

Painted World



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Leif Eriksson

NEWFOUNDLAND

One of the longest voyages, led by the brave young Leif Eriksson, took the Vikings across the Atlantic Ocean to the coast of North America, where they founded the settlement of Vinland (present-day Newfoundland).

CANADA

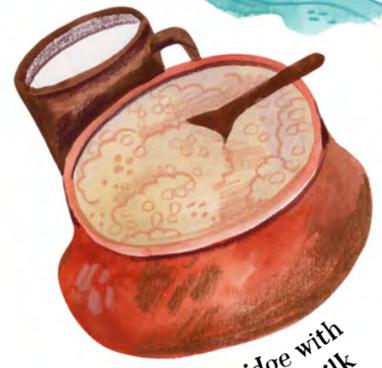
the Vinland settlement

Although they did not yet have a magnetic compass, they were excellent navigators at sea. They found their way by the Sun and the stars.

longship

They observed different colors of the sea, the movement of the waves, and could sense even the slightest change in the wind.

It is no accident that they were nicknamed "lords of the seas"



barley porridge with butter and sour milk



At night they slept on their ships under spread-out sails, or beneath thick bear-fur skins.

Viking weapons



helmet



golden brooch



a Viking in full armor



SCANDINAVIA

DENMARK

a woman warrior



The Vikings came from what is now Denmark, southern Norway, and Sweden.

dried fish



fishing



the highest god, Odin



Thor's hammer amulet for luck



ESTONIA

stone hook



decorated axe

Viking Sea Voyages

The Vikings were sailors and raiders from southern Scandinavia. On their longships, they set out onto the stormy Northern Seas. With favorable winds, the waves carried them to many distant shores that were unknown at the time.

Their bravery also led some of them to serve as personal guards of the Byzantine emperors.



Viking runic writing



runes

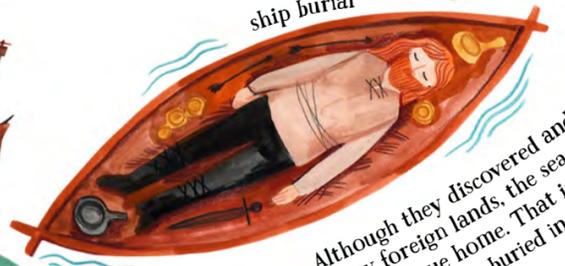


Sailing south, they reached northern Africa.

AFRICA



ship burial

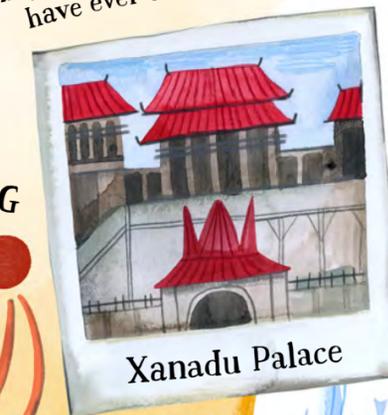


Although they discovered and conquered many foreign lands, the sea remained the Vikings' true home. That is why they were sometimes buried in ships as well.

1271-1295

about 15,000 mi

The Silk Road may be the longest route people have ever traveled on foot.



Xanadu Palace



Kublai Khan

When Marco arrived in Beijing, he met the Mongol Kublai Khan. He liked the clever young man so much that he appointed him as a court official for a time.

On the journey back home, Marco and his relatives still had to make one more unplanned and demanding stop on Sumatra. What delayed them was that the ship had to wait for favorable winds.



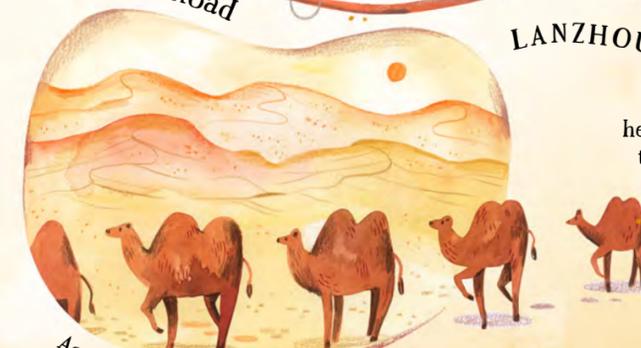
KARAKORUM



domestic silk moth

Silk is made from threads spun by the cocoon of the silkworm. The Chinese carefully guarded the secret of its production and treated every single thread as precious as gold.

