

ANCIENT SILK ROAD CITIES & LANDMARKS

Reference Map Chart: Eurasian Trade Routes Period: 2nd Century BCE - 18th Century CE

City Name	Region	Key Landmark	Historical Significance
Xi'an (Chang'an)	East Asia	Giant Wild Goose Pagoda	The eastern terminus and capital of the Han and Tang Dynasties.
Dunhuang	East Asia	Mogao Caves	Religious and cultural hub at the edge of the Gobi Desert.
Samarkand	Central Asia	Registan Square	Central hub of Islamic architecture and Sogdian trade.
Bukhara	Central Asia	Po-i-Kalyan Complex	Major center for trade, scholarship, and theology.
Merv	Central Asia	Sultan Sanjar Mausoleum	A vital "Oasis City" and once the largest city in the world.
Isfahan	Middle East	Naqsh-e Jahan Square	Strategic crossroads connecting Persia to the Levant.

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Palmyra	Middle East	Temple of Bel	Crucial caravan stop for Roman-bound luxury goods.
Istanbul (Byzantium)	Eurasia	Hagia Sophia	The western gateway into Europe and the Mediterranean.