



## Today in History

*July 8, 1497*

▲ Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama left Lisbon for a voyage on which he discovered the Cape route to India. He was the first European to reach India by sea

**1947:** Mysterious debris found at Roswell, New Mexico, inspired the legend of a flying saucer crash

**1997:** Former Warsaw Pact nations Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic were invited to join NATO

**2006:** The first manned flight of a powered ornithopter – an aircraft that flaps its wings – took place

**2010:** Ten Russian agents were deported from New York in the biggest spy swap since the Cold War