

Gargano

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The Gargano National Park: a bridge between land and sea, between Italy and the Balkans, between past and present, between nature and human beings. And in the very middle of it, a forest which is amongst the oldest and best preserved in Italy; along the green coastline, sweet-smelling pinewoods overlook crystal clear sea and steep cliffs.

It's a paradise of animal and vegetable bio-diversity with extremely rare animals such as the Italian roe deer, as well as over 60 species of wild orchids.

In Gargano, for thousands of years, people's lives have been bound up with nature in a harmonious relationship which finds expression in the cultural heritage (castles, museums, archaeological sites, sanctuaries, ancient towns and villages), in the peasant farming and the fishing communities, in a centuries-old religious tradition (the Shrine of the Archangel Michael) as well as a present-day tradition (Padre Pio).

The documentary narrates these aspects, combining spectacular images gathered after long and patient filming, with the knowledge of a fascinating story.







