

# SILK ROAD EXPLORATION CHART

*A Comprehensive Overview of Ancient Global Trade*

## MAJOR TRADING HUBS

### East Asia

- Xi'an (Chang'an)
- Dunhuang
- Lanzhou

### Central Asia

- Samarkand
- Bukhara
- Kashgar

### Western Terminus

- Antioch
- Constantinople
- Alexandria

## COMMODITIES & EXCHANGE

### Exports: East to West

- Silk & Fine Textiles
- Gunpowder & Paper
- Spices (Ginger, Cassia)
- Fine Porcelain

### Exports: West to East

- Horses (Ferghana)
- Glassware
- Grapes & Wine
- Woolen Textiles

### Intangible Goods

- Buddhism & Islam
- Mathematical Concepts
- Printing Techniques
- Medical Knowledge

## GEOGRAPHIC NAVIGATION

### HISTORICAL IMPACT

#### **Economic**

Creation of the first globalized economy and specialized merchant classes.

#### **Diplomatic & Cultural**

Facilitated the meeting of the Han Dynasty and the Roman Empire, leading to the exchange of technologies and philosophies that defined the Middle Ages.

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