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Famous Explorers

Eight journeys that changed the map

Eight explorers at a glance

Explorer	From	When	Famous for
Ibn Battuta	Morocco	1325–1354	75,000 mi across Africa, Asia & Europe over 30 years
Zheng He	China	1405–1433	Led Ming-dynasty fleets across Indian Ocean to Africa
Marco Polo	Venice	1271–1295	Travels along the Silk Road; described China to Europe
Christopher Columbus	Genoa	1492	Crossed the Atlantic — Europeans 'meet' the Americas
Vasco da Gama	Portugal	1497–1498	First sea route from Europe to India
Ferdinand Magellan	Portugal	1519–1522	His expedition first circled the globe
Sacagawea	Lemhi Shoshone	1804–1806	Guided the Lewis & Clark expedition across N. America
Jeanne Baret	France	1766–1769	First woman to circumnavigate the world

