

Chronology of Europeans in the Americas, 1415-1596

- 1405-33 Ming emperor orders 7 expeditions to Western Seas
- 1415 Portugal est. Ceuta on tip of Morocco
- 1420's Prince Henry the Navigator est. Naval Academy at Cabo de Sagres, Portugal
- 1428 Triple Alliance of Mexica, Texcoco, and Tlacopan forms Aztec empire
- 1438-1531 Inca expansionist empire
- 1441 Portuguese take first African slaves
- 1445 Portugal controls Canaries, Madeiras, Azores
- 1448 Portuguese est. first European fort at Argium, W. Africa
- 1453 Fall of Constantinople to the Turks
- 1470 Portuguese explore Ivory Coast
- 1471 Portuguese explore Gold Coast
- 1473 Portuguese explore Africa beyond the Equator
- 1482 Portuguese est. fort of Elmina, Gold Coast
Exploration of the Congo
- 1488 Bartholomew Diaz rounds Cape of Good Hope
- 1490 Christian missionaries to the Congo
- 1492 Expulsion of Jews from Spain
Christopher Columbus reaches West Indies
- 1493 Bull of Demarcation
- 1494 Treaty of Tordesillas
- 1498 Vasco da Gama reaches Calicut, India
- 1500 Cabral reaches Brazil
- 1503-15 Albuquerque, Governor of India, battles Hindu and Muslim opponents of Portuguese colonial expansion

- 1510 Importation of African slaves to New World begins
- 1518 Smallpox outbreak on Hispaniola, spreads throughout the New World
- 1519-21 Ferdinand Magellan circumnavigates the globe
- 1519-21 Hernan Cortes and Conquest of Aztec Mexico
- 1526 Moghul (Muslim) Conquest of N. India
- 1527-46 Venezuela leased to German colony
- 1531-34 Francisco Pizarro and Conquest of Inca Peru
- 1533 Sugar production introduced to Brazil
acceleration of slave trade
- 1535 Pizarro founds Lima, Peru
Diego Almagro expedition to Chile
- 1541-52 Jesuit S. Francis Xavier in Asia
- 1541 Santiago, Chile est.
- 1543 Portuguese est. trading relations with Japan
- 1545 New Laws in Mexico, transl. into Nahuatl
Discovery of Silver Mines, Potosi
- 1550-51 Debate over Spanish Conquests, Council of the Indies
- 1551 University of Lima est.
- 1553 University of Mexico City est.
- 1555 Jesuit mission to Abyssinia (Ethiopia)
- 1565 Moghul Conquest of S. India
- 1569 Holy Office of Inquisition est. in Mexico
- 1571 Holy League of Venice, Spain and Pope defeat the Turks at Lepanto
- 1572 Jesuits arrive in Mexico
Censorship on books imported to New Spain

1576-79	Epidemics in Mesoamerica
1580	Union of Spain and Portugal
1595-96	Epidemics in Mesoamerica