

PINGIU AND CIUGIU GREAT AND NOBLE CITIES / MARCO POLO

HERE HE TELLS OF THE CITY OF PINGIU. When one leaves the city of  
 FB L **H** Lingiu he goes *riding* three days journeys by midday, and all the way  
 FB L finds cities and villages enough *which are rich* and good. They are all  
 L Z VB FB in *the province of Catai*, and *the people are everywhere* idolaters and also have their *dead*  
 V bodies burnt. And they are subject to *the rule of the great Kaan*; and so are the others  
 FB FB of whom I have told you above. *And their money is of notes of the great Kaan, of*  
 Z V *whom it all is. And there is also the best hunting and hawking both of wild* beasts and  
 FB of birds that is in all the world. *And they have great abundance of all the things*  
 FB VB for life. *And at the end of these said three days journeys one finds a city which is*  
 FB VB called Pingiu which is very *fair and great and noble*, and a city of great trade and of  
 FB V great industry. *And they have silk in very great abundance. And this city is at*  
 VB the entry of the great province of Mangi, *and is a very fair and delectable land*, and  
 V at this town the merchants load the carts with many goods and carry them to  
 V Mangi through many cities and villages; *so that it is a city which pays great profit*  
 to the great Kaan. There is nothing else which does to mention, and therefore we  
 shall leave it and tell you [61b] of another city which is called Ciugiu, which is also  
 to the midday.

HERE HE TELLS OF THE CITY OF CIUGIU. And when one sets out from the  
 L FB TA **H** said city of Pingiu he goes *riding through Catai* two days journeys by  
 V midday through very beautiful country *abounding in all fruits* and wealthy  
 L V in all good things, where there is *very good* hunting enough of all kinds of *wild*  
 FB beasts and of birds. And at the end of *these* two days journeys one finds the city of  
 FB Ciugiu which is very great and rich *and noble* both in trade and in crafts. The people  
 Z FB of it are idolaters and have their dead bodies burnt in the fire. *And their money is*  
 VB V V of notes of *the great Kaan*, and they are subject to *the rule of the great Kaan. And*  
*this city is in a fair province*, and it has exceedingly beautiful plains and beautiful  
 VB fields and they have great abundance of *all good fruits and of wheat and of all grains*,  
 V but other things which it does to mention there are none. And so we will leave it  
 V and go forward and will tell you of other lands in front. And when one leaves this  
 FB town of Ciugiu he goes *riding* quite three<sup>1</sup> days marches by midday where one  
 FB finds beautiful country and beautiful villages and *beautiful* hamlets and beautiful  
 L FB Z farms *very well cultivated both of lands and of fields,*<sup>2</sup> *with beautiful* hunting and chase  
 Z FB TA FB enough, and *they have great* abundance of wheat and of all grains, *as those above. And*  
 FB they are idolaters and are subject to the great Kaan. *And their money they have of*

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<sup>2</sup> gaagnaries de teres & de cans