



18th century chart of the Persian Gulf

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 Carte du Golfe Persique, depuis Bassora jusqu'au Cap Rasalgate.

Paris, c.1775. Coloured. 480 x 670mm.

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The Persian Gulf, engraved by Guillaume Dela Haye, naming Bahrain but with no sign of the Qatar Peninsula. The inset shows Kharg Island, the site of a Dutch trading port from 1753-1766, off Bandar Rig in Persia. Après de Mannevillette (1707-1780), made a voyage to China in 1728, using new instruments to correct the latitudes of places en route. He then compiled a new sea atlas, the 'Le Neptune Oriental', with much-corrected charts. However the Persian Gulf was not a welcoming place for European ships: the Arabian coast is marked 'peu connu' (little known).

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