



## Today in History

*May 20, 1498*

▲ Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama landed in Calicut, India, becoming the first European to sail directly to India by rounding Africa's Cape of Good Hope

**1873:** Levi Strauss began making Levi's denim jeans, originally designed for miners in the California Gold Rush

**1961:** The Orient Express, once the epitome of luxury travel, set off from Paris on its final journey to Istanbul

**1983:** French virologist Luc Montagnier first published evidence that the HIV virus leads to AIDS

**2006:** Construction of China's Three Gorges Dam was completed nine months ahead of schedule