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Vasco da Gama's Journey



In the late 15th century, European explorers were eager to find new trade routes. Among them, _____ da Gama, a Portuguese explorer, made a significant mark in history. His mission was to find a sea route to _____, bypassing the land routes controlled by other powers. In 1497, da Gama and his crew set sail from _____ with four ships. They navigated down the coast of _____, facing numerous challenges such as storms and difficult _____. After months at sea, they reached the Cape of Good Hope, a critical milestone in their journey. They then sailed up the eastern coast of Africa, making _____ with local leaders to secure provisions and information. In 1498, after a journey of more than 10 months, da Gama and his fleet arrived in _____, on the southwestern coast of India. This was a historic moment, as it opened up direct sea trade between Europe and Asia. The _____ they brought back were worth more than the entire cost of the expedition. Da Gama's journey had a profound impact, marking the beginning of a new era in global trade and European _____. Despite the dangers, his successful voyage paved the way for future explorations and significantly expanded European influence around the _____.

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