

# European Imperialism: Contact and Confrontation



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**EUROPE**

- cloth
- linen
- metalware
- silver
- wine
- horses
- soap

**EUROPE**

**ASIA**

**PORTUGAL**

- AZORES 1431
- MADEIRA 1419
- CANARY IS. 1434
- CAPE VERDE IS. 1444

- Marseilles
- Lisbon
- Genoa
- Venice
- Constantinople

**ASIA MINOR**

**OTTOMAN EMPIRE**

**PERSIA**

**INDIA**

- spices
- cotton
- precious stones
- sugar

**CHINA (EAST INDIES)**

- silks
- drugs
- perfumes
- porcelain

**PACIFIC OCEAN**

**SAHARA DESERT**

**AFRICA**

**EAST AFRICA**

- gold
- ivory
- slaves

**INDONESIA (EAST INDIES)**

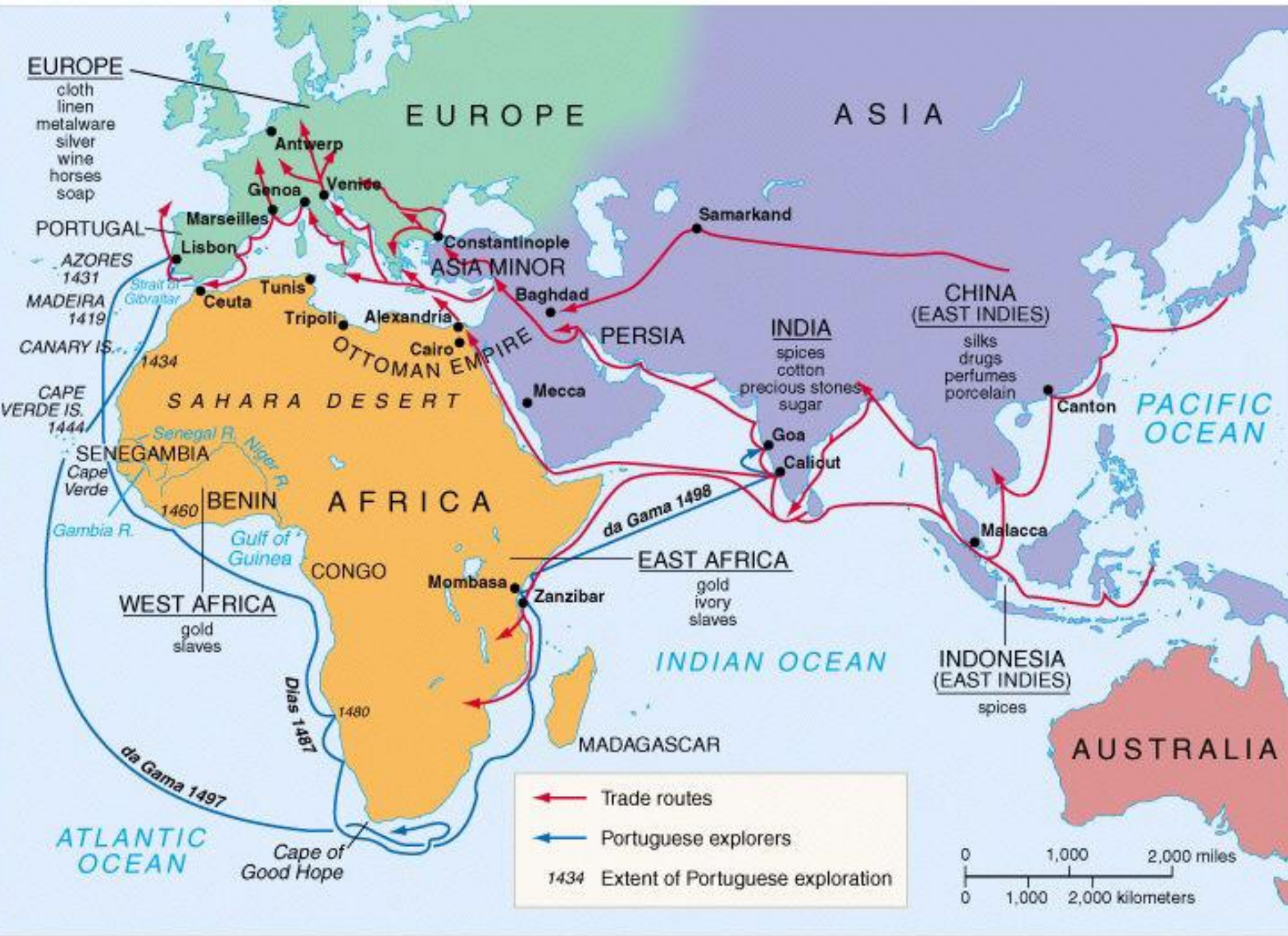
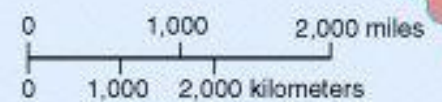
- spices