The Silk Road



Across the vast Asian Gobi Desert, they were carried by camels.

INDIA



Indian elephant

Trade along the Silk Road brought wealth. People exchanged not only precious goods, but also ideas and views of the world.



SUMATRA

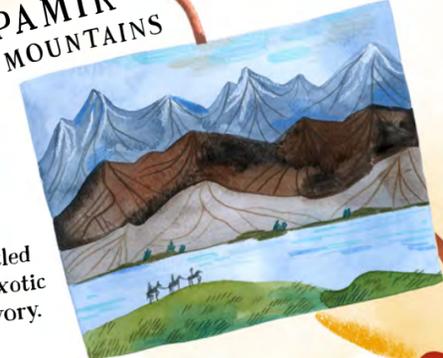
CARAVANSERAI



Staying overnight outdoors was not safe. Bandits roamed the area. Travelers therefore preferred to take shelter in safe inns, called caravanserais.

In the scorching heat of Persia, Marco was frightened by the bones of animals and people. The Pamir Mountains had to be crossed on horseback.

PAMIR MOUNTAINS



BAGHDAD

Merchants from India settled in Baghdad. They brought exotic spices, precious stones, and ivory.



HORMUZ

Marco wrote a book about his travels called **The Million**. He described many experiences from his journeys. Valuable information about distant Asia was later drawn from it by Christopher Columbus as well.



THE MILLION

Marco brought the recipe for ice cream to Europe.

Along the Silk Road

Long ago, the journey from Venice to Beijing took three long years, because much of the way had to be traveled on foot, or, if one was lucky, on horseback. No problem for Marco Polo! At just seventeen years old, he set out together with his father and uncle for a land made famous by mythical dragons and silk.

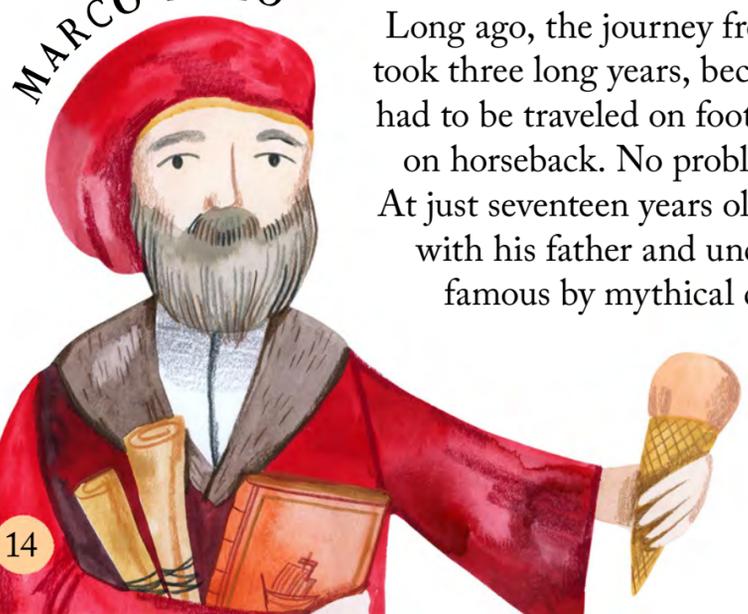
GOODS

FROM EUROPE AND WESTERN ASIA



PICTURESQUE VENICE

MARCO POLO



GOODS FROM CHINA



Along the Silk Road, crowds of merchants from the Mediterranean traveled in search of rare goods from China. In return, they offered goods from Europe and Western Asia.

1796-1804

24,000 mi

PLANTS AND ANIMALS NAMED AFTER HUMBOLDT

Alexander was an excellent artist, and during his travels he created many sketches of remarkable places, plants, and animals.



3.9 mi above sea level

Mount Chimborazo

On Ecuador's highest mountain, Chimborazo, he suffered from altitude sickness...

