

THE SILK ROAD

Merchant Caravan Merchant Path & Trade Reference

Chang'an
(Xi'an)
Dunhuang
Kashgar
Samarkand
Baghdad
Antioch

PRIMARY COMMODITIES

- Silk & Textiles East to West
- Spices & Tea East to West
- Glassware West to East
- Horses Central to East
- Precious Metals West to East

CARAVAN ESSENTIALS

- ⚔ Bactrian Camels (Cold Desert)
- ⚔ Dromedary Camels (Arid Desert)
- ⚔ Caravanserai (Resting Stations)
- ⚔ Protection Escorts
- ⚔ Barter Documents

GEOGRAPHIC HAZARDS

- ⚔ Gobi Desert (Sandstorms)
- ⚔ Pamir Mountains (High Altitude)
- ⚔ Taklamakan Desert ("Place of No Return")
- ⚔ Steppe Bandits

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

- ⚔ Spread of Buddhism & Islam
- ⚔ Papermaking Technology
- ⚔ Mathematical Concepts
- ⚔ Musical Instruments (Lute/Pipa)

Educational Material Reference Only | Historical Period: Han to Ming Dynasty