural and historical heritage can become allies! Over the course of four seasons, this prestigious documentary collection revisits the great European heritage sites from the perspective of the wildlife that inhabits them, offering an unusual look at these mythical sites, with fur, feathers or scales.

IN THIS STUNNING NEW SERIES, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES IN FRANCE AND EUROPE WILL LAY BARE THEIR **WILDEST SECRETS**

## *The ingredients*

Every film focuses on one cultural site and its most emblematic species. The five films of this first season are punctuated by human and animal adventures.

### **Outstanding locations sublimated**

These architectural icons are highlighted by amazing aerial images.

Thanks to FPV drones and exclusive access, we explore every corner, every window, every alley and maze of these territories, emphasizing their splendour. This immersive process offers new vantage points, unseen by the visitor, of these jewels of our heritage!

### **Breath-taking animal stories**

Every location is seen through its iconic species, or the lesser-known ones that live there. Mating season, births, first steps and life apprenticeship, independence, hunting and dangers... these events are filmed in 100% natural immersion sequences. These animal behaviours, sometimes filmed for the first time in these major sites, give us the keys to understanding the mechanics of the ecosystem. By following the first steps of an harbour seal discovering the bay, we get for instance a feeling for the tidal rhythm of Mont Saint Michel and the dynamics of the foreshore. These species lead us to meet their neighbours. With views from the canyons, from the sky or through the vegetation, we are invited to discover a choir of species.

### **Men and women stories linking the historic heritage and the natural heritage**

Climbers of the Elbe's cliffs, falconers in Alhambra, wildlife photographers in the Chambord domain, herpetologists on the Pyrenees summits, rescuers of the Saint Michel bay seals ... all of these people are passionate about the territories they come across every day of the year. They know every nook, every mystery, and introduce us to their most wonderful, intimate and spectacular secrets.



**EUROPE'S WILDEST HERITAGE** OFFERS A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF HISTORY AND SCENES OF ANIMAL AND HUMAN LIFE TO DISCOVER THESE GREAT HERITAGE SITES AS YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE!





### *Jewels of the Alhambra*

The Alhambra is one of the masterpieces of Spanish-Arabic architecture. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this "city within a city", symbol of the Muslim West, welcomes more than 7000 visitors every day. This prestigious monument is not only a place of history, it is also a hotspot of biodiversity, a true oasis teeming with wildlife in the heart of arid and mountainous landscapes! From the gardens of the Alhambra and their astonishing luxuriance to the walls of the fortress that turn red at sunset, more than 150 species of animals live in the Andalusian city.



### *In the shadow of the châteaux of the Loire valley*

Architectural masterpieces, the Châteaux of the Loire Valley are symbols of the French cultural power of the Renaissance. But, not far from the hordes of tourists, a completely different population has taken up residence in these royal domains... From Chambord to Chenonceau via Villandry, from the majestic forests to the very heart of the old stones, and from the emblematic species to the most mysterious, we will reveal the wild secrets of the Châteaux of the Loire Valley.







### *Wonders of the Mont Saint-Michel*

A religious building, then a bastion of defense, and today a UNESCO site visited by the whole world, the Mont Saint-Michel is a true standard of our heritage. For 1300 years, the great history of this mythical place has been mixed with a more confidential history, that of the Bay's wildlife. From the top of the Statue of the Archangel to the sand dunes, crossing the immense salt meadows, the Mont-Saint-Michel Bay is a real hotspot of biodiversity punctuated by the tides.



### *Mysterious pic du midi*

When approaching the Pyrenees, this jagged wall of snow-capped peaks, one of them immediately catches your eye: the Pic du Midi. Scientific sentinel and emblem of the Pyrenees, it is the witness of a long natural history and a formidable human adventure. However, the best kept secret of the Pic does not reside inside the Observatory, where scientists carry out the most advanced research, but on the slopes of the massif, from its foothills to its summit, where an unsuspected wild life abounds. Seas of clouds as far as the eye can see, deafening storms or merciless winters, we are here in the front row of an incredible wild spectacle.





### *The german grand canyon*

There is a region nestled on the border of the Czech Republic whose landscapes are as grandiose as they are mysterious: Saxon Switzerland. In this mineral setting, a true "German Grand Canyon", where imposing sandstone cliffs rise up, is perched a witness to the history of the region: the Bastei Bridge, one of the most popular tourist destinations in the country. The Bastei Bridge and the Elbe Sandstone Massif are not only cultural heritages, they are also natural heritages, havens of peace for numerous species that hibernate, nest, hunt, and shelter from formidable predators.