




# Italian Parks - 2nd Season

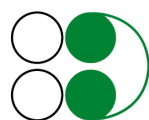
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The protected areas of Italy now cover around 10% of the country. National Parks are now a reality in Italy. But it is not just a question of size: they represent an extraordinary resource, much of it unknown. And yet this is the real face of Italy: the alpine landscapes, coniferous forests, mixed forests, the Mediterranean Maquis, the hillsides, coast lands and marine environments. This series, shot by a number of directors, offers foreign viewers an unusual view of an Italy rich in flora and fauna.



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## Episodes



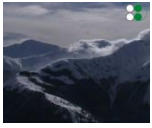
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### **Val Grande**

The Val Grande National Park: a unique landscape, an environmental sanctuary almost inaccessible. We will discover the beautiful tale of the mountain culture recounted by the places and people from the small villages surrounding this area between Ossola, Verbano, val Vigezzo, Valle Intrasca and Cannobina.



### **Monti azzurri**

At the foot of Monti Azzurri, under the severe eyes of the Sibilla, countrymen still transmit emotions of yore. Emotions that put to sea in the colder seasons, over the wide and lonely peaks of the Umbrian-Marchigian Apennines. Silence, colors and reflections in a land rich in enchantments.



### **Po river delta Park**

Starting from the portrait of the black-winged stilt, the symbol of the Regional Park of the Po river delta, this documentary goes over the most significant animal species in the vast natural area and its precious ecosystems. Between dunes, woods and groves of reeds, untold images from the daily life of herons, deer, great reed warblers and a great number of other animals follow one after the other.



### **Padule di Fucecchio**

The warm light of the sunset enlightens the show of the migratory birds in a marshy area with no comparison in Italy: the Fucecchio Padule, in northern Tuscany, inevitable stage for ducks, herons and wading birds in their never-ending trip between Africa and northern Europe.



### **Tiber's jewel**

What would Tiber be without Rome? To answer this question, it is sufficient to go outside the ancient town walls. Quiet and regardless of millenniums of human events, the Tiber goes through the municipalities of Montopoli di Sabina, Nazzano and Torrita Tiberina and flows surrounded by an incredibly rich and multiform environment. This is one of the most beautiful and well organized Natural Reserves in Latium.



### **WWF oasis**

A journey to discover the WWF oasis in the Italian Peninsula, from the Burano lake - the first Italian oasis, instituted in 1967 - to Orbetello lagoon, from the oasis of Valle Averte to Palo, up north Rome, from Monte Arcosu in Sardinia to the marine reserve of Miramare in Trieste, and many more... a whole year at the discovery of the Italian naturalistic heritage and of the efforts by WWF to protect it.



### **Campo dei Fiori**

In the Lombardy Prealps an area of relevant naturalistic importance is found: the park of Campo dei Fiori. Apart from some monumental buildings of artistic relevance, such as the Sanctuary of Santa Maria del Monte and the Via Crucis, the peculiarities of this park pertain to natural aspects: birds of prey, deep karst caves, deer, roes, wild boars and a mass of birds, such as the Peregrine falcon and the common raven, can be found.



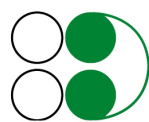
### **Ticino, borderline nature**

Less than 25 kilometers far from the Milan Cathedral, a beautiful regional park protects the clean waters of the Ticino river. Thanks to reintroduction programs, the otter has reappeared. The most shy and threatened mammal of the Italian fauna.



### **Lomellina rice fields**

The ancient beds of the rivers that thousands of years ago ploughed the Po valley, almost unrecognizable nowadays, maintain a particular richness of water, unique in this landscape. The proximity of the groundwater to the ground made these areas unsuitable for agriculture and remained forgotten by mankind. We are at the border of the Lomellina rice fields, in the Pavia province.



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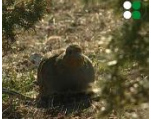
### **Torre Guaceto, living water**

Up north Salento, in the Brindisi province, two natural reserves defend hectares of enchanted land, survived almost as a miracle at the aggression of concrete, streets and highways. They are the Marine reserve and the Terrestrial reserve of Torre Guaceto. An important peculiarity of this area is the inaccessibility of part of the coast, protected from fishing and scuba diving: it is, in fact, a true "natural sanctuary".



### **Sabatini mountains**

Sabatini mountains are 35 kilometers north-west from Rome; together with Volsini and Cimini mountains, they are also known as Latium Anti-Apennines. Sabatini are a hill area of small altitude, originated by the remains of the ancient Sabatino volcano, from which the two craters which constitute the Bracciano and Martignano lakes stand still.



### **Sabini mountains**

Sabini mountains are a relief chain running parallel to the Tiber waterway almost in the nearby of Rome. This mountains are the watershed between Tiberina valley and Velino river valley. Almost all hills and cliffs of the Sabini mountain chain host small villages perched on the mountain, with a church or an ancient castle as their centers.



### **Diary from the lagoons**

The Burano and Orbetello oasis are two moist areas at the foot of the Argentario mountains, in the Tuscan Maremma. Following the daily work of Fabio and Alessandro, two oasis guards who oversee the protected areas, we discover the natural world of this area during the four seasons.



### **The ancient heel of Italy**

At the bottom of the Italian boot, there is a heel separating the Adriatic sea from the Ionian sea. It is the Salento peninsula, a vast plain surrounded three-fourths by the sea. At a glance, one may think that as this area - excluded from the greater communication roads and with limited economic resources - must be a poor land, without history and traditions, but this documentary shows how this can be completely false.



### **The Serchio river**

The Serchio river is generated by the confluence of countless torrents that on one side come from the Apuane alps - rich in pointed peaks and overhanging rocks - and from the other come from the Apennine chain. In the first part of its flow, the Serchio river basin of 60.000 hectares mainly covers mountain prairies and woods of beech, hornbeam, salix, oak and chestnut inhabited by deer, mouflons and marmots.



### **Marturanum**

In Etruria, there is no other place where you can feel such emotions admiring the ancient Etruscan architectures as in the Marturanum Park valleys. Here the colors, the silence, and the wild vegetation create a mysterious and fascinating atmosphere.



### **The smallest reign**

In front of the north-eastern coasts of Sardinia, a group of islands constitutes a small archipelago dominated by the enormous mass of the Tavolara island. It is a corner of uncontaminated nature, rich in exclusive plants and animals, breathtaking landscapes and sea beds.



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