VOYAGE TO INDIA By Ludovico De Varthema

Event Description

The place was Rome and the year 1510 when the first book ever on India was published by a European. The Bolognese author Ludovico De Varthema, left Venice in 1502, travelled extensively to the east of the Mediterranean Sea and reached the Indian peninsula, where he stayed for a long time. He chronicled his journeys in the volume first published in 1510. The exhibition contains a large number of contemporary cartographic images and dwells on other curious and fascinating aspects related to plants, animals and trace in the great Asian peninsula.

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