



Eighteenth century map of Europe

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Carte d'Europe Dressée pour l'Usage du Roy sur les Itineraries anciens en modernes et sur les Routiers de mer assujetis aux observations astronomiques.

Paris: Philippe Buache, 1745. Coloured. 490 x 610mm.

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A large and detailed map of Europe, first published in 1724, with the title in a fine rococo cartouche. Although Europe was well mapped by this time, 'Brazil Rock' is still marked, just to the west of the French Prime Meridian: this is a vestige of the mythical 'Hy Brazil', an island once believed to rise from the Atlantic once every seven years.

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