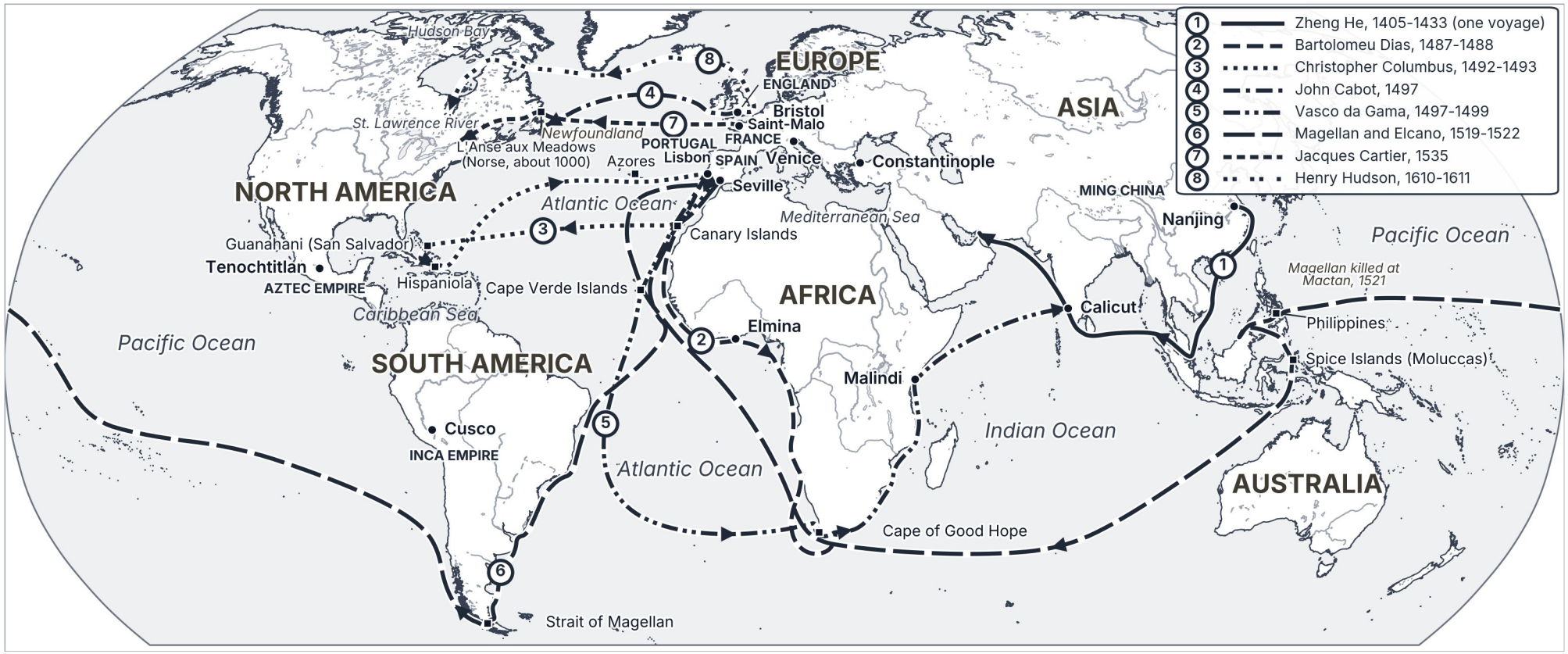
The Age of Exploration

Major voyages of exploration, 1405 to 1611 (routes approximate)



The voyages

1 Zheng He: Ming China's treasure fleets sailed to Southeast Asia, India, Arabia and East Africa (the seventh voyage shown).

2 Bartolomeu Dias: the first European known to sail round the southern tip of Africa.

3 Christopher Columbus: sailed for Spain and reached the Bahamas, Cuba and Hispaniola, homelands of the Taino.

4 John Cabot: sailed for England and reached Newfoundland or Cape Breton (where he landed is debated).

5 Vasco da Gama: sailed from Portugal round Africa to Calicut, the first European voyage to India by sea.

6 Magellan and Elcano: the first voyage around the world. Magellan was killed at Mactan; Elcano brought one ship home.

7 Jacques Cartier: sailed for France up the St. Lawrence River to Stadacona (Quebec) and Hochelaga (Montreal).

8 Henry Hudson: sought a Northwest Passage for England. In 1611 his crew mutinied in Hudson Bay and set him adrift.

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