

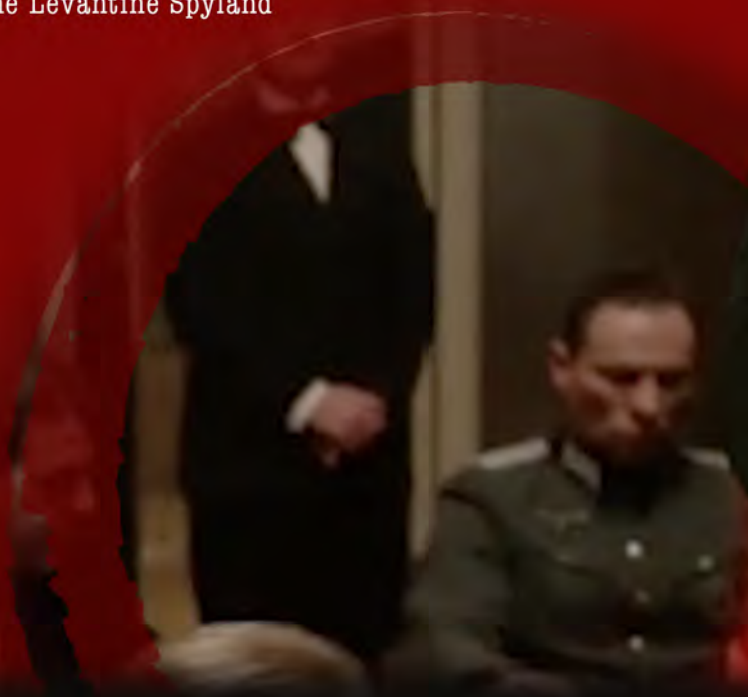
In Europe, there were nations who managed to remain neutral and became true oasis of peace where while the rest of the continent was being engulfed by a dark wave of destruction, one could still marvel with the glittering lights that shined in its cities.

Portugal - Europe's gateway

Switzerland - A refuge for German anti-Nazis

Sweden - The Scandinavian Casablanca

Turkey - The Levantine Spyland



SPY LANDS



4 x 48 min.

"An unique documentary series that will surprise you with four intriguing hidden battlefields where invisible armies of spies faced each other during WW2."



During the second world war, while the most important cities in Europe were being razed to smoking rubble, there were places that still glittered during those dark nights. Some few countries would declare their neutrality in this conflict, and in cities like Lisbon, Geneva, Stockholm or Istanbul, businesses were open and running, people went to their jobs and life went on normally. Soon, those lucky and resourceful enough to escape the war zone would find their way into these oases of peace waiting either for the hostilities to end or for a safe passage to Palestine or the other side of the Atlantic. The wealthier would enjoy a then unusual glamorous lifestyle spent at the elegant hotels, fashion shops, luxurious restaurants or even lively clubs and casinos where Jazz orchestras would set rhythm from dusk till dawn.

Here the war was something that made the headlines in the newspapers that one could read at the café on a peaceful morning and the deadliest event in the history of mankind seemed quite distant... but yet it was closer than one could have ever imagined.

Both belligerent sides would use spies from all over the globe to infiltrate among those refugees, some of them double and triple agents. Together with German anti-Nazis and members of the resistance from the occupied countries, they would carry out their secret missions while living their double lives, often helped by locals who, moved by either ideological principles or mere greed, were willing to betray their own country. Those peaceful and glamorous places became their battleground, adding a unique atmosphere of intrigue to them, where no one could be trusted.

These were the SPYLANDS!

From the audacious deceiving operations carried out by double cross agents based in Portugal, the subversive actions of the Anti-Hitler resistance carried out by German refugees in Switzerland, the brilliant Nazi code-breaking of the Swedish secret service to the conspiracies that took place in the exotic Turkish background - in this unique series, we will revisit the places and reenact some of the most audacious acts of espionage that occurred during those years, based on in-depth research of recently declassified archives and the testimonials from world renowned specialists, unveiling for the first time key episodes in the intelligence warfare that could and would change the course of history.

Guest Specialists

Ben Macintyre - One of the best authors on books on history of espionage, including *Double Cross: „The True Story of the D-Day Spies and For Your Eyes Only: Ian Fleming and James Bond“*

Max Hastings - British Journalist, author of *The Secret War: „Spies, Codes And Guerrillas, 1939–45“*

Stephan Talty - American journalist and writer, author of *„The Secret Agent: In Search of America's Greatest World War II Spy and Agent Garbo“*

Neill Lochery - Scottish historian, Professor of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Studies in the faculty of Arts & Humanities, University College London. Author of *Lisbon: „War in the Shadows of the City of Light, 1939-1945“*

Irene Flunser Pimentel - Portuguese historian, researcher at the Instituto de História Contemporânea in Lisbon, Portugal. Author of *„Espiões em Portugal Durante a II Guerra Mundial“*

José António Barreiros - Portuguese author, specialized mostly in espionage during world war 2 in Portugal, including books like *„Nathalie Sergueiev - Uma Agente Dupla em Lisboa“*

Rui Araújo - Portuguese journalist, author of the book *“O Império dos Espiões”* (The Empire of Spies).

João Moreira dos Santos - Portuguese Jazz Radio DJ and historian, author of *“Josephine Baker in Portugal”*

Pat DiGeorge - American writer, author of *Liberty Lady: „A True Story of Love and Espionage in WWII „*

Victor Lundberg - Senior Lecturer/Assistant Professor at the Department of Global Political Studies at Malmö University, Sweden. Author of *“Karlsson, The Amiable Spy”*

François Kersaudy - French historian and professor of English language at the University of Paris . Author of *„L'affaire Cicéron “*(The Cicero Affair)

Süleyman Seydi - Turkish Historian at the TC Süleyman Demirel University in Istanbul, author of *„The Intelligence War in Turkey During the Second WW II“*



Episode 1



Portugal - LISBON "The Real Casablanca"

How Lisbon became a hotbed for secret agents and the most important operations conducted by some of the most notorious WW2 spies, like GARBO, TRICYCLE, TREASURE, whose actions contributed to the success of the Allies, as well as conspiracy plans by the Nazis to kidnap the Duke of Windsor.



Episode 2



Switzerland - A refuge for German Anti-Nazis

A deep research on the role played by the German Anti-Nazi resistance exiled in Switzerland in the outcome of the war, including the collaboration from high rank officials from the Reich that planned to overthrow Hitler and how the Allied secret services benefited from them. The secret agreements between the German and the Swiss intelligence are also revealed.

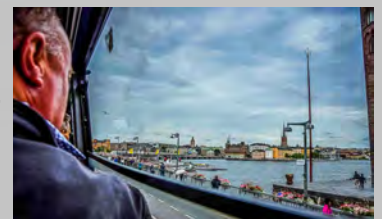


Episode 3



Sweden - The Scandinavian Casablanca

A detailed investigation on the excellence of Swedish espionage, who managed to break Nazi secret codes and how many of their agents became some of the best spies during World War Two, many of them collaborating with both sides of the conflict. The use of their informations proved vital in the Allied victory and its neglect fatal in Operation Barbarossa.



Episode 4



Turkey - The Oriental Spynest

The rise and fall of the Dogwood chain, one of the most efficient spy networks during the war, the conspiracy to kill German ambassador Von Papen, the defection of Abwehr agents to the Allied side and the infamous Cicero affair, are some of the intrigues set in the unique exotism of Istanbul.



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