

BOOK OF THE KNOWLEDGE

Map of the seven-leg circuit, with a timeline at each stop

Relative days and historical anchors are from the source.
Years marked c. are a compressed single-circuit reconstruction
from birth in 1304 and the death of Abu Sa■d in 1335.

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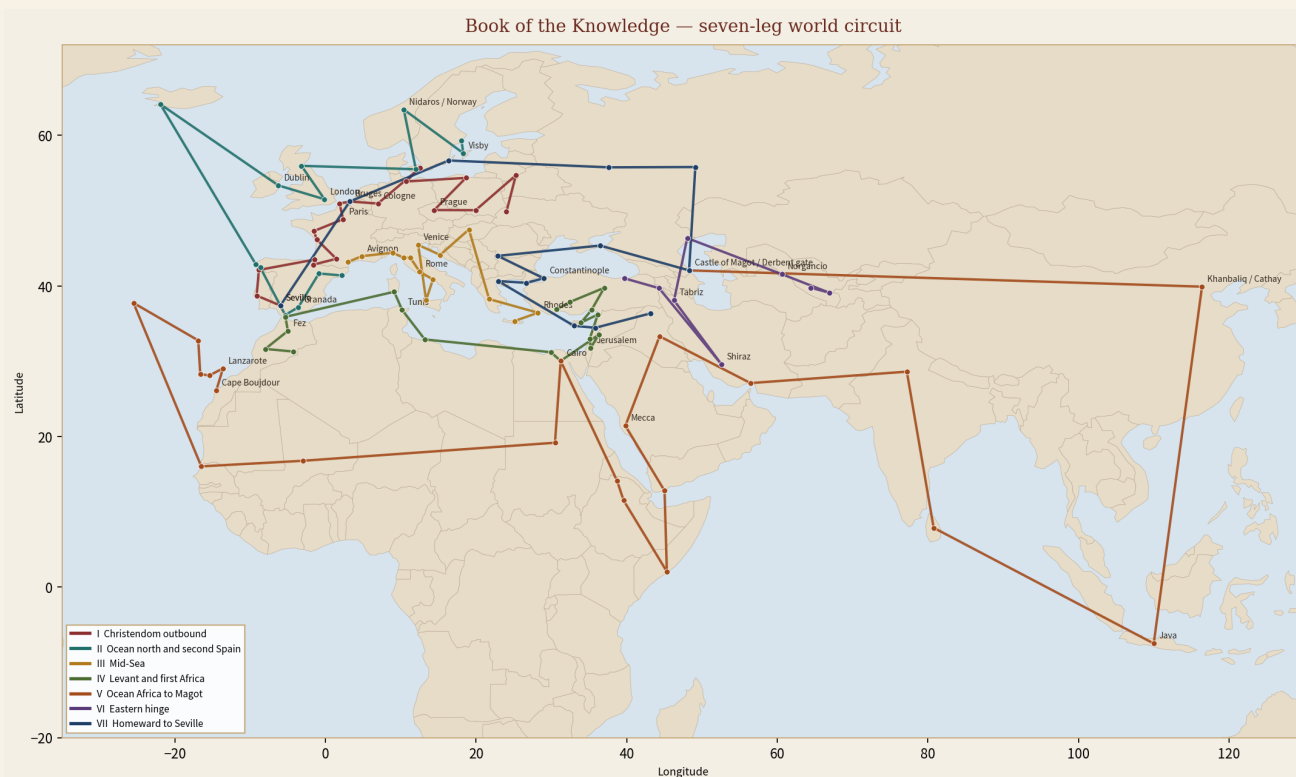
How to read the dates

The author dates one day only: 11 September 1304, stacked on seven eras. He never writes “I was in Tabriz in 1334.” What he does write are day-counts between places, and he reports events whose years we know. This atlas therefore uses three clocks at every stop.

