



# Today in History

*December 27, 537*

▲ **Istanbul's famous Hagia Sophia was inaugurated. Initially a Greek Orthodox cathedral, it became a mosque under the Ottoman Empire and is now a museum**

**1845:** Ether was used as an anaesthetic for childbirth for the first time by U.S. doctor Crawford Long

**1922:** Japan commissioned the world's first purpose built aircraft carrier, named Hosho

**1945:** The International Monetary Fund was established in Washington

**1966:** The Cave of Swallows, the world's largest known cave shaft, was discovered in Aquismon, San Luis Potosi, Mexico