

A large white and blue Airbus A380 aircraft is displayed in a museum. The tail features the number '1380' and the Airbus logo. The aircraft is shown from a low angle, emphasizing its massive size.

# Today in History

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▲ The first production model of the “superjumbo” Airbus A380, a double-decker capable of carrying as many as 850 passengers, was unveiled in France

**1778:** British explorer Captain Cook discovered the Sandwich Islands, now Hawaii

**1788:** The first fleet carrying convicts to Australia dropped anchor in Botany Bay

**2002:** Molten rock poured through the eastern Congolese town of Goma

**2012:** Wikipedia shut down its website for 24 hours in protest against two anti-web piracy measures going through U.S. Congress