

Silk Road Maps

Eastern Civilization

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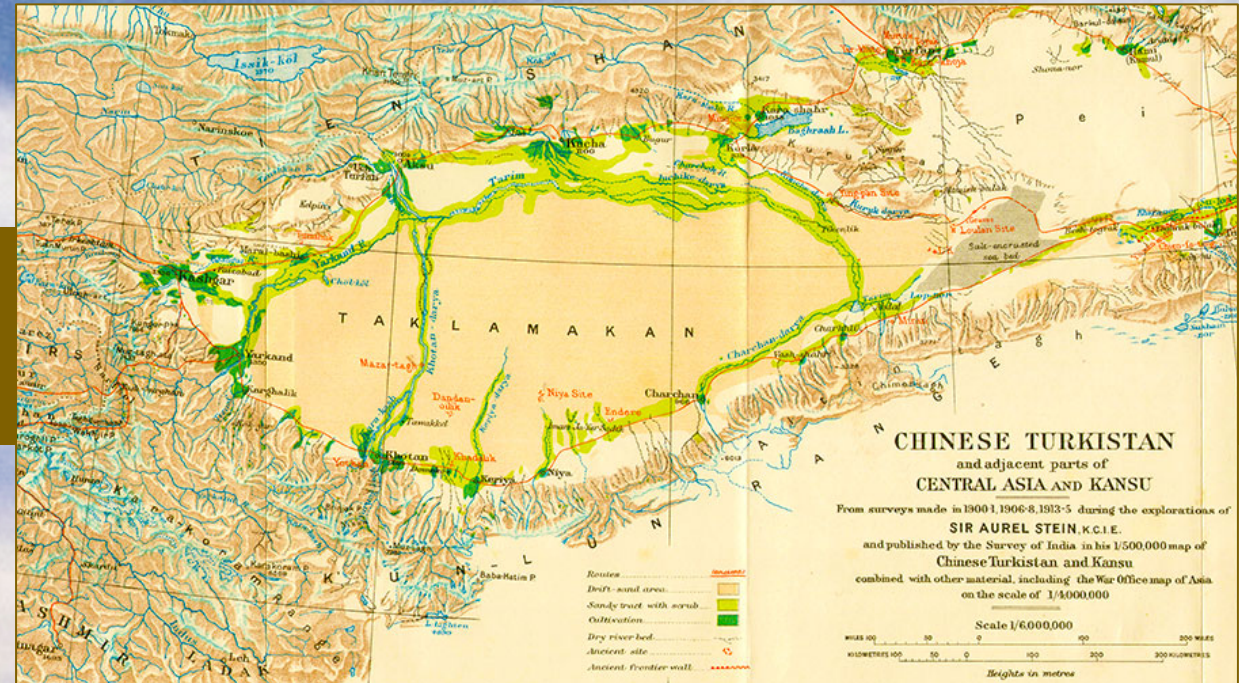
