

CENTRAL ASIAN SILK ROAD CORRIDORS

Educational Resource Chart Reference: CASR-001

Ferghana Valley Route	Osh, Khujand, Kokand	Horses, Jade, Silk, Wine	Mountain Pass, Fertile Valley
Transoxiana Hub	Samarkand, Bukhara, Merv	Paper, Glassware, Spices, Silver	Arid Steppe, Oasis
Pamir Knot	Kashgar, Tashkurgan	Lapis Lazuli, Wool, Skins	High Altitude Plateau
Northern Steppe	Suyab, Talas	Furs, Livestock, Honey, Wax	Open Grassland
Bactrian Corridor	Balkh, Termez	Gold, Saffron, Incense	River Basin, Desert Edge

Historical Context Notes

These corridors facilitated the exchange of the "Four Great Inventions" and religious ideologies (Buddhism, Islam, Nestorianism) between the 2nd Century BCE and the 15th Century CE. The integration of these routes created the world's first globalized trade network.