

# SYNOPSIS



## Cenotes - The Holy Wells of the Maya

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«D'zonot»- holy wells - was what the Maya called the countless, small water holes in the seasonally dry forest of Yucatán, which guaranteed their survival over so many centuries. Flooded passageways, fissures and caves connect the individual Cenotes of Yucatán, as these wells are called today, over great distances. In them, the water from seasonal rainfalls flows in broad underground streams from inland to the ocean. More than 500 kilometres of Yucatan's underground rivers have been cartographically documented so far. However this seems to be just a small part of the most extensive, flooded cave system on our planet. This documentary takes you on a journey through this beautiful labyrinth pursuing the question how and why the Mayas manoeuvred into an ecological disaster?

**Year:** 2008

**Run-Time:** 1 x 44 min.

**Directed by** Christian Redinger

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Available worldwide

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

**Format:** 16:9

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