Humboldt's pincushion cactus



Humboldt's lily



Humboldt's penguin



Humboldt squid



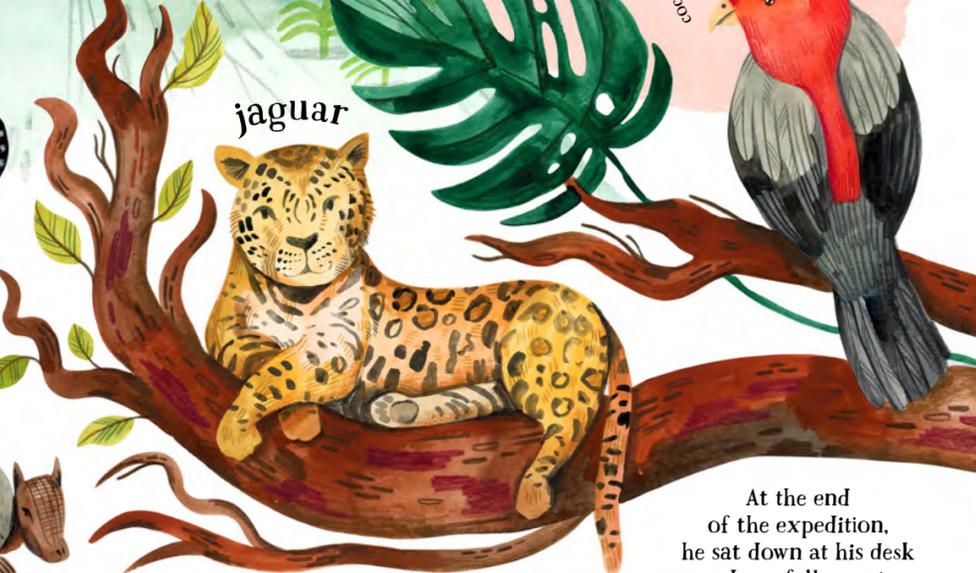
Humboldtine mineral



Andean cock-of-the-rock



jaguar



toco toucan



monarch butterfly

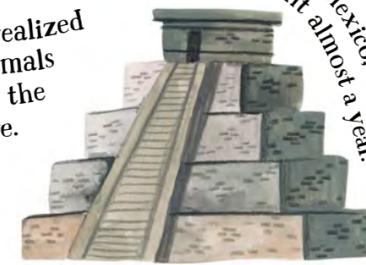


nine-banded armadillo



As one of the first scientists, he realized that the lives of plants and animals are always closely connected to the environment in which they live.

In Mexico, he spent almost a year.



Ancient ruins of the Inca

Where will we go NEXT?



Quinine: a medicine for malaria



cinchona tree

Everything in nature is CONNECTED.

ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT



Indigenous South Americans



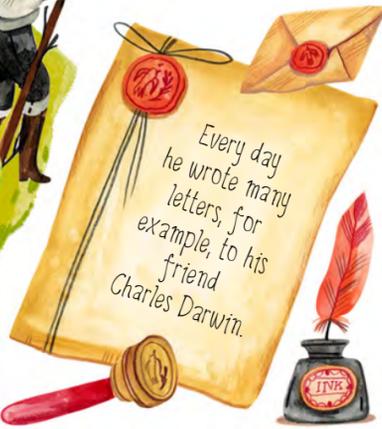
Alexander traveled from Spain to South and Central America.

On board, he always had only the very best equipment.



SHIP'S NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT

His companion was his friend, the botanist Aimé Bonpland.



Every day he wrote many letters, for example, to his friend Charles Darwin.

An Adventure in the Rainforest

From an early age, the young naturalist and geographer Alexander von Humboldt was fascinated by everything alive. He returned from his outings with pockets full of leaves, stones, and lizards. One day, he fulfilled his dream and set off on an adventurous expedition.

ORINOCO RIVER



electric eels

Yay!



yellow-crowned amazon



More SUGARRRRR! More coffee!

