

ANCIENT SILK ROAD CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Cross-Continental Trade & Influence Overview

Historical Period: 2nd Century BCE - 18th Century CE Primary Routes: Terrestrial & Maritime

REGION OF ORIGIN	EXPORTS (GOODS & COMMODITIES)	CULTURAL & INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
East Asia	Silk, Porcelain, Tea, Paper, Lacquerware	Gunpowder technology, Compass, Sericulture, Confucianism, Woodblock printing
Central Asia	Horses, Camels, Furs, Jade, Woolen carpets	Chariot warfare techniques, Military tactics, Musical instruments (Lute/Pipa)
South Asia	Cotton, Spices (Pepper), Precious gems, Ivory	Buddhism, Mathematics (Zero), Ayurvedic medicine, Sugar refining
Middle East	Glassware, Incense (Frankincense), Textiles, Dates	Islam, Astronomy, Advanced Algebra, Architecture (Domes/Arches)

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Mediterranean	Olive oil, Wine, Gold, Silver, Glass beads	Hellenistic Art, Christian Theology, Roman Law, Medical Philosophy

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