

ROMAN ENGINEERING
EPISODE 3
AQUEDUCTS
ENSURING A VITAL SUPPLY

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SYNOPSIS

The documentary relives the moment in history when the decision was taken to build the aqueduct of Nemausus (modern Nîmes). An engineer is commissioned to decide where to build the town and to provide it with an aqueduct to guarantee a water supply.

Isaac Moreno allows the viewer to see all this through the eyes of that engineer. By means of precise and elaborate computer simulations, combined with superb pictures taken from the air and the land, he helps us understand the structures and engineering needed to turn the Nîmes aqueduct into a reality. Armed with that knowledge, he then takes us on a dizzying journey across the whole Empire, where other breathtaking structures were built and challenges solved with amazing technical solutions.

We will see surprising and little-known aqueducts in Spain and impressive siphons in the aqueducts of Gier in France and Patara and Aspendos in Turkey. The curious aqueduct of Arles in France, with its water mill. The incredible system of aqueducts supplying Rome and the extraordinary recent discoveries at the aqueducts of Carthage in Tunisia and Gadara in Jordan, the latter with a 106 kilometres of uninterrupted rock-cut tunnel.



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