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May: Mapmakers

Mythical creatures, pilgrimage roads, mountain peaks and journeys to unknown lands—UBC Library Vault travels the world in a map, without the expense or fatigue of travel. In Ortelius's *Theatre of the World*, considered the first modern Atlas, sailboats explore the waters between Europe and the Americas while sea monsters lurk off the coast of Hispania Nova. In a map from another land, Hiroshige's *Fifty-Three Stations of the Tokaido Highway* depicts Japanese cherry trees blossoming as pilgrims make their way toward snow-capped Mount Fuji.



Glimpse of the Cherry Blossoms

This close-up from Hiroshige's *Fifty-Three Stations of the Tokaido Highway* details the luminous cherry tree blossoms and those travelling the road from Kyoto to Tokyo, a magnificent stretch of land on the Pacific coast of Japan. To learn more about the significance of the *Fifty-Three Stations* and to view more details of Hiroshige's stunning woodblock prints, visit [UBC Library Vault](#).