1. Sequence. Stop number in the reconstructed circuit, Seville out and Seville home. **2. Source time.** His own days’ journeys, and any historical event he mentions. **3. Working year.** A single-circuit hypothesis that puts the man on the road from about 1328 to 1337, so that the Magot stay and the Abu Saïd report fall in 1335, when he would be thirty-one. If the book is several journeys or a later compilation, stretch those years; do not delete the sequence.

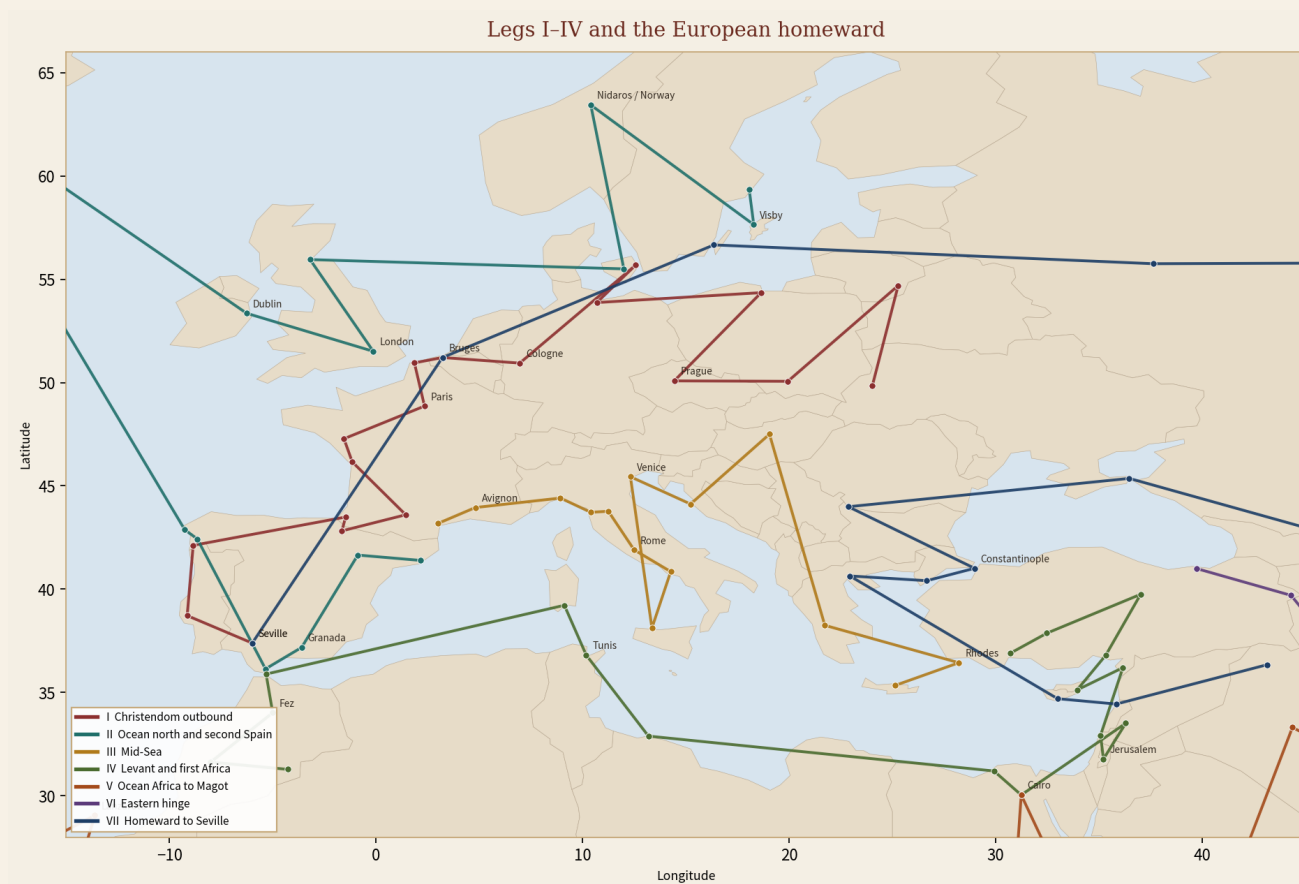
The book-object may have been painted later (France of three lilies after 1376 in manuscript S; Lacarra’s 1385 Lanzarote argument). That is a date for the manuscript, not for the boots.

