

ANTARCTICA

THE HIDDEN KINGDOMS

The first documentary film to tell the story of ANTARCTICA in its geographical and eco-naturalistic entirety.

Antarctica is a true continent, unlike the North Pole. A gigantic mass of land still largely unexplored, lying under the largest ice cap on the planet. However, Antarctica hides a complexity and diversity that is difficult to even imagine. An infinite number of unknown kingdoms, jealously hidden by the apparent uniformity of the ice, waiting to be revealed. Understanding this continent's secrets is the key for the survival of the entire planet.



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NATURAL HISTORY
Documentary
| x 90'

Film Overview

1 x 90 min. Antarctica is the most challenging continent to document. Not only because of the enormous logistical difficulties brought on by the harshness of its climate, but because moving inland, it can seem there is nothing to film but infinite, monotonous expanses of ice. Yet this impression of an unchanging and lifeless landscape is Antarctica's great deception. For there are dozens of different worlds held within its icy landscape, which is the engine creating rich and diverse ecosystems full of stories to waiting to be told.

The majority of documentaries dedicated to Antarctica have been made in the more accessible coastal areas or the surrounding islands, never completely covered by ice and home to a greater variety of larger animals. But this continent contains a natural and environmental complexity that has rarely been told in depth and never in its entirety.

ANTARCTICA is the first documentary which tells the story of the whole continent, filming across Antarctica in an area bigger than Europe, from the coast of the Dumont d'Urville Sea to the tip of the Peninsula, passing through the Ross Sea, the Transantarctic Mountains, the Plateau and the geographic South Pole. Unveiling the Natural History of Antarctica in 360° for the first time, this documentary will reveal the many secret kingdoms hidden beneath the great deception of the ice caps and polar ice shelves. From the incredible evolutionary adaptations of life large and small to the mysteries of Antarctica's nature, we focus on life and nature with a new perspective, in places rarely documented.

At the heart of the film will be the continent's pivotal role in tackling climate change, speaking to scientists working on the frontline and showing the role Antarctica plays as the first sensor, but also as the first victim, of global warming. This is the final frontier of climate science.

Unique access will allow us to move beyond the commonly filmed regions of the Antarctic Peninsula to travel deep into the continent. Recent technological advances enable the capture of unique geographies, animal behaviour and cutting-edge science in full 8K. This includes filming vital climactic work and some of Antarctica's least documented southern waters in 8K for the first time. The production, crewed with three camera operators, a producer and additional local field support, will shoot from October to February 2023, delivering in August 2024.

This film will represent the most extraordinary adventure in the Natural History of Antarctica, something we have only begun to leaf through the very first chapters of.

