About *your* Journey to the Centre of the Earth

To have the story read to you in its entirety click on the book on the map. If you want to stop at any point, click on the bell pull. This allows you to read the page again, read the previous page or go to the map.

However, if you want to save the story at any point and return to it later, click on the bookmark. When you wish to return to where you left off reading, just click on the bookmark on the map.

To enjoy the adventure to the full, with all the extra fun, click any of the chapter highlights on the map. Start at number 1 and go to each of them in turn.

There are lots of hidden surprises throughout the story. To find them, wait until the book icons appear, then click on various parts of the picture.

As you Journey to the Centre of the Earth you will be invited to play a game. To go into the game, simply click on one of the glowing lamps you will see at various points on the map.

Journey to the Centre of the Earth has been thoroughly tested on numerous PCs, using a variety of different graphics boards, sound boards and CD-ROM drivers. It is unlikely you will experience any problems, but should you do so it could be because your PC has an unusual combination of these devices that could make it incompatible with the program.

The program has a number of minimum requirements. Before calling the Europress Software Helpline, please check whether the difficulty could be caused by one of the following:

Screen display: Journey to the Centre of the Earth uses 256 colours. Your PC should have a Super VGA card (with at least 512k video RAM). For best results it should be set to 640x480 with 256 colours.

Screen size: If there is a black border round the book, it means you are running in a higher resolution than necessary. To make the book fill the screen change your resolution to 640x480.

Memory: Journey to the Centre of the Earth requires 4Mb of RAM, but is much happier with 8Mb. If you have a problem with 4Mb machines, go into DOS and key:

edit CONFIG.SYS

Put REM before the line with EMM386.EXE.
If there is still a problem, go into DOS and key:

edit AUTOEXEC.BAT

Put REM before the line with SMARTDRV. Save this, reboot and try again.
If problems still persist read the section entitled 'Out of memory' below.

Other programs: Journey to the Centre of the Earth is happier when it is not competing with other programs. When running Journey to the Centre of the Earth, we suggest you close down any other applications.

Networking: It is not advisable to run this program if your PC is attached to a network. Reload Windows without the network drivers by keying "WIN /N".

Incompatible devices: During the intensive evaluation program, Journey to the Centre of the Earth was tested using many different hardware and software devices, including accelerators and file compression packages, to ensure compatibility. If you feel a device installed in your PC may be affecting performance it should be disabled before running Journey to the Centre of the Earth.

"Out of Memory": If this error message is displayed you will need to increase the size of the swap file on your hard disk. To find out how to do this look up the "386 Enhanced Command" section of your Windows manual.

"[MCI] CD Audio driver is not installed": If this error message is displayed you will need to install the Microsoft audio compact-disc player driver. To find out how to do this look up the "Setting up device drivers for audio compact-disc players" section of your Windows manual.

"Speed discrepancies": Great care has been taken in the synchronisation of the animation to the soundtrack. However, if there are any noticeable problems during playing, the speed of animations on the pages may be either increased or decreased by pressing "1" or "2" respectively as Axel walks across the opening screen.

To test how suitable your system is for running this software a test program is supplied on the CD called SYSTEST. Clicking on this will advise you on any settings that may be appropriate for running the software.