World circuit



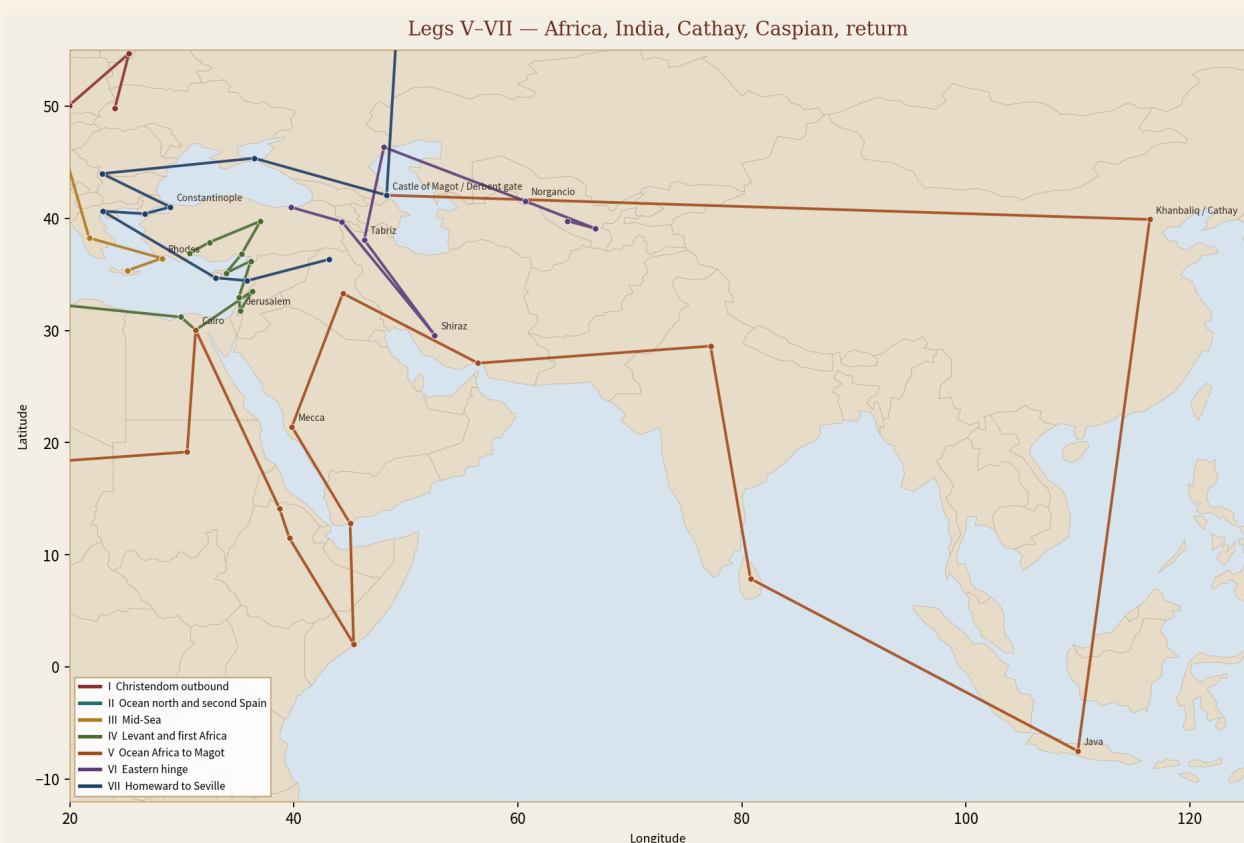
Equirectangular plot of all seven legs. West Africa and the Atlantic islands sit on Leg V. Cathay and Java pull Leg V off the right edge of a Mediterranean life.

Christendom, Mid-Sea, Levant



Legs I–IV and the homeward Aegean–Black Sea of Leg VII. Paris is four days from the Loire gulf. Calais is eight miles from England. Denmark is sixty miles from Norway.

