



EUROPEANA VIRTUAL EXHIBITION
[Edible Plants From the Americas](#)

Europe's eating habits would be very different had explorer Christopher Columbus not set out to find a faster route from Spain to the Spice Islands of south-east Asia. This exhibition explores how newly discovered edible plants not only enriched the cuisines of Europe, Asia and Africa, but also had a major impact on global culture, economics and politics.

Europeana's latest virtual exhibition **Edible Plants from the Americas** presents historic documents and fascinating images from earlier times, documenting how today's everyday foodstuffs such as the tomato, chili, pepper, potato, cocoa, peanut and corn were initially seen by Europeans as strange and exotic invaders. All exhibition materials are provided by the [Royal Botanical Garden](#) in Madrid.



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