

# The Spice Routes



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## Chapter 1

### Seeds



*Getting spices from Asia along the Silk Road was very,  
very dangerous*

Also expensive. And time-consuming. To carry spices thousands of miles back from Asia by camel, horse or whatever means of transport that they had to carry them.

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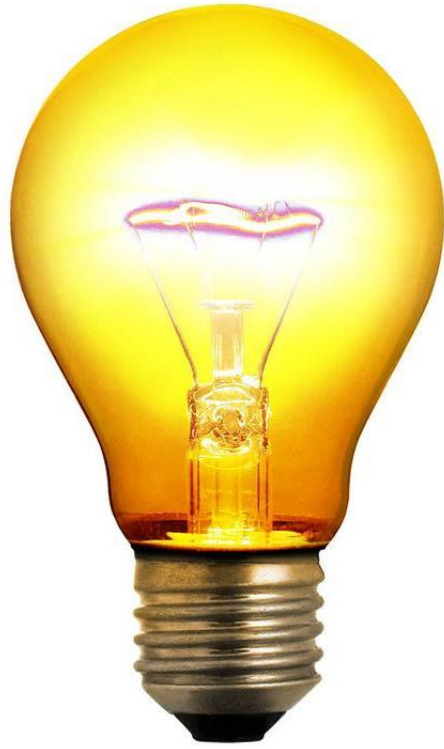
*I'm sure that is all well and good. But I had a thought.*

If I were back in the time of Marco Polo and I wanted to bring spices back to Europe, then I would make *just one trip* to Asia.

And bring back not the spices.

But the *seeds*.

Then I would grow the spices in a warm climate in Europe.



*Genius, wha?*

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