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Worldly Travelers: Ibn Battuta, Travels

Ibn Battuta is the greatest Muslim traveler of all time and is surely also one of the greatest explorers in history. At a young age, he decided to comply with one of the five precepts of Islam and go to Mecca. He undertook what at first was to be a journey of faith, which over time became a journey of almost 30 years throughout the Muslim world known in the 14th century.

A total of four pilgrimages to Mecca and endless experiences correspond to him, traveling on foot, by boat or on horseback. Sleeping in great palaces or in the most humble hermitages, depending on where the current took him. He was without a doubt a lover of the most difficult and less traveled routes, an explorer and adventurer par excellence, which allowed him to enter the most fascinating places and embark on both land and sea voyages. Over the years, he wrote a book where he recounted his travels and anecdotes, highlighting Alexandria among the many cities he visited, which he described as a shining and luminous pearl.