



# Today in History

*August 22, 1812*

▲ **Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt discovered the city of Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World that had lain hidden for the best part of a millennium**

**1962:** French President Charles de Gaulle survived an assassination attempt whilst driving through Paris

**2001: Scientists discovered banana fossils dating from 500BC in Cameroon**

**2002:** The world's biggest tropical national park, in 3.9m hectares of rainforest, was created in Brazil

**2012: After 19 years of negotiations, Russia became the newest member of the World Trade Organisation**