

# SYNOPSIS



## Europe's Wild West - Portugal

### Portugal - Europas Wilder Westen

Sustained by water from the mountains, nature thrives in Portugal's north, offering a lush habitat to flocks of Greater flamingo. They seek out river estuaries or abandoned saline pools where they feed on shrimps. The shrimps' eggs survive in dry salt up to 5 years, until conditions are right to emerge. High in the mountains the Spanish imperial eagle hunts rabbits and birds. Montados, forests of cork oaks, are the perfect hideout for Iberian lynx. Here the great bustard, Europe's heaviest bird, performs a captivating mating dance while reciting a song irresistible to females. The whole display is sometimes watched by a Mediterranean chameleon, Europe's endemic chameleon species. Far in the Atlantic, Madeira's Desertas Islands are the only home of one of the largest and rarest species of wolf-spider. Here rare Mediterranean monk seals have one of the last colonies, while sperm whales enjoy the ocean's rich feeding grounds.

**Year:** 2018

**Run-Time:** 1 x 52 min.

**Directed by** Gernot Lercher & Erich Pröll

**A co-production by ORF, Skyland Productions and Proell Film in association with ORF-Enterprise**

Available worldwide 4K

**Languages:** German (ORIGINAL) , English (DUBBED)

**Format:** 16:9 , 16:9

**HD**

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