



## Travels with Marco Polo: From Hormuz to Kashgar

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You are taking an imaginary trip with Marco Polo to China and back. You have already traveled with the Polos to Hormuz, a port on the Persian Gulf. In Hormuz, the Polos hoped to take a ship to China. But they were so concerned about the seaworthiness of the ships that they changed their plans and decided instead to follow a series of trade routes across Asia to China. They set out, traveling northeast through Persia until they entered Afghanistan.

Use the following chart to organize your notes as you travel with the Polos through Afghanistan to Kashgar, a town that borders China.

|                                   | Afghanistan | Bordering China (Kashgar) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Geography                         |             |                           |
| Local Products                    |             |                           |
| Major Towns or Cities             |             |                           |
| Other Notes or Places of Interest |             |                           |

**Exercise:** Marco Polo was a very observant young man, who very likely kept a detailed diary of his travels. Pretend that you traveled with Marco Polo from Hormuz to Kashgar. What did you see that surprised or amazed you? Use what you learned from this lesson and write a journal entry as though you were describing events you experienced with Marco Polo. Describe things that you saw or did, cities that you visited, or people that you met.