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Secrets of the Lagoon

Die Geheimnisse der Lagune

Even people who have visited Venice many times find that the city on the lagoon has plenty of hidden sides that are worth discovering. The historic importance of some of these places cannot be read about in the travel guides. Innovations that began in Venice and conquered the world from the Middle Ages onwards are taken for granted today. We hardly know anything about their origins. This documentary presents what is perhaps the best known city in the world from an unusual angle: a Venice whose secrets, which are exciting and amusing in equal measure, are sure to have been a mystery to most people until now. In the fifteenth century the Republic of San Marco reached the peak of its power and wealth. The state enjoyed the highest revenues in the world. Almost 200,000 people lived in Venice, which was the largest city in Italy and the fourth largest in Europe. Today its population only numbers around 70,000.

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