

# SYNOPSIS



## The Karst - Life Between Heaven and Hell

### Menschen im Karst - Leben zwischen Himmel und Hölle

A scraggy land of harsh beauty but full of deception as well. This film explores the hidden charms of the stony cliffs along the Gulf of Trieste, the original home of the white horses from Lipica and portrays the inhabitants of this Karst region, who are simple people, deeply affected by the vicissitudes of European history and the hardships of life. The Karst plateau, perforated like a sponge absorbing everything that flows through it, provides humans and nature a life amid water wind and stone. Wild rivers roar through the dome-like caves of its underworld, giving an impression similar to Dante's Inferno. Niko Luin and his wife Kathrina, like many other farmers in the region are avid explorers of the caves. Together with the Universum-team they explore this bizarre underworld on this fascinating and sometimes perilous journey into the underground, which during some years can swallow entire bodies of water like Lake Cerknica.

**Year:** 2009

**Run-Time:** 1 x 49 min.

**Directed by** Kurt Mayer

**Written by** Kurt Mayer

**An ORF/UNIVERSUM and Kurt Mayer Film production in co-production with  
BMUKK in association with NDR**

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

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

**HD**

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