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# Games of the Nations

In the many different regions of the world, people get excited about an amazing variety of games, some of them bizarre, all of them absorbing and entertaining, whether it's el pato in Argentina, polo in India, lacrosse in Canada or vovinam in Vietnam. What exactly goes on in these games?

And what is it that makes people want to play them? Our series looks into these questions and into the origins of these typical national favourites, bearing in mind that most traditional active pursuits have their roots far back in the past. It is this combination of past history and present fascination that gives these documentaries their particular charm. They cannot fail to interest and entertain the viewer.

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