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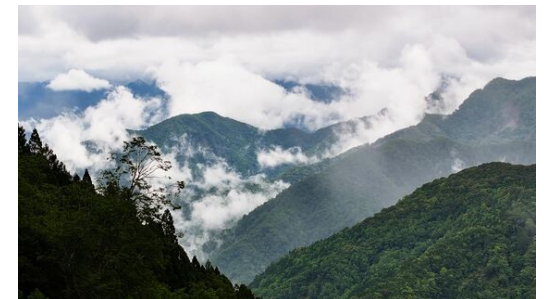
UNCOVERING TAIWAN

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Taiwan's islands tell stories of tradition, wilderness, and wonder.

While Taiwan is often seen as a hub of democracy and technology under the shadow of China, few know it is an archipelago of nearly 170 islands. From the rugged mountains of Formosa to the hidden treasures of the surrounding isles, we explore the awe-inspiring beauty and rich cultural heritage that make these islands truly unique. Witness the raw power of nature, the resilience of local communities, and the tireless efforts to protect the islands' biodiversity in this immersive journey through Taiwan's natural marvels.

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1. From the Sea to the Summit

In the first episode, we focus on the main island of Taiwan, once called Ilha Formosa, "the Beautiful Isle," by Portuguese explorers. Here, mountain peaks scrape the sky, their towering presence a testament to the island's geological might. Deep forests pulse with life, harboring an astounding array of flora and fauna that have adapted to thrive in these lush environments. Along the coasts, the relentless forces of storms and waves have sculpted the shoreline, creating a dynamic and ever-changing landscape. We meet passionate conservationists, organic farmers, and traditional fishermen who work tirelessly to protect and preserve the island's natural wonders and cultural traditions.

2. Treasures of the Pacific

The second episode takes us on a voyage to the small islands that dot the waters surrounding Taiwan, unveiling the treasures that await in these oceanic outposts. These islands are a testament to the resilience and ingenuity of the local communities who have adapted to life on the edge of the vast Pacific Ocean. From the traditional fishing practices of Orchid Island to the stunning coral reefs teeming with unique creatures, we highlight the intimate relationship between the islanders and the sea. We also gain insight into the islands' role as critical habitats for migratory birds and rare species, and learn about the cutting-edge research being conducted to better understand and protect these fragile ecosystems.