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ARTISTS ON THE MOVE

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Artists have long sought and found all manner of inspiration through travel—drawn by ancient structures and landscapes beneath the southern sun, Austria's alpine world, or the countryside surrounding Vienna. This ALBERTINA exhibition investigates artists' urge to travel in light of 18th-and 19th-century masterpieces from the museum's own collection.

The focus here ranges from the »grand tour« to journeys of discovery, emphasizing the various depicted landscapes and motifs as well as engagement with nature in works by figures from Johann Wolfgang von Goethe to Jakob Alt and Thomas Ender to Tina Blau. Delicate drawings and vivid watercolors enable viewers to sense for themselves that era's yearning for new horizons and individual experiences of nature as well as the conditions under which travel took place.

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Thomas Ender
The Matterhorn seen from the Gornergrat, 1854
Watercolor
33,3 x 50,3 cm
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Jakob Alt Roman Forum in Rome (peep box sheet), 1837 Watercolor 41,7 x 51,9 cm The ALBERTINA Museum, Vienna © Photo: The ALBERTINA Museum, Vienna