

## **“Silk”**

(8:34 minutes)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDncUI4\\_\\_4w&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDncUI4__4w&feature=related)

Award-winning documentary on the art of k'ossu, or silk weaving.

\*\* narration, slideshow, some video

## ***Shadow of the Silk Road***

(2:49 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6WChHpHu68>

An overview of the book, *Shadow of the Silk Road*, as relayed by the author, Colin Thubron, who undertook the 7,000-mile journey from China to Turkey.

\*\* narration, some images and video

## **Traveling on the Silk Road Part 1**

(5:29 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WjS1jfVD60&feature=related>

An alternative and reflective look at the Silk Road, as seen through photos of aesthetic details taken along the route.

\*\* slideshow, music

## **Traveling on the Silk Road Part 2**

(4:32 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WjS1jfVD60&feature=related>

Part Two of the above clip features vivid photos of various aesthetic aspects of the Silk Road journey.

\*\* slideshow, music

## **Byzantium: The Lost Empire Building the Dream ABTV (1997)**

(52 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6os-W9yyVcE>

Part One of the Four-part series. A detailed look at the ancient empire and its history, juxtaposed with modern details from Turkey, as written and presented by John Romer.

For further information see videos 3-4 of Byzantium: The Lost Empire: Heaven on Earth (video 2), Envy of the West (video 3), Forever and Ever (video 4).

\*\*narration, video, some slides

**Old City of Damascus: The World's Oldest City UNESCO World Heritage**  
(1:32 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZipJPLYfpDE>

A short slideshow of present-day Damascus.

\*\*music, slides

**Old City of Damascus, Syria**  
(4:06)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht9Pkruv6iA&feature=related>

A detailed slideshow of a trip taken to and through Damascus in 2009.

\*\* music, slides

**Baghdad: The City of Walls Artscape: The Poet of Baghdad**  
(21:09 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuuAIN4O7KA>

Produced by the documentary network, Witness,' this video tells the moving story of an Iraqi exile. It features the compelling prose of Nabeel Yasin.

\*\*music, video, narration, slides

**Baghdad: Eight Years After the US Invasion**  
(2:46 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMg-JH2H1fg>

This video, produced by 'Voice of America' features footage of present-day Baghdad. It comprises a short synopsis of the current state of Iraq and the reconstruction of Baghdad following the US invasion. Ayman Oghanna narrates.

\*\*music, narration, slides

### **Herat, Afghanistan**

(6:43)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGkAuG2RWVg>

A 1975 overview of the city of Herat, its history, and various landmarks around the city. This film features vivid and unique slides of the city, and progresses like a travel guide. Don Pugh narrates.

\*\*slides, music, narration

### **Herat, Afghanistan**

(5:18)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynjeCKiH7EY&feature=related>

This slide show displays photos of modern-day Herat.

\*\*music, slides

### **Kashgar, China: The Changing City**

(5:34 minutes)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ65RbKW\\_CQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ65RbKW_CQ)

An overview of the city and its role as a crossroad of culture. This video emphasizes the changes Kashgar has undergone and continues to undergo under Chinese influence.

\*\*narration, slides, some video

### **Mogao Caves, Dunhuang**

(2:46 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R29A0GyLYIE>

This video, produced by NHK, provides some background data on the significance of Dunhuang to the Silk Road. It takes viewers into the 492 cells and cave sanctuaries of Mogao, renowned for their repositories of Buddhist art and sculpture.

\*\*video, narration, slides

### **The Silk Road: A Video Collection**

#### **Part 1, Episode 1: Glories of Ancient Chang An**

(9 minutes)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYJZN8Tx8\\_0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYJZN8Tx8_0)

This video, taken from the NHK series on the Silk Road, looks in depth at the city of

Chang'an. It features footage of the city today juxtaposed with footage of historical reenactments. This video is only the first part of the series, which covers the entire length of the Silk Road.

\*\*music, narration, video, slides

**China's Most Honourable City: Ancient Xi'an (Chang'an)**  
(9:02 minutes)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pA\\_6wzezoZQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pA_6wzezoZQ)

A Discovery Channel feature, this video briefly documents the history of Xi'an and its rise to prominence. It looks at the fortress surrounding the city of Chang'an as an incredible architectural and engineering feat, and considers the role of Chang'an as a city of influence.

