

CLASSICAL SILK ROAD LAND AND SEA ROUTES

DIMENSION	LAND ROUTES (NORTHERN/SOUTHERN)	MARITIME ROUTES (SPICE ROAD)
Primary Regions	Chang'an, Samarkand, Antioch, Constantinople, Kashgar.	Guangzhou, Malacca, Calicut, Alexandria, Rome.
Geographic Terrain	Gobi Desert, Pamir Mountains, Steppes of Central Asia.	South China Sea, Indian Ocean, Red Sea, Mediterranean.
Key Commodities	Silk, Jade, Furs, Rhubarb, Horses, Precious Metals.	Spices (Cloves, Pepper), Tea, Ceramics, Ivory, Aromatics.
Methods of Transit	Camel Caravans, Horse-drawn Wagons.	Chinese Junks, Arab Dhows, Roman Galleys.
Major Risks	Banditry, Sandstorms, Mountain Passes, Water Scarcity.	Monsoons, Piracy, Shipwrecks, Reef Navigation.

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**Cultural
Exchange**

Buddhism, Nestorian Christianity,
Paper-making.

Islam, Hinduism, Naval
Astronomy, Compass
Tech.