Africa, India, Cathay, the Caspian hinge



Leg V runs the Atlantic islands, the Rio del Oro, Nubia, Prester John, Aden, Mecca, Delhi, Java, and Cathay, then hooks west to the castle of Magot.
Leg VI is the 25 / 35 / 125 / 30-day Central Asian module.

Absolute anchors (not stop-dates)

Year	Place / theatre	What it fixes
11 Sep 1304	Castile	Birth. Seven-era lock (Hebrew 5065 ... Hijri 706).
1291	Heard at Graciona	Vivaldi galleys. Not a stop date.
1250	Damietta memory	Louis IX captured. Not a stop date.
1309–1376	Avignon	He sees the papal court there.
1313–1341	Golden Horde	Özbeğ's reign. Tamga at Norgancio/Sara.
Nov 1335	Persia	Death of Abu Saḥḥāḥ. Report of Hajji-poisoning is after this.
30 Oct 1340	Tarifa / Salado	Alfonso XI defeats Abu al-Hasan. Maghrib memory.
c.1348	Kairouan	Abu al-Hasan broken in Africa — latest date some editors find.
after 1376	Painted book	France of three lilies in S. Z still has France semé.
c.1385	Book-object (Lacarra)	Lanzarote conquest notice used to push composition later.
1402	Canaries expedition	Béthencourt / Gadifer lift the book as a port-and-arms manual.

Timeline at each stop

Working years are italicised reconstruction. Notes mix his day-counts with the collation already established.

I Christendom outbound

#	Stop	Working year	What happens there
1	Seville	1304 / c.1328	Birth 11 Sep 1304. Circuit begins here.
2	Lisbon	c.1328	Portugal. Tagus / Douro / Guadiana.
3	Baiona (Galicia)	c.1328	Western sea coast of Castile.
4	Bayonne	c.1328	Gascony. White flag, red cross.
5	Pamplona	c.1328	Navarre. Chains / lilies split by MS.
6	Toulouse	c.1328	Crossed the Pyrenees.
7	La Rochelle	c.1328	French Atlantic.
8	Loire mouth	c.1328	4 days inland to Paris.
9	Paris	c.1328	4 days from the Loire gulf. Seine.
10	Calais	c.1328	8 miles to England.
11	Bruges	c.1329	Flanders. Black lion on gold.
12	Cologne	c.1329	Magi tombs. Rhine from the Alps.
13	Denmark	c.1329	12 cities. 60 miles to Norway.
14	Lübeck	c.1329	Saxon / Upper German coast.
15	Danzig	c.1329	German Sea.
16	Prague	c.1329	Bohemia. 7 cities. Elbe.
17	Kraków	c.1329	Poland. 5 cities.
18	Livonia / Courland	c.1329	Hexagram flag. Schismatic Christians.
19	Lviv (Lemberg)	c.1329	Called Leon / Lumbrec. Flag split S vs Z.

II Ocean north and second Spain

#	Stop	Working year	What happens there
20	Stockholm / Roderin	c.1330	Suevia. Frozen gulf.
21	Visby (Gotland)	c.1330	90 parishes.
22	Nidaros / Norway	c.1330	6-month day and night in the far north.
23	Zealand (Saland)	c.1330	English ship west from Norway.
24	Scotland	c.1330	After Thule.
25	London	c.1330	England. Quartered France and leopards.
26	Dublin	c.1330	Ireland. Fortunate Lake. Outside seven climates.
27	Ibernia / far west isles	c.1330	Bird-fruit trees. Long-lived people.
28	Cape Finisterre	c.1330	Ship for Spain sights the cape.
29	Pontevedra	c.1331	Second Spanish landing.
30	Gibraltar / Tarifa	c.1331	Algeciras. Alfonso XI vs Abu al-Hasan remembered.
31	Granada	c.1331	Red flag, gold inscription (S/Z).
32	Zaragoza	c.1331	Aragon. Ebro and Cinca.
33	Barcelona	c.1331	Then Ampurias to Narbonne.