**AUSTRALIA**

← Trade routes

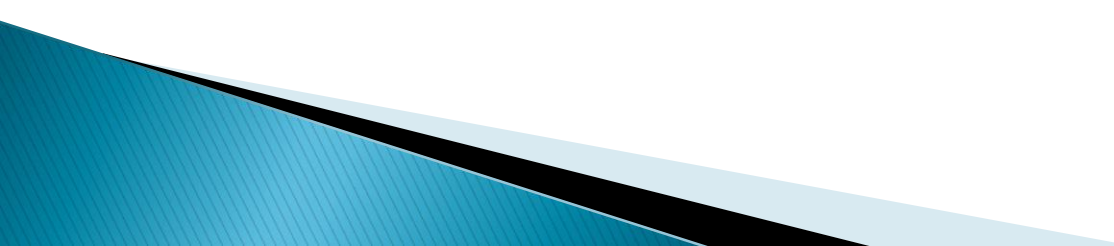
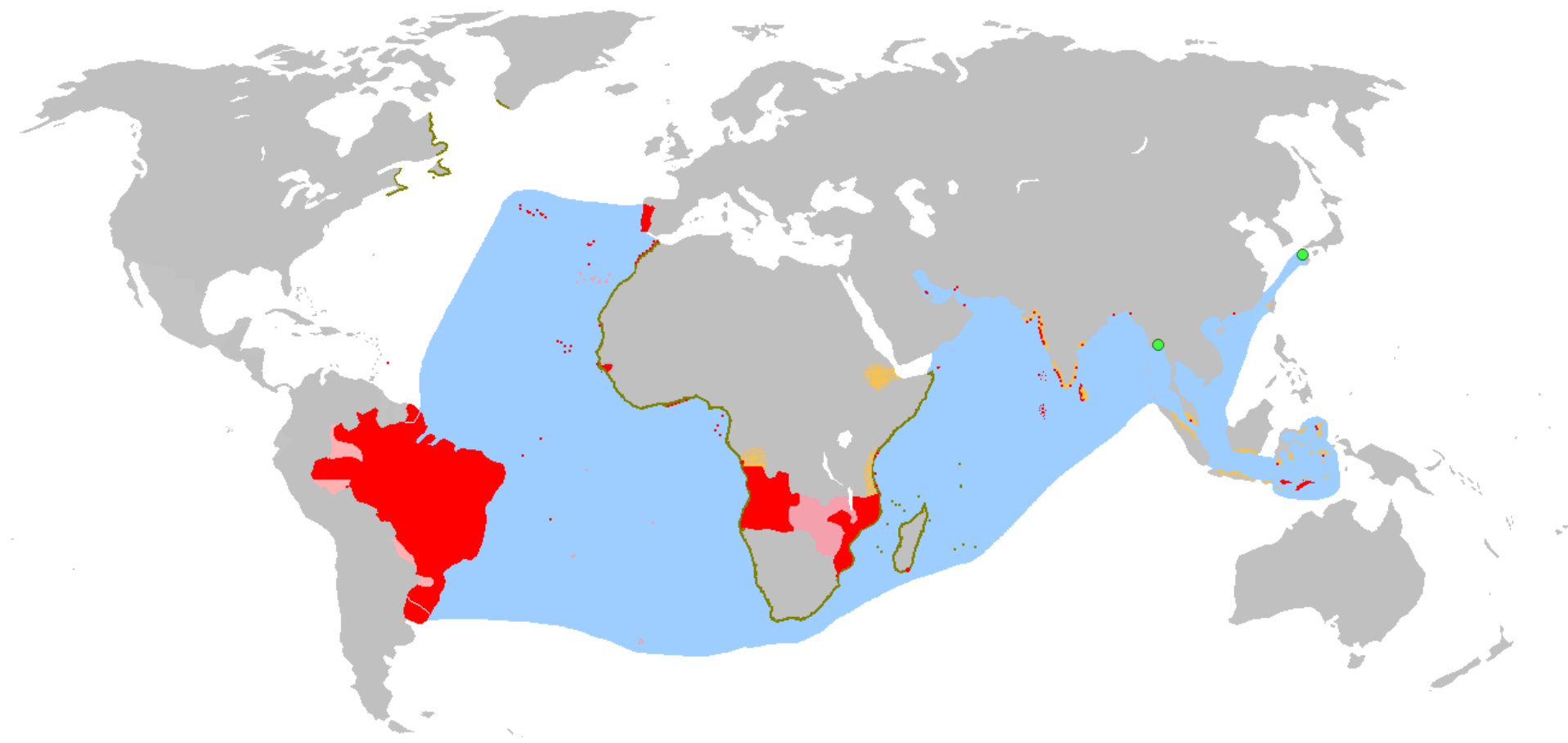
← Portuguese explorers

1434 Extent of Portuguese exploration



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- ▶ The early Slave Trade
  - Portuguese bought from Muslims
  - Muslims bought from Africans
  - Portuguese needed more slaves, started raiding coasts
- ▶ Portugal's MASSIVE trading Empire . . .



# The “New World”

- ▶ Spanish focused on the Americas
  - Queen Isabella & Christopher Columbus (ca. 1446–1506)
    - 12 October 1492 = Columbus landed at Hispaniola
    - Columbus vs. Bartolome de las Casas
    - “Columbian Exchange”
  - 1494 = Treaty of Tordesillas = Portugal gets Brazil, Spain gets everything else
- ▶ 1519–1522 = Magellan’s expedition circumnavigates the globe



# Spanish Conquest

- ▶ Three major interests in the Americas:
  - 1) convert Natives to Christianity
  - 2) claim territory
  - 3) find gold
- ▶ Enslaved Natives to work/mine
- ▶ Hernando Cortés (1485–1547)
  - By 1522, conquered Aztecs
- ▶ Francisco Pizarro (ca. 1475–1541)
  - 1531 = conquered Inca
- ▶ Spanish bring Africans to work in the Americas
- ▶ Legacy?

