



16th century Italian map of Arabia

RUSCELLI, Girolamo.  
Arabia Felice nuova Tavola.

Venice, c.1562. 190 x 260mm.

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Ruscelli's 'modern' map of Arabia from his 'La Geografia di Claudio Tolomeo'. Based largely on the earlier Ptolemaic maps by Giacomino Gastaldi from 1548, the map extends from the Arabian Desert south as far as the Horn of Africa and includes modern day Saudi Arabia, the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea. Early settlements, rivers, mountains, lakes, and various topographic features are noted.

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