

## Travel timeline

How to use this quiz: **Part 1:** Cut off the dates and split them. Now try to match the correct dates with the events. Read your answer out loud to practice pronunciation.

1271	Marco Polo, aged 17, sets off from Venice on his journey to the East.
1492	Christopher Columbus discovers Cuba.
C 1660	Beginning of the Grand Tour for the aristocracy (Tour around Europe)
1841	Thomas Cook organises first trip from Leicester to Loughborough (UK) for 450 temperance campaigners.
1873	Jules Verne writes Around the world in 80 days.
1909	Louis Blériot is first to fly across the English Channel, winning a £1000 prize.
1912	The transatlantic cruiser, The Titanic sinks with the loss of 1500 lives.
1927	Charles Lindbergh first non-stop flight across the Atlantic in his plane The Spirit of St Louis from New York to Paris.
1939	First paid holidays in UK. One week's paid leave was made legal.
1969	Heathrow Airport opens. Just one terminal to receive 5 million passengers.
1976	Concorde first commercial flights. The first flights took place simultaneously from London to Bahrain and from Paris to Rio de Janeiro.
1973	First Lonely Planet guide book about Australia is published.

1987	The pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela (France/ Spain) is declared a World Heritage site.
1994	Channel Tunnel opens. It takes 35 mins to cover 31.4 miles (50.50 kms)
2009	First commercial flight of A380, the biggest plane in the world.
2011	Denis Tito first space tourist, in the Russian Space Station.

**Part 2. Questions sheet. Cut out these questions, divide the questions up and then quiz your partner(s). Keep a score!**

How old was Marco Polo when he set off to the East?

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When did Christopher Columbus discover Cuba?

When did Thomas Cook sell tickets for his first organised trip?

Who wrote Around the World in 80 days?

How much did Louis Blériot win when he crossed the English Channel in an aircraft 1909?

Approximately how many people died in the sinking of the Titanic?

How much paid leave were people allowed in Britain in 1939?

How do you spell the name of the first person to go into space?

When did Heathrow Airport open?

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Where did the first commercial Concorde flights go to?

Which country was the first Lonely Planet guide book about?

How long is the Channel Tunnel in miles? (and for an extra point, in kilometres?)

What is the name of the biggest plane in the world?

What is the name of the first space tourist?

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