



The Indian Ocean from Ortelius's "Parergon"

ORTELIUS, Abraham.

Erythraei sive Rubri Maris Periplus, olim ab Arriano descriptus, nunc vero ab Abrah. Ortelio ex eodem delineatus.

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A map of southern Asia as known to the Ancients, especially Appian and Diodorus. It shows from Alexandria and the Red Sea in the upper left, the African coast south to Madagascar, Arabia and the Persian Gulf, India and Sri Lanka ('Tabrobana'), the Malay Peninsula and Sumatra ('Iamboli'). A large inset maps the Odyssey, the route of Odysseus across the Eastern Mediterranean. Two roundels depict the cities founded by the mythical Carthaginian explorer Hanno of the Atlantic coast of Africa, and 'Hyperborea', the North Pole.

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