\*\*music, video, narration, slides, some animation and dramatizations

**Uzbek Cuisine**  
(8:50 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORtP0k2nxoo>

This video looks at the art of Uzbek cuisine. It illustrates the process of preparing an assortment of traditional Uzbek dishes.

\*\*music, video

**Silk Road: Making Silk**  
(3:06 minutes)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFo3SxqH2-A&feature=results\\_video&playnext=1&list=PL07520648C4AD6B07](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFo3SxqH2-A&feature=results_video&playnext=1&list=PL07520648C4AD6B07)

A video by AMNH about the traditional process of silk production in the world today. This documentary features sericulturist, Michael Cook, who demonstrates the work of a sericulturist.

\*\*video, narration, music

**Turkish Spindle Demonstration**  
(2:53 minutes)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qB\\_QroahZ2c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qB_QroahZ2c)

A video demonstrating how to spin cotton with a Turkish spindle.

\*\*narration, video

### **The Power of Prayer: Ramadan**

(3:41 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MooqSi8a5LA&feature=related>

Footage of Muslims gathered in prayer throughout the city of Alexandria, Egypt, on the 27<sup>th</sup> night of Ramadan.

\*\*music, slides, video

### **Travelling by Camel**

(0:54 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gmnT901mX8>

A short video by 'Explore' of camels used for transportation, with some camel statistics.

\*\*music, video, slides

### **Beautiful Camels**

(4:22 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOrSqDwaUkc&feature=related>

A slideshow of camel photographs.

\*\*music, slideshow

### **The Camel Fair; Pushkar, India**

(3:28 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6BgGo3R0bQ>

A short documentary of the Camel Fair in Pushkar, India by Current Travel pod. Narrator Connor Knight Guides viewers through various aspects of the festival.

\*\*music, video, narration

### **Uzbek Wedding in Kyrgyzstan**

(6:50 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0-VoYdSLZ4>

This narrated slideshow explains the various elements of an Uzbek wedding and the traditions accompanying a typical wedding celebration.

\*\*music, narration, slides

### **Chinese Erhu Music: Dance to the Moon**

(5:20 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMhtQAMGkWY>

A theatrical CCTV performance of the musical piece, "Dance to the Moon," played on the Chinese erhu.

\*\*video, music

### **An Overview of the Chinese Erhu**

(8:16 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NstW4GUpRj8&feature=fvsvr>

David Brown discusses both the origins of the Erhu and the art of playing the instrument.

\*\*narration, video

### **Hong Kong Lion Dance New Year: 2010**

(2:21 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-asw9i10lw>

A short video shot in a shopping center in Hong Kong, which captures an impressive rendition of the traditional Chinese lion dance, performed to usher in the New Year.

\*\*narration, video, sound

### **Chinese New Year Dragon Dance**

(0:56 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WUnWppRslM>

A glimpse of the traditional Chinese dragon dance performed each Chinese New Year.

\*\*sound, video

### **Chinese New Year Feast**

(3:35)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZSmOQq04rM>

This 'History Channel' video takes a look at the tradition of the Chinese New Year feast, and the variety of dishes associated with the New Year festivities.

### **The First Emperor: The Man Who Made China (Part 1)**

(9:44 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUJr1Y2PNPI>

This video looks at the story of the Emperor, Emperor Shi Huangdi, the man whose tomb housed the famous Terracotta Army.

\*\*video, narration, interviews, slides, dramatizations

### **Chinese Opera: The Monkey King**

(5:45 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VOCDFIW4xg&feature=related>

A Beijing Opera performance of the Chinese myth of the Monkey King Sunwukong, a magical and mischievous superhero who accompanied the Buddhist monk Xuanzang on his journey to India in search of the Buddhist scriptures.

\*\*music, video

### **Beijing Opera Performance Clip**

(6:52 minutes)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYWiQ\\_RnLWE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYWiQ_RnLWE)

A look at the nuances of Peking Opera and the rigors of performance. This video also emphasizes the complex artistic elements of Peking Opera, in the form of costumes and Scenery.

\*\*music, video

### **Saving Chinese Opera**

(1:24 minutes)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KzU14\\_m348&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KzU14_m348&feature=related)

An interview with a Chinese Peking opera star, who discusses the history of Chinese opera and its struggles to survive China's Cultural Revolution. He also speaks about the process of becoming an opera star.

\*\* narration, music, video