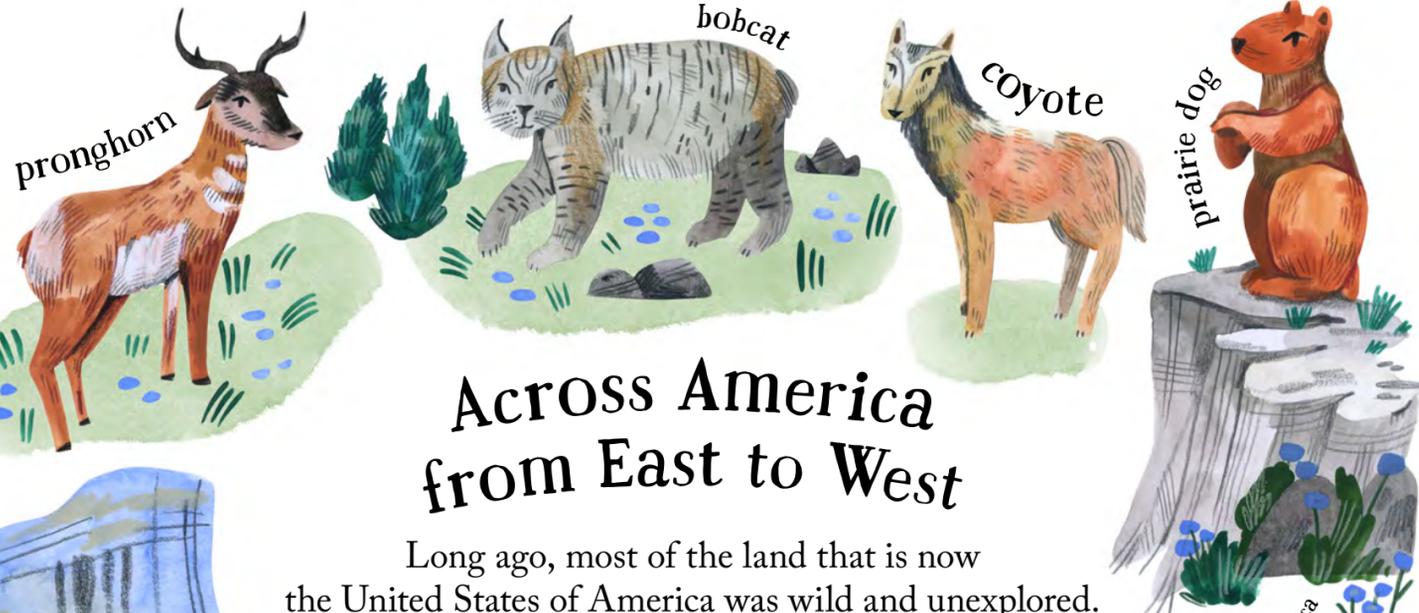
1804-1806

almost 8,000 mi

On the return journey, Sacagawea traded her beautiful belt for a coat made of river otter fur, which Lewis and Clark brought as a gift for the president.

Across America from East to West

Long ago, most of the land that is now the United States of America was wild and unexplored. The president at the time, Thomas Jefferson, therefore decided to send out an expedition. It would be led by two brave explorers, Lewis and Clark, and a Native American woman named Sacagawea.



When they needed horses, Sacagawea negotiated with members of the Shoshone tribe.

She realized the chief was her brother.

The trio traveled across America FROM EAST TO WEST.



They brought home journals full of information about local plants and animals, as well as Native American customs and stories.

Thanks to this expedition, the first accurate map of the entire region was created.

MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITION



Sacagawea

William Clark

Meriwether Lewis

Root soup

ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Sacagawea undertook the difficult journey with her several-month-old baby, Pomp, on her back.



boy Pomp

Journey down the Missouri River



When their boat capsized, on the Missouri River, it was Sacagawea who calmly saved all the important books and supplies.

Sacagawea's name comes from Indigenous languages and means "the one who carries a burden", or also "bird woman".



Liberty dollar coin

In short, this remarkable young woman saved the success of the expedition many times over, and even the lives of all its members.

EDIBLE ROOTS AND MEDICINAL PLANTS

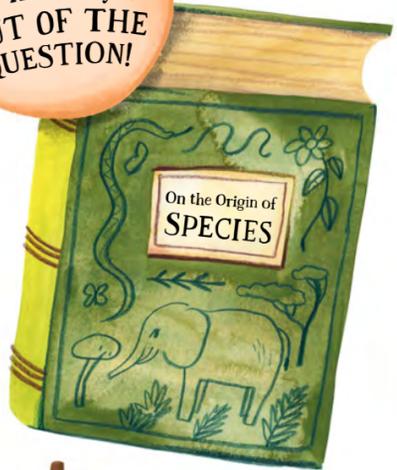


GALÁPAGOS
The Galápagos, also called the "Tortoise Islands," are a group of volcanic islands. They lie about 620 miles west of the coast of South America.

