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# RAILWAY REVOLUTION

*HOW TRAINS SHAPED OUR WORLD*

90' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | Loopfilm, ZDF, arte

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Trains revolutionized transportation and democratized travel, yet their history is not without shadows. A history of the railway from the very beginning to the present day. In 1830, the first regular railroad line was inaugurated in England. From here, its unique triumphal march begins, changing societies, landscapes and cities from the ground up. The railroad became a catalyst for industrialization and played a role in the spread of capitalism. At the same time, it democratized travel. For the first time, people from all walks of life had the opportunity to discover new places. But alongside its triumphs, the railroad also has a dark side. As an instrument of the colonial powers, it facilitated the exploitation of foreign countries. Furthermore, its role in the mass deportation of victims to Nazi concentration camps is a horrifying chapter in its history.

## HISTORY





# SUMMITS AND SOCIETY

*HISTORY OF ST. MORITZ*

45' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | Autentic, ZDF, arte

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Birthplace of Alpine winter tourism and numerous winter sports, and the most fashionable meeting place in the Alps: St. Moritz. Over a hundred years ago, the hype surrounding the small mountain village in the middle of a magnificent mountain backdrop began with wealthy English people spending the winter here and changing the town forever. Grand hotels were built, and the village of 5000 souls quickly became a hotspot for the rich and famous. Coco Chanel took refuge here during the war years, Alfred Hitchcock spent his winters here, Audrey Hepburn decided to live entirely in Switzerland after her first stay, the Shah of Persia moved his court to a chalet in the village during the winter months and bon vivant Gunter Sachs opened up the mountain village to a permissive and cosmopolitan lifestyle. Since then, the motto in St. Moritz has been: there is nothing that does not exist here.



# LEGENDS AND LUXURY

*HISTORY OF MARRAKESH*

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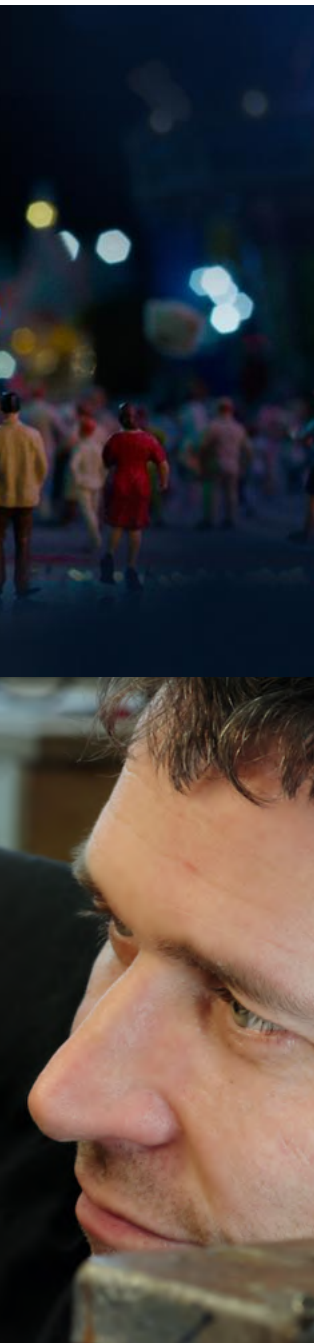
Marrakesh, hailed as the most enchanting city in the Maghreb, captivated Western elites with its almost mystical allure. In the last century, the Hotel La Mamounia became a meeting place for famous personalities. For Winston Churchill, the politician of the century and a talented painter, it was the most beautiful place in the world, inspiring some of his most famous works. Alfred Hitchcock shoots a classic film in the streets of the Medina, which triggers a tourist boom. Yves Saint Laurent found groundbreaking inspiration for his fashion in Marrakech. The Rolling Stones escaped the British police there, and after their return, the band was forever changed. Paul Getty Junior and his wife Talitha hosted lavish parties in their riad that are still legendary. These figures all contribute to Marrakech's enduring spirit and mythos.











