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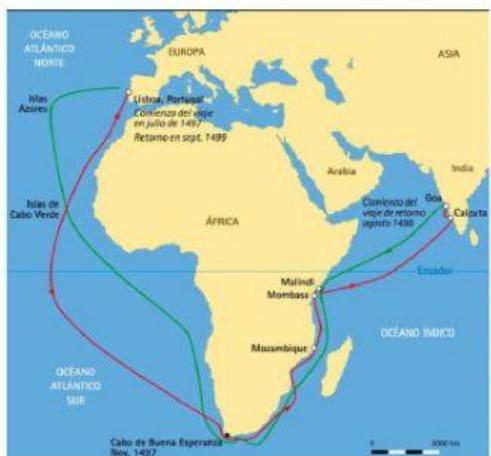
Vasco de Gama



Vasco de Gama was born in Sines, in the coast of _____.

Around 1480, da Gama followed in his father's footsteps and joined the Order of _____.

King John II wanted to make the crown wealthy so that it was less dependent on the _____ for income. The king wanted to start trading spices from _____, but this trade was mostly done by land and dominated by Venice. King John challenged his captains to find a _____.



On 8 July 1497, da Gama set sail with a fleet of _____ ships from Lisbon. The journey around the southern tip of _____ to India and back again was long and dangerous.

The expedition at first followed the route established by early explorers past _____, the Cape _____ Islands and Sierra Leone. They went south across the open ocean using the South Atlantic.

Four months later, the expedition made landfall in Southern Africa in _____. Then, they continued into unchartered waters.

Nearing Christmas, da Gama's expedition arrived in an area they named _____, meaning "the birth of Christ" in Portuguese.

In 1498, the voyage reached _____. The fleet finally _____ in Kappadu, near Calicut, on 20 May 1498. Da Gama was received with grand _____.

The journey back was difficult because of the Monsoon _____.

He made 3 _____ to India. In his third voyage, he contracted _____ and died on 24 December 1524.