

Spices: The Taste of Commerce

The King of Spices, India, and the Roman Empire

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Pepper transforms the world through commerce.

Thousands of ancient Roman coins in southern India? Seven and a half kilos of black pepper in an Indian storage jar at a Roman port in Egypt? From 30 BCE when Augustus annexed Egypt as a Roman province, a brisk trade in spices, particularly pepper, a precious luxury, was established between the Roman Empire and India. Traverse the earliest trade routes between the Roman Empire and Asia as identities of the earliest merchants are uncovered.

Its intriguing to think how a small commodity such as pepper from India could play such a pivotal role in world history.

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