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By Roger C

Europe is full of abandoned buildings and

structures, deserted factories left over from the industrial revolution, steelworks, hospitals, churches, military bunkers and entire empty villages, some from the recent past. The documentary ***Abandoned?*** is an exploration of these fascinating places and the evocative role that they play in our consciousness.

The film's makers, **Geppe Monrós** and **Julia Clay**, undertook a marathon 13-month journey around Europe in their camper van, visiting abandoned sites in 24 different countries – from villages in **Turkey** that have been empty for a thousand years to the ruins of the civil war in the countries of the former **Yugoslavia**; from rusting steelworks of the industrial past in **Düsseldorf** to empty villages in **Spain** whose desertion has been caused by today's financial crisis.

The film examines the many ways in which we deal with these locations. Some are recycled and put to uses radically different from their original intention: industrial plants transformed into concert halls, art galleries and performance spaces; bunkers used to house wineries... the list is as endless as people's ingenuity. Others are undergoing careful restoration to bring back their original glory, while many are just left for nature to reclaim, giving them an evocative beauty as undergrowth takes over and they disappear back into the landscape. Many abandoned sites are a magnet for that very 21st century adventurer – the urban explorer – who sets off to rediscover and photograph the hidden mystery of the spaces we've left behind, undocumented and unacknowledged.

Abandoned? makes for fascinating viewing, balancing beautiful photography of deserted sites with the myriad of ways that they can be transformed and given back a useful role within society – and succeeds in being both sadly evocative and inspiring at the same time.

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