Darwin suspected that his **NEW THEORY** would cause an uproar. He knew he needed convincing evidence. Working behind closed doors, he gathered it piece by piece. After long 20 years, he finally published his groundbreaking theory, **ON THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES**.



Relatives of monkeys?
OUT OF THE QUESTION!



At home, in his garden, he studied bumblebees for years and devoted himself to breeding pigeons.



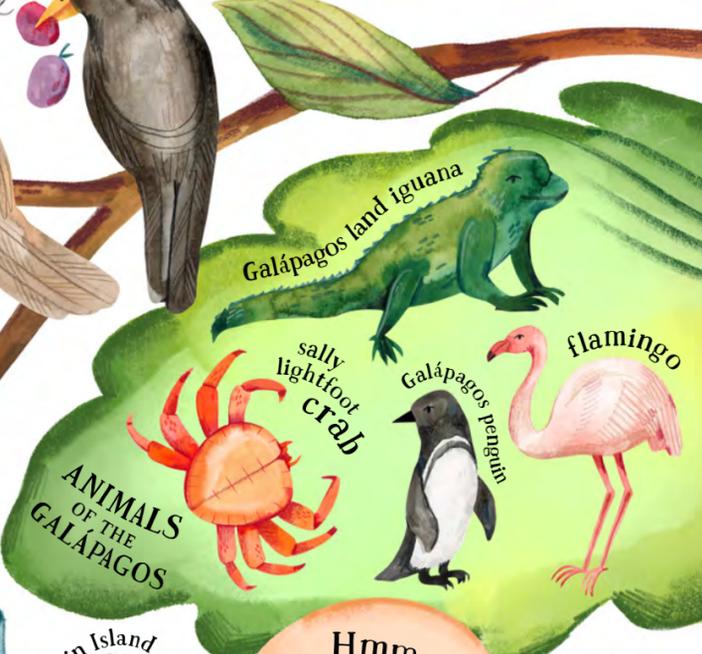
Evolution
Living creatures did not always look the way we know them today. Over many millions of years, they gradually evolved.



Natural Selection
It wasn't always the strongest who survived, but rather those who knew how to adapt well to their environment.



Beaks of finches
from different parts of the Galápagos differed depending on what they ate.



ANIMALS OF THE GALÁPAGOS

Hmm... the tortoises here look almost the same as those in America.

The Fateful Galápagos

Many years ago, people believed that humans could not share common ancestors with animals. Then Charles Darwin was born, boarded a ship, sailed to the Galápagos, and completely changed how we understand the likely development of life on Earth.



Masked moths could more easily hide from predators.

Seasickness
During the sea voyage, Darwin suffered from illness, but as soon as he felt solid ground under his feet, he felt better. Island nature completely captivated him.



June 5, 1883

1,980 mi. 3 nights



Tickets were not cheap, and only a few people could afford them. Most train passengers were royalty, wealthy bankers, important politicians, factory owners, or movie stars.



ticket

Balkan Mountains



The Orient Express began a new era of comfortable travel.

train robbers



TRAIN MENU

Delicacies always changed depending on which country the train was traveling through.

Bandits liked to ambush the unsuspecting train, and one raid even turned deadly.



bathroom



waiter tailcoat with a bow tie



DINING CAR

kitchen

Master chefs were excellent cooks and spoke many world languages.



Chinese porcelain



Oriental carpet



HERCULE POIROT

The train was later traveled by detective writer Agatha Christie. Her journey inspired her to write the novel "Murder on the Orient Express".

Orient Express

You might think that in the cozy compartments of this luxurious train, which regularly traveled from romantic Paris to exotic Istanbul, passengers must have felt as safe as if they were in a bubble... but that comfort also made the train an irresistible temptation for thieves.



AGATHA CHRISTIE



LOUNGE CAR

plush armchair

evening gown

Traveling on this train will soon become a destination in itself.



ISTANBUL

TURKEY



luxury sleeping car

gold rings for napkins



typewriter



MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

January 17, 1912

1,800 mi

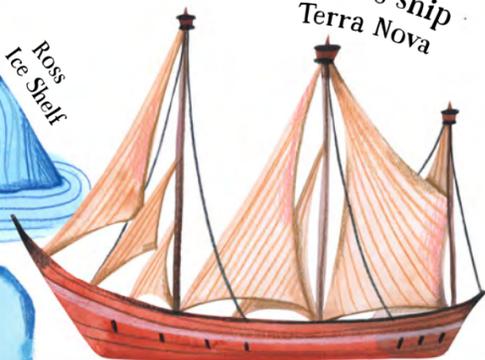
Scott's expedition gathered many important insights about Antarctica's natural world along the way.

