



# Today in History

*January 9, 1324*

▲ Venetian explorer Marco Polo died. His epic 24-year travels through the Orient did much to introduce Europeans to Central Asia and China

**1839:** The daguerreotype photo process, that produced a positive image in seconds, was announced

**1909:** Polar explorer Ernest Shackleton was forced to turn back just 10 miles from the South Pole

**2004:** Libya agreed to pay \$170 million compensation for the 1989 bombing of a French aircraft over Niger

**2009:** The MV Sirius Star, the biggest supertanker ever hijacked, was released with all crew unharmed