

# HISTORICAL SILK ROAD NETWORK

Key Trading Hubs, Primary Goods, and Regional Connectivity

| ROUTE SEGMENT          | MAJOR HUBS                       | PRIMARY COMMODITIES EXPORTED                    | KEY INFLUENCES     |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>Eastern (China)</b> | Chang'an, Luoyang, Dunhuang      | <i>Silk, Paper, Porcelain, Tea, Gunpowder</i>   | Han/Tang Dynasties |
| <b>Central Asian</b>   | Samarkand, Bukhara, Kashgar      | <i>Horses, Glassware, Fur, Cotton, Textiles</i> | Sogdian Merchants  |
| <b>South Asian</b>     | Taxila, Mathura, Barbaricum      | <i>Spices, Gemstones, Ivory, Sandalwood</i>     | Kushan Empire      |
| <b>Middle Eastern</b>  | Baghdad, Palmyra, Antioch        | <i>Incense, Myrrh, Carpets, Silverware</i>      | Islamic Caliphates |
| <b>Mediterranean</b>   | Alexandria, Constantinople, Rome | <i>Gold, Wine, Olive Oil, Woolen Fabrics</i>    | Roman/Byzantine    |
| <b>Maritime</b>        | Guangzhou, Malacca, Calicut      | <i>Cloves, Nutmeg, Black Pepper, Ceramics</i>   | Chola/Ming Navies  |

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