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EARLY PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MIDDLE EAST
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In 1862, the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) was sent on a four-month educational tour of the Middle East, accompanied by the photographer Francis Bedford. The tour took in Egypt, Palestine, and the Holy Land, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, and Greece. The tour to the throne met rulers, politicians and other notable figures in a manner associated with royalty—by horse and camping out in tents. This exhibition documents the journey through the work of Bedford, the first photographer to join a royal tour, and explores the cultural and political significance of Victorian Britain's role in the region, which was then as complex and contactual as it remains today. Corresponding extracts from the Prince's diary of the tour and alternative material brought back to Britain provide further insights into the future King's visit.

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