

Blue Mosque



Millet System

- ▶ Autonomous areas, for non-Muslim minority groups (Jews, Greek Orthodox and Armenians)
- ▶ Practiced their own religion and traditions
- ▶ Lived by their own laws & courts (except when a Muslim was involved)
- ▶ Pay an additional tax (conversions = tax break)
- ▶ During the Spanish Inquisition, many Jews fled to the Ottoman Empire because of the Millet system (better treatment than Europe)



Jewish Millet (Istanbul)



CULTURE!

Anatolia



- Economy
- Religion
- Geography
- Customs

Economy

- ▶ Largely agrarian & herding
- ▶ Heart of trade network → taxes, taxes, taxes
- ▶ Raw materials & exports:

Spices: saffron, cumin, cinnamon, cloves, mace, pepper, salt, and sugar.

Textiles: silk (green, blue, red), crimson damask, crimson velvet, camlets, cotton, linens, carpets.

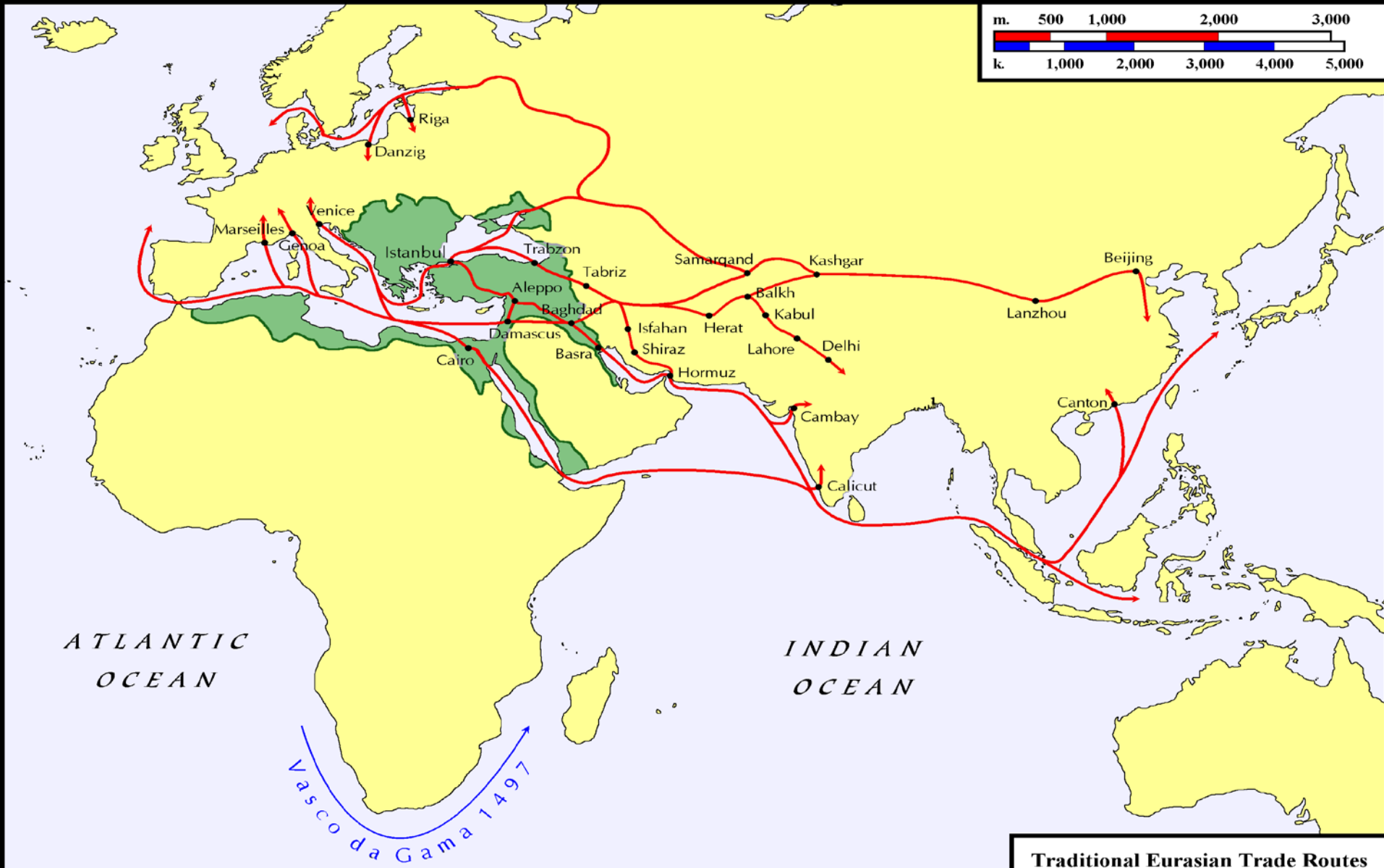
Foods: wheat, barley, millet, raisins, olive oil, oranges, lemons, rhubarb, wines (malmsey, madeira).

Dyes: Cochineal (red), indigo (blue).

Luxuries: copper, quicksilver, coral



Most roads lead through Istanbul



Religion

- ▶ Islam is the dominant religion
- ▶ Mosque complexes, with their social services
- ▶ Millet system allows for minority religions to remain (Jews, Christians [all types])



Mosques

