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Italy is famous for its fabulous art, fantastic food, opera, and so much more. What is less known about Italy is the diversity and turbulence of the geologic story behind all of this abundance: the continuously erupting volcanoes, the violent earthquakes, the clash of mighty tectonic plates, and the rising of the mountains from which Michelangelo sourced his famous marbles. *Italy's Mystery Mountains* explores the fascinating geologic story of Italy, the land where the term "geology" was invented in the early 1600s.

This documentary follows two international teams of geologists, one working in the northern Apennine Mountains near Bologna and the other in southern Italy, where Sicily's famed volcano, Mt. Etna, frequently erupts in brilliant showers of lava. The Apennines are known to be geologically alive in the south, but are they still alive and growing taller in the north? The American and Italian geologists are determined to resolve this hotly debated topic. If they can, they will be able to fill in the story of how the Italian peninsula was first created and better understand where future earthquakes might strike this highly unstable land.

Shot in Italy's geologic hotspots, the film ties Italy's incredible geologic story to its rich artistic culture. Locations range from the majestic Dolomite Range in the Alps to the artistic riches of Florence, the medieval villages of Tuscany, and the jagged Alpi Apuane range where Michelangelo quarried marble at Carrara. *Italy's Mystery Mountains* follows Italy's geologic tale from Bologna into the seaside cliff towns of Cinque Terra; to Mt. Vesuvius and Pompeii and along the twists and turns of the Amalfi Coast where the Apennines meet the sea; to the picturesque southern regions of Puglia and Calabria, and across the island of Sicily, reaching all the way into Tunisia.

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