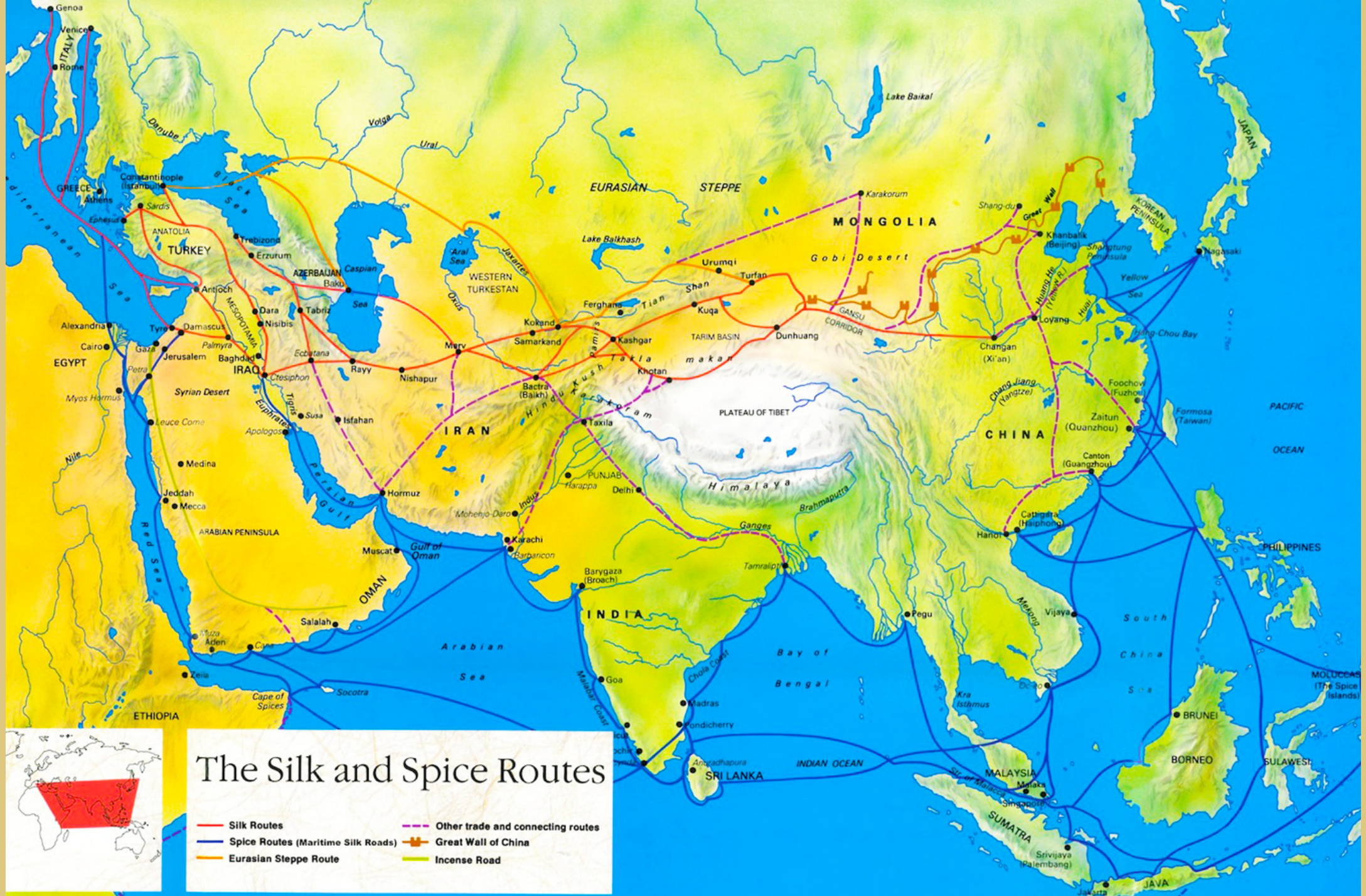
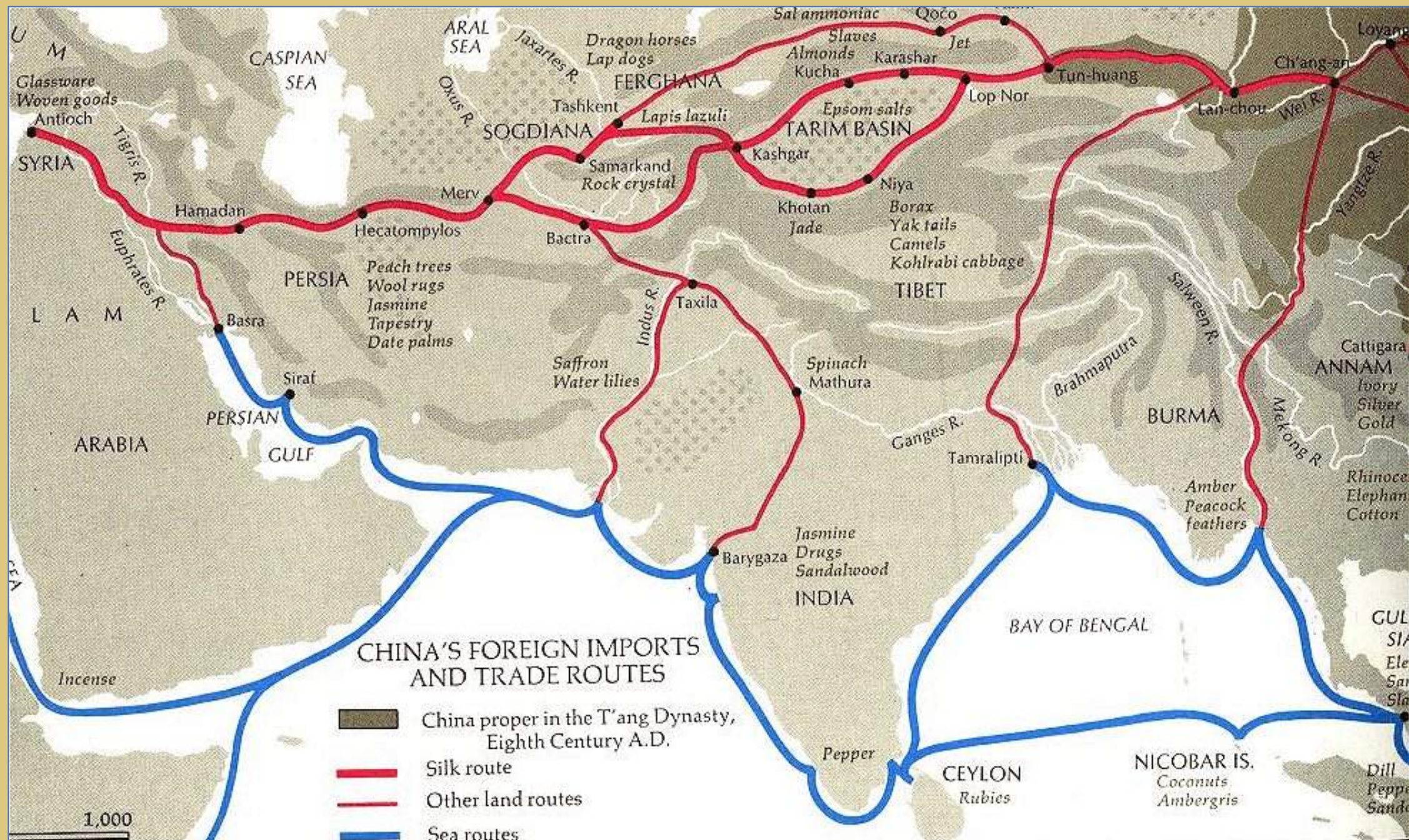
