

## A History of Travel From Ancient Sumer to the Epic Voyager Missions

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For some 60,000 years, humans have explored the world, out of necessity and curiosity. A new book from DK, *Journey: An Illustrated History of Travel*, explores travel in all its varied forms.

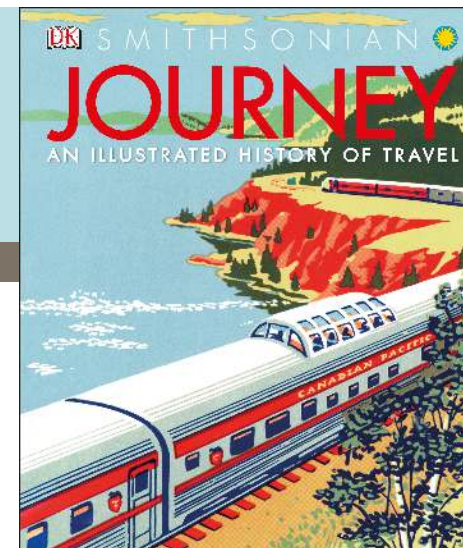
Produced in association with the Smithsonian Institution, *Journey* is an illustrated account of human movement, travel, exploration, and scientific discovery—from the first trade networks in ancient Sumer to the epic Voyager missions.

Human journeys arise from all manner of impulses, from migration and the search for food, to pilgrimages, trade, scientific curiosity, or simply the quest for adventure. *Journey* offers an in-depth exploration of more than 140 travel-related topics, from the Trans-Saharan Salt Caravans to The Railway Age to claiming the South Pole. Alongside each topic are the biographies of conquerors, explorers, and travelers; stories of technological innovation; literary journals; and works of art.

“Each generation has contributed to novel means of travel. Leonardo da Vinci, for example, conceived the original idea of a helicopter in 1493, but it was only in the last century that airborne travel became commonplace,” says lead contributing author Michael Collins. “Today, luxury tourism is the largest-growing industry in the world. Voyages into space continue to broaden our understanding of the vast expanses beyond our galaxy, yet the sea floor, beneath the oceans that cover 70 percent of our planet, still remains largely unexplored. Many people have gone before us, and we can be sure that many more will pass beyond the limits of our present horizons.”

*Journey* is sectioned into 7 “ages” to highlight the advances made in travel and technology, each featuring archive images, historic maps, and artifacts, while catalog spreads showcase objects and documents associated with the rise of travel, such as postcards and passports. The book covers the epic journeys made throughout the ages—including the soldiers of Alexander the Great who marched all the way from Greece to northern India, the Polynesian sailors who set off across vast expanses of the Pacific Ocean in search of new islands to colonize, and the merchants who transported goods along the mountainous Silk Road from China to Europe.

Whether on foot, on horseback, by steamship, railway, hot-air balloon, or aircraft, *Journey* captures the romance of travel and asks where our lust for adventure will take us next.



### BOOK DETAILS

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## About the Author (lead contributor)

**Michael Collins** is a native of Dublin, Ireland, where he presently lives. He has taught in a number of universities, including the American University of Rome; John Cabot University; and Duquesne University, Rome Campus. He has written several books with DK, including *The Vatican, Pope Francis: A Photographic Story of the People's Pope*, and *Remarkable Books: The World's Most Beautiful and Historic Works*, and publishes articles about his travels, which have a focus on archeology, ancient cultures, and civilizations. *Journey* is based on an original idea by Father Michael about the history of travel.

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- **The Golden Age of Travel:** The Bicycle Craze, Zeppelin Fever

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