III Mid-Sea

#	Stop	Working year	What happens there
34	Narbonne	c.1331	Mediterranean shore.
35	Avignon	c.1331	Pope and cardinals. Avignon papacy 1309–1376.
36	Genoa	c.1331	White flag, red cross, JUSTICIA.
37	Pisa	c.1331	Arno.
38	Florence	c.1331	White flag, red cross.
39	Rome	c.1332	Tiber. Head of the Roman empire.
40	Naples	c.1332	Apulia and Calabria.
41	Palermo	c.1332	Sicily. 8 cities.
42	Venice	c.1332	Winged lion of St Mark.
43	Zadar / Slavonia	c.1332	Adriatic east shore.
44	Hungary	c.1332	Danube from the German Alps. 10 named islands.
45	Morea (Patras)	c.1332	7 cities. White flag, gold emblem.
46	Rhodes	c.1332	Hospitallers. Red flag, white cross.
47	Candia (Crete)	c.1332	Then Negroponte.

IV Levant and first Africa

#	Stop	Working year	What happens there
48	Satalia (Antalya)	c.1332	Wavy flag. Solomon seal in S.
49	Iconium (Konya)	c.1332	White and red wavy bars.
50	Sebastia (Sivas)	c.1332	Ancient Samaria in his naming.
51	Lesser Armenia / Cilicia	c.1332	360 towns in the mountain ring. Golden Fleece islet.
52	Famagusta	c.1332	Cyprus. 4 cities. Jerusalem crosses + French lilies.
53	Antioch	c.1333	Conquered by the French, he says.
54	Acre	c.1333	Hospitallers. Then Caesarea, Ascalon, Jaffa.
55	Jerusalem	c.1333	Temple of Solomon. Lebanon: Jor + Dan = Jordan.
56	Damascus	c.1333	Five mountains of Syria.
57	Cairo	c.1333	Melic Nasçar crowned. Babylon of Egypt.
58	Alexandria	c.1333	Then the Libyan coast.
59	Tripoli of Barbary	c.1333	White flag, green palm, two red keys.
60	Tunis	c.1333	Kairouan: Abu al-Hasan broken (memory of 1348? / 1340s).
61	Sardinia	c.1333	Then Corsica, return to Africa.
62	Ceuta	c.1333	Into the Maghreb.
63	Fez	c.1333	Marinid west.
64	Marrakesh	c.1333	White Mountains / Atlas.
65	Sijilmasa	c.1333	Sahara gate. White flag, green palm root.

V Ocean Africa to Magot

#	Stop	Working year	What happens there
66	Cape Boujdour	c.1333	King of Guinea. Launch for the Lost Islands.
67	Lanzarote	c.1333	Named from the dead Genoese Lanzarote. After 1385 in some datings of the book-object.
68	Gran Canaria	c.1333	One of three peopled isles.
69	Tenerife	c.1333	Isla del Infierno also named.

#	Stop	Working year	What happens there
70	Madeira / Porto Santo	c.1333	First grouped naming with Azores.
71	Azores cluster	c.1333	Brasil, Columbaria, San Jorge, Cuervo, etc. 25 islands total.
72	Rio del Oro / Senegal	c.1334	65 days long, 40 wide. Gold-carrying Moors.
73	Ganaht / Guinea	c.1334	Capital of Guinea. Ants and ivory.
74	Dongola	c.1334	Nubian Christians. Nile splits.
75	Cairo again (Nile 60 days)	c.1334	With Genoese merchants through the desert.
76	Graciona / Aksum	c.1334	Abdeselib, Servant of the Cross. Vivaldi report (1291).
77	Malsa	c.1334	Prester John. Paradise rivers. First European parking of Prester John in Africa.
78	Magdasor (Mogadishu)	c.1334	154 regions. Quarter of the earth's face, he says.
79	Aden	c.1334	Indian gulf 50 days. Red Sea begins. 40 days inland.
80	Mecca	c.1334	Law in an iron chest. Medina first.
81	Baghdad / Babel	c.1335	Field of Senabar. Nineveh ruins nearby.
82	Hormuz	c.1335	Pearls. End of Abu Sa'ad's sea.
83	Delhi (Delini)	c.1335	Pepper, ginger, Turkish bows.
84	Trapovana / Ceylon	c.1335	Then Bay of Bengal.
85	Java	c.1335	40 days long. Field-living. Vassals of Cathay.
86	Khanbaliq / Cathay	c.1335	Solin and the Magi monuments. Great Khan with bow and apple.
87	Castle of Magot / Derbent gate	1335	Stay for a time. One gate of enclosed Tartary. 65 days up the Magot.