Scott's Diary



The journey of both adventurers turned into one of the most dramatic races in history. Who would reach the Pole first?

Scott's ship Terra Nova



Ross Ice Shelf

Ross Island

Antarctica

Scott's team tried to reach the goal using motor sledges and Siberian ponies.

Captain Robert Falcon Scott

A Race to the South Pole

The fearless Norwegian polar explorer Roald Amundsen originally planned to conquer the North Pole. But when news reached him that a certain Mr. Peary had beaten him to it, he turned his ship and headed straight south. At the very same time, however, the English captain Robert Falcon Scott was heading there too...

The sledges soon broke down, and the ponies sank into deep snowdrifts. So the men had to pull the heavy equipment themselves.

When Scott spotted the Norwegian flag, he felt a bitter sense of disappointment.

A MOUND OF SNOW AND ICE for Scott and his companions.

Polar explorers gradually used up all their supplies.

In the end, Amundsen reached the South Pole about a month before Scott.

The weather in the icy landscape was harsh.

The sun shone on the high mountain peaks. The landscape looked like something out of a fairy tale.

Change of plans, boys... We're heading SOUTH!

Amundsen's base camp in the BAY OF WHALES

Amundsen's team crossed the white plains by dog sled.

Amundsen's ship Fram



whale



polar bears



NORTH POLE



airship

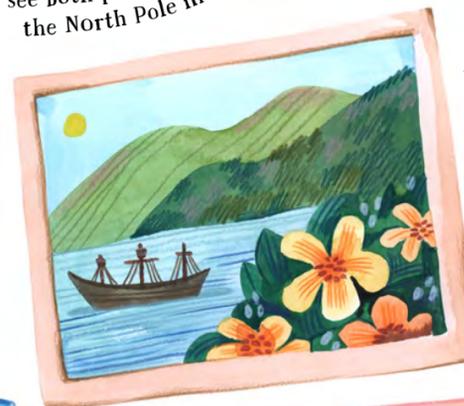


Amundsen became the first person to see both poles. He later flew over the North Pole in an airship.

December 14, 1911

2,140 mi

When Amundsen's men sailed past the beautiful, suspiciously blooming island of Madeira, he had to tell them the truth.



MADEIRA



Queen Maud Mountains

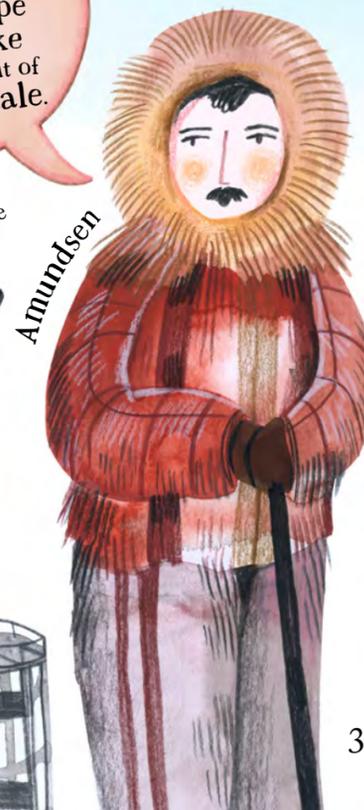


tents

-40°F

SOUTH POLE

Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station



Amundsen

Your Wish Map

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you like to go the most?



WHAT WOULD YOU PACK FOR A TRIP?



What kind of traveler are you?





Adventures Around the World

Set off with us in the footsteps of explorers, boys and girls alike, who were not afraid to venture into the unknown. Discover distant lands, untamed nature, and amazing animals. What did climbers Hillary and Norgay pack in their backpacks when they set out to climb Mount Everest? Which animals surprised the natural scientist Humboldt in South America?

What treats could you order aboard the famous Orient Express? And why did the “unsinkable” Titanic end up sinking after all?

Journeys, pilgrimages, and adventurous expeditions have been with us from the moment we first stand on our own two feet... and sometimes they lead us into a whole world of unexpected adventures.

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