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Feature Doc

# WUNDERLAND

90' (ENG, GER) | 2023  
B|14 FILM , Tobis Filmproduktion

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This feature documentary takes viewers on a magical and mesmerizing journey through the world's largest miniature wonderland.

When twin brothers Frederik and Gerrit Braun realized their lifelong dream in 2000, they had no idea what they would create: the "Miniatur Wunderland" not only developed into the largest model railway system in the world, with 1.5 million visitors a year, it also became one of the largest public attractions in Germany. The documentary WUNDERLAND now brings this dream world with large images of tiny details to the screen for the first time. With previously unpublished archive material and lovingly animated miniature figures, the brothers take the audience on a magical journey into the smallest world in the world, where everything seems possible.



LIFESTYLE . ARTS





# MAGICIANS OF GLASS ART IN VENICE

*THE FURNACES OF MURANO*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | Atlantis-Film, ZDF, arte

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Berengo Studio is a place where artists and creatives from every discipline, create innovative glass works and together write a new chapter in the history of this ancient medium. This documentary provides unique, breathtaking views into Adriano Berengo's furnace on Murano, an island North of Venice, where glassmasters sit on metal benches as muscular assistants work busily around them creating works of contemporary artists like Ai Weiwei. Works made at Berengo's furnace are on display in leading collections worldwide. Adriano Berengo has transformed the world's perception of glass as an artistic medium. His passion has been a driving force for a true renaissance for art made with glass.

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# KUI BURI

*THAILAND'S HIDDEN EDEN*

52' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | Terra Mater Studios, ServusTV

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This is the story of a Garden of Eden, hidden deep within the jungles of Southeast Asia. A national park that's home to an almost unimaginable variety of animals. Not only noteworthy for its countless species, Kui Buri National Park in southwestern Thailand is also known for its abundance of large animals, like Asian elephants and wild bovines. The scarce gaur lives here, the world's largest bovine species, and it is also home to the smaller, ruddy banteng. At some time in the past, gaurs and bantengs intermingled, mated, and reproduced. The result is an extremely rare hybrid – the Krathing Daeng. The elephants and especially the rare Krathing Daeng might be the highlights of the national park, but with all its bounty of species including hornbills, Asiatic wild dogs, barking deer and lar gibbons as well creative nature protection measures, Kui Buri is a true success story; it's become a model for national parks worldwide.





# WORLD IN 30 MINUTES

230 × 30' (ENG, GER)

With captivating storytelling and a critical eye, each episode promises to enlighten, entertain, and educate!

**Current Affairs & Conflicts**

**Science, Technologies & Health**

**Nature & Environment**

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## **SNOW MACHINES**

*BATTLING CLIMATE CHANGE  
ON THE SLOPES*

30' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | NZZ, SRF

Winters are getting warmer and the snow is becoming increasingly unreliable. Ski resorts have long been increasingly relying on artificial snow. But how does modern snowmaking work today? And what conditions are needed? Spend a season on the road with Stefan Megert, head snowmaker at the Davos Klosters ski lifts. Technical snow can compensate for the decline in natural snow quite well - but not on all slopes. There are places where conventional snowmaking systems are no longer sufficient. A special "snow factory" is therefore used at the Swiss biathlon base, which can also work at temperatures above zero.



## **PANGOLINS**

*ON THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION*

30' (ENG, GER) | 2024 | NZZ, SRF

The pangolin's only enemy - humans. A documentary about the most poached mammal in the world. Pangolins are one of the oldest animal species in the world and are considered sacred in many cultures. But their keratin armor, which previously protected them from predators, is now becoming their downfall. In China, the scales are considered a miracle cure for cancer and skin diseases. The harmless ant-eaters are already on the brink of extinction in Asia, which is why more and more are being hunted in Africa. How can these fascinating animals be saved from their seemingly unstoppable demise?

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