VI Eastern hinge

#	Stop	Working year	What happens there
88	Bocarín (Bukhara band)	c.1335	25 days from Magot. Yellow flag, many white stars.
89	Cato	c.1335	35 days with Cathay Christian merchants. Same stars.
90	Norgancio (Urgench)	c.1336	Özbek's empire. Cynocephalus seen. Tamga flag.
91	Caspian / Astrakhan	c.1336	30 days. Coman Christian ship.
92	Tabriz	c.1336	Coronation of Abu Sa'ad. One of the grandest cities.
93	Shiraz	c.1336	Law of the stars. Centre line of Persia. 125 × 100 days empire.
94	Greater Armenia / Ararat	c.1336	Noah's ark: white salt-stone, unclimbed. Armenian guards of the emperor.
95	Trebizond	c.1336	Surmena river. Stay for a time.

VII Homeward to Seville

#	Stop	Working year	What happens there
96	Mesopotamia / Baldac	c.1336	Kur crossing at Ausero. Empty inhabited country.
97	Tripoli of Syria	c.1336	Euphrates branch / river Ayuso.
98	Cyprus again	c.1337	Christian ship.
99	Thessalonica	c.1337	Gold cross and four links.
100	Gallipoli	c.1337	Straits.
101	Constantinople	c.1337	Hagia Sophia. Unclimbed tower. Horseman pointing at Turkey. Road 1 to Cathay starts here.
102	Vecina (Vidin)	c.1337	Nine rivers crash together.
103	Tana / Sea of Azov	c.1337	Road 1: Letana Sea.
104	Derbent again	c.1337	Iron Gate. West Caspian.
105	Kazan / Volga	c.1337	Tanais. Russian kingdoms.

#	Stop	Working year	What happens there
106	Roxia / Moscow band	c.1337	Thin last pages. Z silent.
107	Kalmar / Sweden	c.1337	German cog west.
108	Flanders again	c.1337	Last armorial land.
109	Seville (return)	c.1337	The city from which he first started.

Day-modules on the map

Loire gulf → Paris: 4 days. Calais → England: 8 miles. Denmark → Norway: 60 miles. Draa: 6 populated days. River of Guinea: 65 × 40 days. Dongola → Cairo: 60 days. Indian gulf: 50 days. Red Sea inland: 40 days. Java: 40 days long. Magot river: 65 days. Magot → Bocarin: 25 days. Merchants → Cato: 35 days. Caspian mountain spur: 125 days. Norgancio → Caspian shore: 30 days. Persia: 125 × 100 days.

Those numbers are the author's own map-units. They are plotted as legs, not as a measured GPS trace. Java and Khanbaliq especially are atlas-positions: the line is the claim of the book, not a reconstructed caravan track.

Two roads to Cathay, placed on this map

Road 1 (north). Constantinople → Black Sea → Azov (Tana / Letana) → Circassia / Avegazia → King David → Greater Armenia → Iron Gate (Derbent) → Caspian → Janula → Trastago → Urgench → Caspian mountains → Cato → Bocarin → Cathay.

Road 2 (south). Mediterranean → Cyprus → Greater Armenia → Sivas → Euphrates at Argot → Mesopotamia → Kur in Persia → Tabriz → Sarmagant → Sçim → Cathay.

Interactive companion: maps/itinerary_map.html — click any stop for its timeline card.