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# APENNINE MOUNTAINS - THE WILD HEART OF ITALY

2 x 45' (ENG, GER, FRE)

**For most people, Italy stands for sun, beach and sea. Only very few people realize where Italy gets its support from.**

The Apennine Mountains are the backbone of Italy - and not only in a geographical sense. On its hills, on its slopes and in its valleys you can find "Italia minore", the places where the heart of the country lies. In addition, there are hidden places where a unique flora and fauna has been preserved. The documentary series embarks on a cinematic journey along the Apennines - from the French border in the north to Sicily in the south.



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## 1. From Liguria to Umbria

It is possible to understand Italy and its culture without ever setting foot in Rome or Milan. A journey over the serpentine of the northern Apennines shows the beating heart of Italy, which is found in these green forests and abandoned villages and along its rolling landscapes.

## 2. From Abruzzo to Calabria

The journey begins on the Gran Sasso, at the almost 3,000-metre Corno Grande – the highest point of all the ranges. Further south, brown bears emerge from the wooded heights to roam the village of Villalago. In the southernmost tip of the toe of Italy, the Apennines surprises with sequoia trees and deep green forests, contradicting assumptions that Calabria is only hot and dusty.