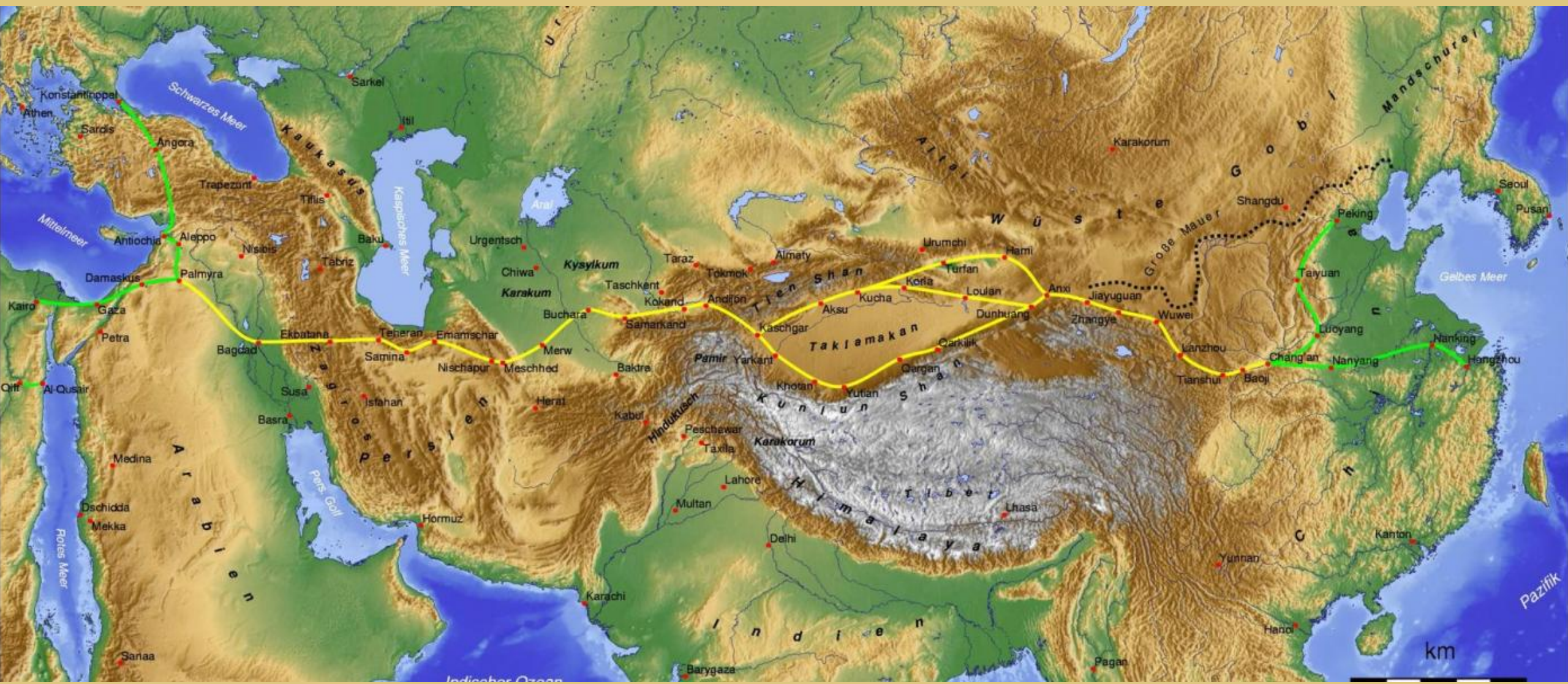
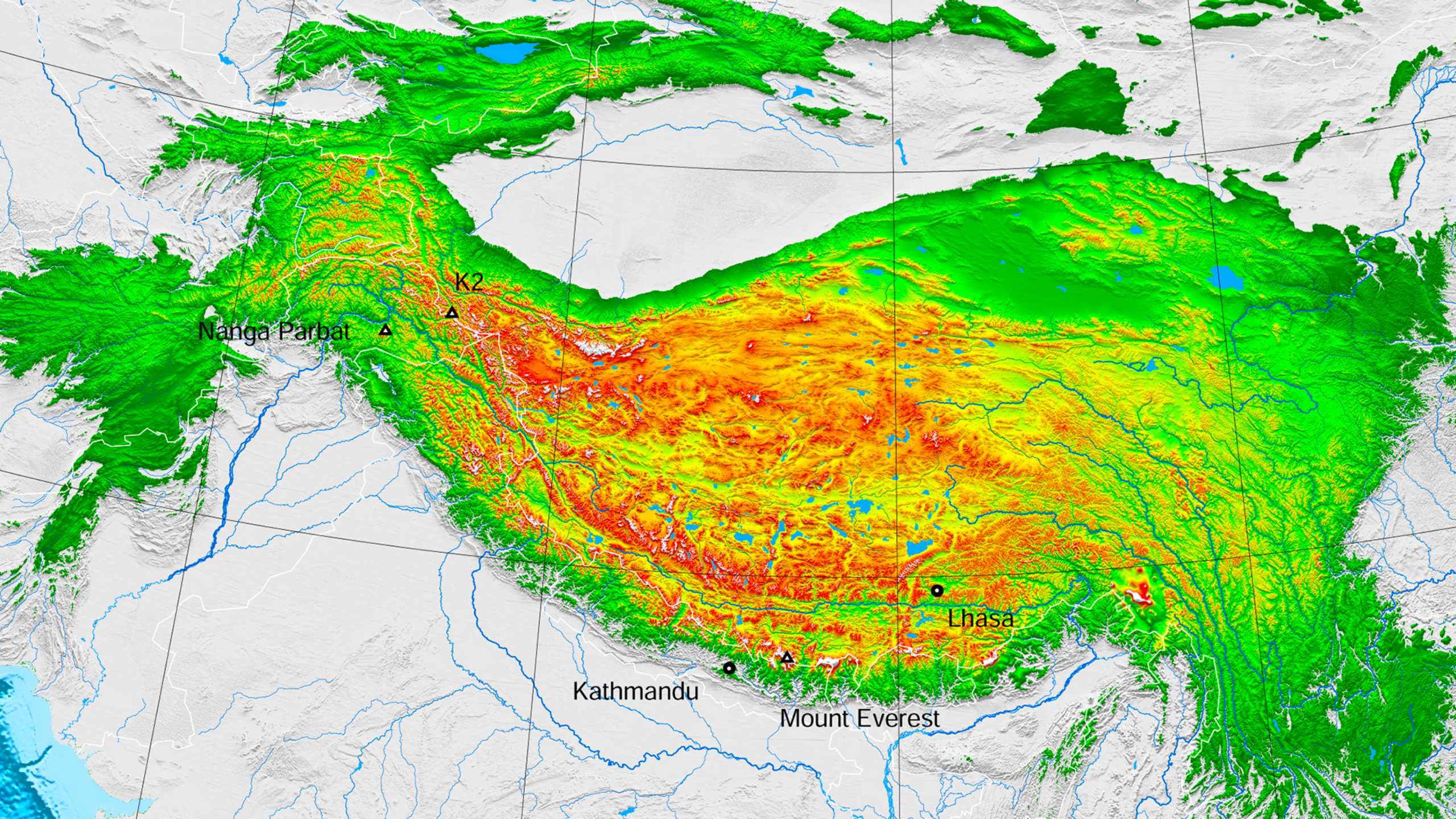


