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PROGRAM SUPPLIER: Endemol International

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Most Westerners would regard Marco Polo as the world's greatest explorer. The 14th century adventures of Ibn Battutah challenge that assumption. **TRAVELS WITH A TANGERINE** pays tribute to the legendary traveler and Moroccan scholar Ibn Battutah, who set out on his first pilgrimage to Mecca in 1325. Leaving his hometown of Tangier on the North African coast (where natives are affectionately called "Tangerines"), little did Battutah know he was embarking on a monumental 30-year journey that would take him across 75,000 miles, 40 countries, three continents and through 12 marriages. This travelogue documentary traces Battutah's path from Volga in the North to Tanzania in the South through Moorish Spain, the Ottoman Empire Constantinople, Persia, Dehli Sultinate India and Yuan Dynasty China. **TRAVELS WITH A TANGERINE** is beautifully photographed, bringing to life the

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exotic locales that were experienced by the amazing traveler centuries ago. Readings from Battutah's diaries — often simply referred to as the *Rihlo* or "Journey" — combine with modern-day observations to reveal an era when Muslim culture dominated the world.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS:

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BROADCAST HISTORY:

U.S. TV Premiere

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PRESS RELEASE

Follow in the footsteps of the world's greatest voyager in **TRAVELS WITH A TANGERINE**

"Travel. Set out and head for pastures new. Life tastes richer when you've rode warm feet. No water that stagnates is fit to drink, for only which flows is truly sweet..."

- Ibn Battutah

He traveled, on foot and on all manner of beast, over 75,000 miles, 40 countries, and three continents, picking up 12 wives, countless concubines, and lifetimes' worth of knowledge and experiences over a 30-year journey. The 14th century voyage of Moroccan scholar Ibn Battutah was one of the greatest treks in human history, dwarfing Marco Polo's later journey and exploring most of the known world.

Yet, to most of the world, Battutah remains unknown, overshadowed by Polo's more prestigious journey. The new American Public Television-distributed special **TRAVELS WITH A TANGERINE**, airing on public television stations beginning on November 1, 2007, brings Battutah's extraordinary trip to life, exploring both the life of the esteemed traveler and the past and present of the varied cities and countries he visited. British author Tim Mackintosh-Smith, a renowned travel writer and medieval scholar, is the host and guide for **TRAVELS WITH A TANGERINE**, following Battutah's route across Europe and Asia in celebration of the 700th anniversary of his birth. Mackintosh-Smith travels from Tanzania to

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India and China in the footsteps of Battutah, revealing the past and tumultuous present in some of the most fascinating places on earth. Whether it is hopping on many different modes of transportation—from street cars to camels—or enjoying a delicious (and not for the squeamish) meal of sheep brains, Mackintosh-Smith ties together centuries of history with his good humor and wealth of knowledge.

Beautifully shot and supplemented with readings from Battutah's own diary of the journey, **TRAVELS WITH A TANGERINE** is both a remarkable travelogue of a historic journey and memorable biography of a unique and fascinating world traveler.

TRAVELS WITH A TANGERINE, executive produced by Alexandra Henderson and produced and directed by Dan Edge, was acquired from Endemol International by American Public Television for syndication to public television stations nationwide.

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Episode Guide**Episode 1: “Wanderlust”**

The journey begins in Tangiers, the birthplace of the legendary Ibn Battutah. Tim Mackintosh-Smith takes viewers on a trip through this vibrant city—exploring Battutah’s former home, dining on sheep’s head, and venturing into a Muslim school. Later, Mackintosh-Smith travels from Alexandria in Egypt to the small villages of the Nile Delta, and then, using boat, bus and camel, heading on to the bustling cities of Cairo and Luxor, exploring the fascinating local culture and traditions while following the exact route Battutah had taken 600 years earlier.

Episode 2: “Magicians and Mystics”

Tim Mackintosh-Smith heads to Turkey and India, following in the footsteps of legendary traveler Ibn Battutah. In this episode, Mackintosh-Smith travels to far-flung mountains with Turkish nomads, to the ancient city of Feodosia in the Ukraine, and to the historic capital of Turkey, Istanbul (formerly Constantinople), where he explores the city’s ornate churches and architecture. From there, viewers follow Battutah’s journey to Delhi in India, where Mackintosh-Smith tells tales about the traveler’s famous trek—while perched on top of an elephant.

Episode 3: “Trade Winds”

The third episode follows Tim Mackintosh-Smith as he treks from India to China, in the footsteps of the great medieval traveler Ibn Battutah. Viewers are brought along to the ancient “trade routes” traveled by Battutah, beginning on the historic Indian coast city of Calicut and journeying on to the beautiful beaches of the Maldives and the modern cities of China.