

The Journey of Odysseus

One Possible Route Through the Mediterranean

The locations of many places in the *Odyssey* are uncertain, and different scholars place them differently. This map shows one possible route based on the traditional sequence of Odysseus's travels.



- 1** **Troy**
Starting point after the Trojan War (recounted in Book 9).
- 2** **Cicones (Ismarus)**
Book 9
Odysseus and his men sack the city of the Cicones.
- 3** **Lotus Eaters**
Book 9
His men eat the lotus and forget home.
- 4** **Cyclops (Sicily)**
Book 9
Odysseus and his men encounter Polyphemus.

- 5** **Aeolus**
Book 10
Aeolus gives Odysseus the winds in a bag.
- 6** **Laestrygonians**
Book 10
The giant Laestrygonians destroy all but one of his ships.
- 7** **Circe (Aeaea)**
Book 10 (and again in Book 12)
Circe turns his men into swine.
- 8** **Land of the Dead**
Book 11
Odysseus consults the shades, including Tiresias.

- 9** **Sirens**
Book 12
Odysseus hears their song.
- 10** **Scylla and Charybdis**
Book 12
Odysseus navigates between the monsters.
- 11** **Cattle of the Sun (Thrinacia)**
Book 12
His men kill the sacred cattle; the ship is destroyed.
- 12** **Calypso (Ogygia)**
Book 5
Odysseus is held on her island for seven years.

- 13** **Phaeacia**
Books 6–8
The Phaeacians welcome Odysseus and help him return home.
- 14** **Ithaca**
Books 13–24
Odysseus finally comes home.



*Many places, many trials,
one home.*