Photo: Jiayuguan Fort on the Chinese Silk Road, Steven Martin 2001











Major Mountains

Name	Main Peak	Altitude(m)
Himalayas	Qomolangma Feng	8 844.43
Karakorum Shan	Qogir Feng	8 611
Kunlun Shan	Kongur Shan	7 649
Daxue Shan	Gongga Shan	7 556
Hengduan Shan	Yulong Xueshan	5 596
Tian Shan	Tomir Feng	7 443
Nyainqentangla Shan	Nyainqentangla Feng	7 162
Gangdise Shan	Loimbo Kangri	7 095
Tanggula Shan	Geiadamdong Feng	6 621
Hoh Xil Shan	Kangrizhi	6 305
Qilian Shan	Qilian Shan	5 547
Bayan Har Shan	Nyainboyuze Feng	5 369
Altay Shan	Yousi Feng	4 374
Taiwan Shan	Yu Shan	3 952
Qin Ling	Taibai Shan	3 767
Taihang Shan	Xiaoawatai Shan	2 882
Yin Shan	Koh Baxig	2 364
Wuyi Shan	Huanggang Shan	2 157
Nan Ling	Mao'er Shan	2 141
Da Hinggan Ling	Huanggang Liang	2 029

Major Plains

Name	Area (sq km)	Altitude (m)
Dongbei Pingyuan	350 000	<200
Huabei Pingyuan	300 000	<100
Changjiang Zhongxiayou Pingyuan	200 000	<50
Zhujiang Sanjiaozhou	11 000	<20

Major Plateaus

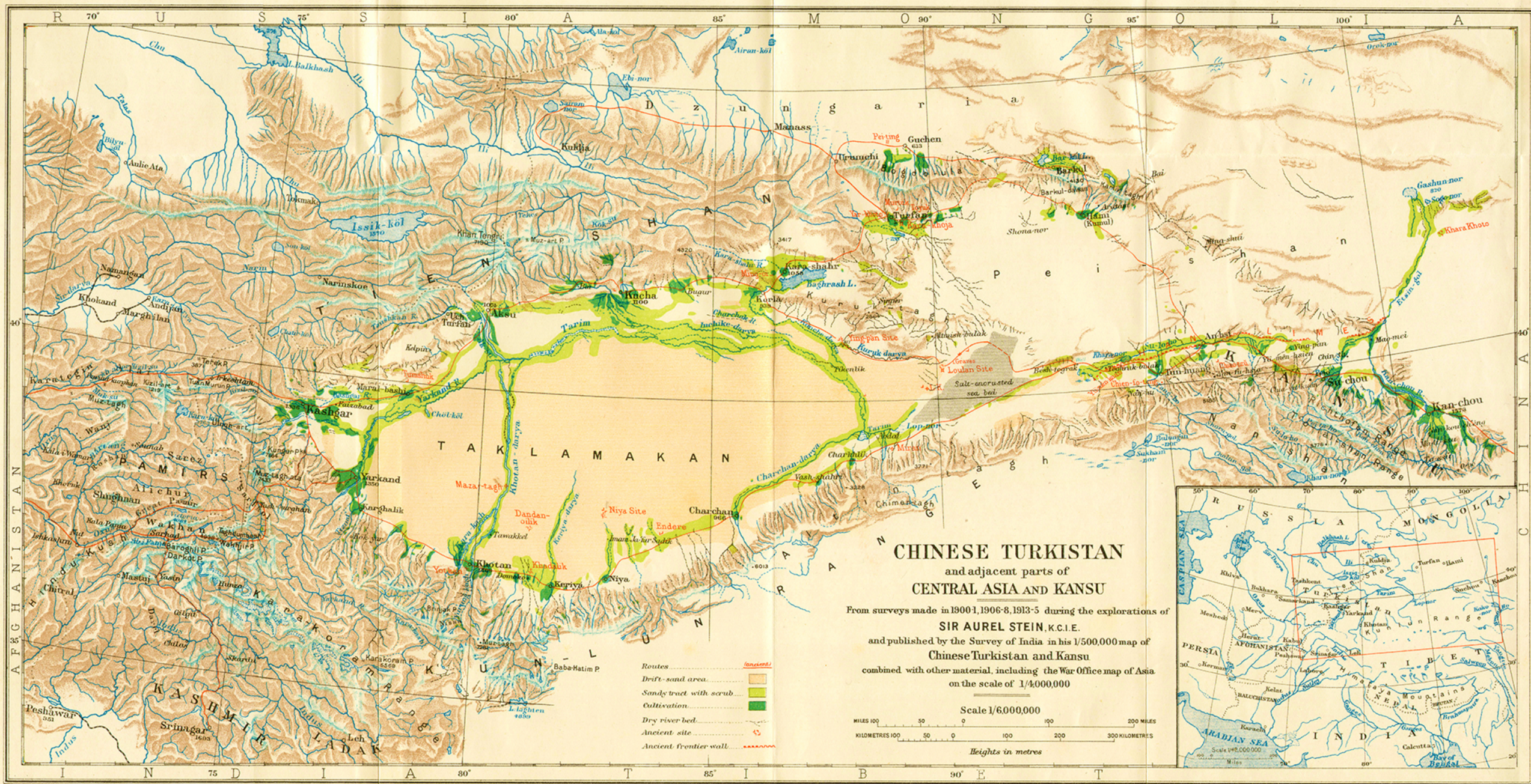
Name	Area (sq km)	Altitude (m)
Qingzang Gaoyuan	2 500 000	3000~5000
Nei Mongol Gaoyuan	700 000	1000~1500
Yungui Gaoyuan	500 000	1000~2000
Huangtu Gaoyuan	500 000	800~2000

Major Basins

Name	Area (sq km)	Altitude (m)
Tarim Pendi	560 000	778~1300
Junggar Pendi	380 000	500~1000
Qaidam Pendi	255 000	2600~3000
Sichuan Pendi	200 000	300~700



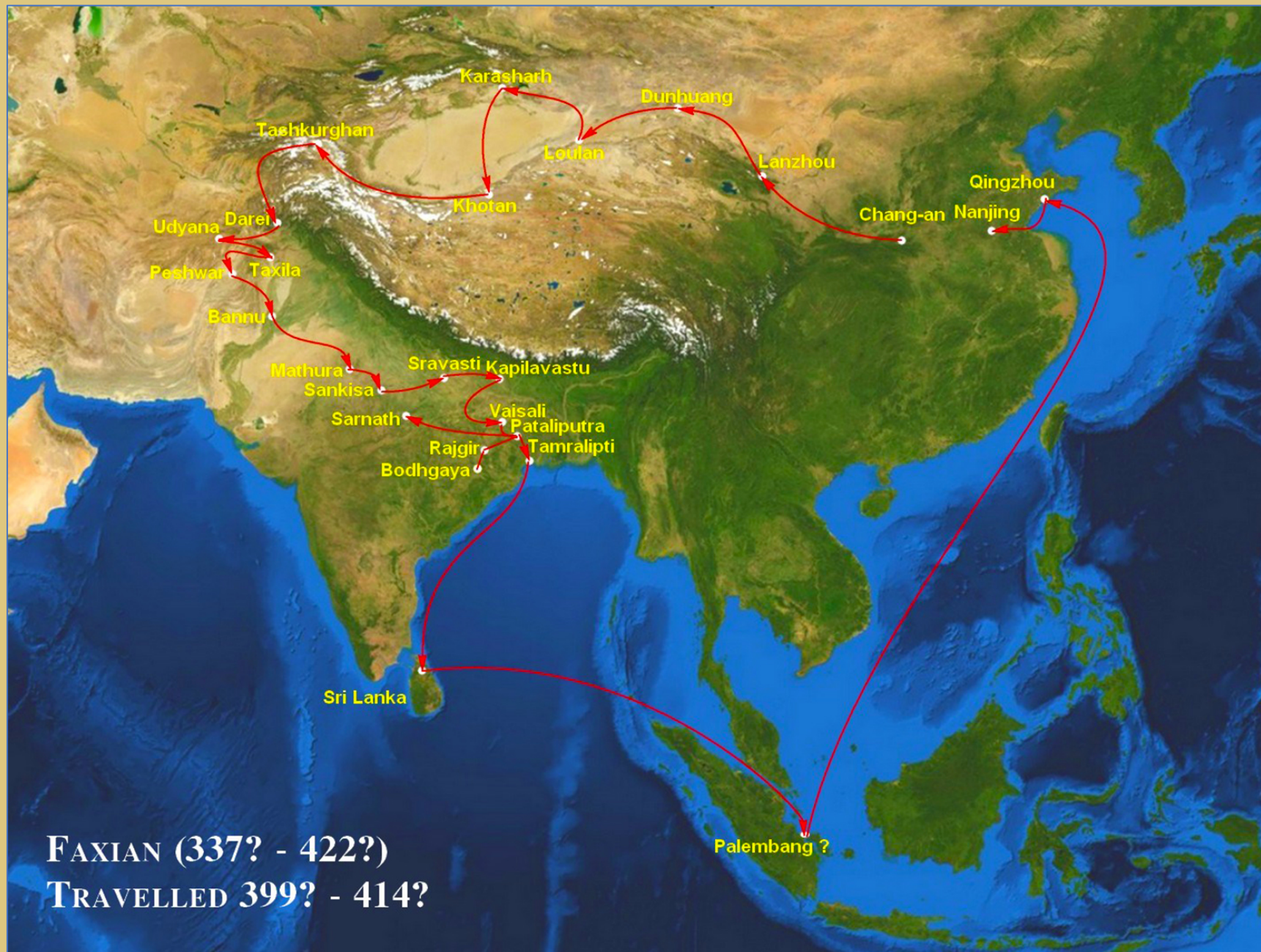


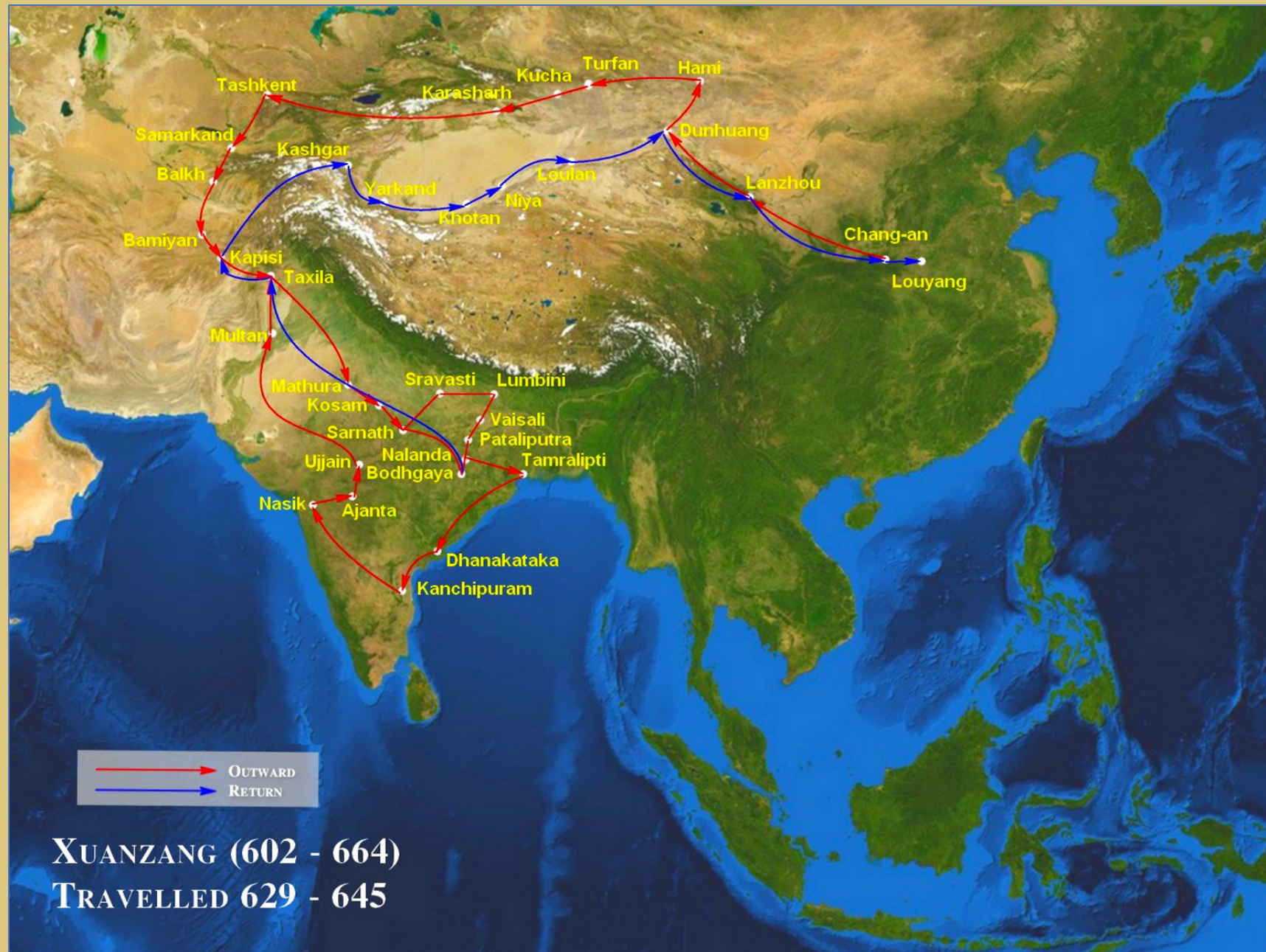


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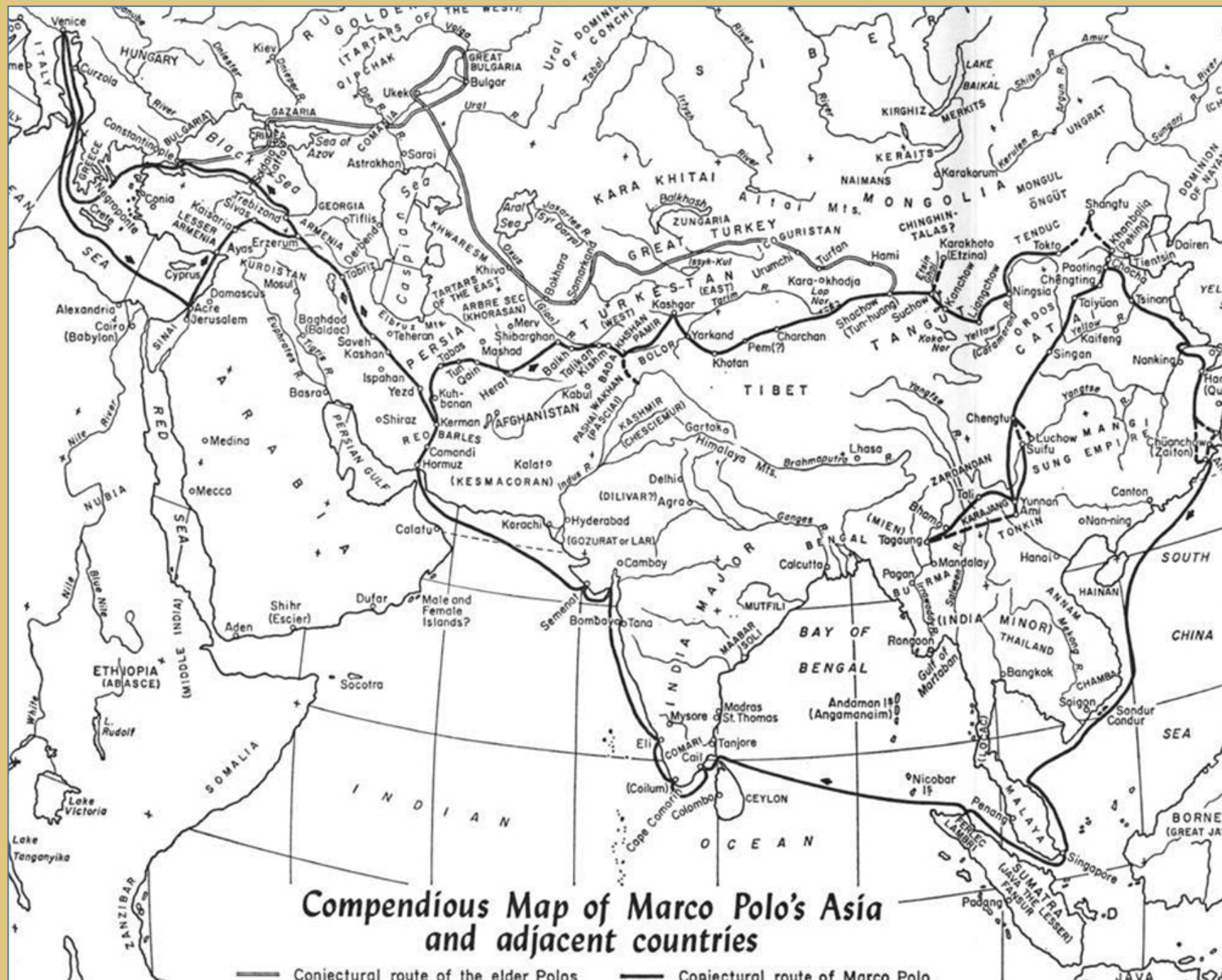








XUANZANG (602 - 664)
TRAVELLED 629 - 645



Compendious Map of Marco Polo's Asia and adjacent countries

— Coniectural route of the elder Polos — Coniectural route of Marco Polo

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