

A century of strife

- 1900 : Boxer Rebellion; siege of the Legations in Peking
- 1904 : The British invaded Tibet
- 1905 : Japanese fleet sinks Russian Navy at Tsushima; partition of Bengal
- 1906 : The "Unionist" (Imperialist) party in Great Britain defeated by the Liberals upon the question of tariffs
- 1907 : Philippine assembly becomes first freely elected legislature in Asia; the Confederation of South Africa established
- 1908 : Austria annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina; death of Chinese Empress Ci Xi
- 1909 : M Bleriot flew in an aeroplane from France to England
- 1910 : Japan annexes Korea
- 1911 : Chinese nationalist revolution ends Qing dynasty; Italy wages war against Turkey and seizes Tripoli; Partition of Bengal is abolished
- 1912 : China became a republic; the Balkan league makes war on Turkey
- 1913 : Dalai Lama proclaims Tibet's independence; bloodshed at Londonderry in Ireland caused by "Unionist" gunrunning
- 1914 : The first World War in Europe begins
- 1917 : The two Russian revolutions; establishment of the Bolshevik regime in Russia
- 1918 : The Armistice
- 1919 : China's May Fourth movement; Amritsar massacre in India
- 1919 : The Peace of Versailles
- 1920 : First meeting of the League of Nations; last invaders (Wrangel, Poles) expelled from Russia
- 1921 : Chinese Communist Party founded in Shanghai
- 1922 : Russian famine; Ataturk defeats Greeks; Irish Free established
- 1923 : French occupy the Ruhr; collapse of German currency; the Great Kanto Earthquake claims 140,000 lives
- 1924 : Death of Lenin; first steps taken to Stalin's autocracy
- 1925 : Voting rights for men guaranteed in Japan
- 1926 : China comes under Kuomintang control
- 1927 : Sukarno founds influential party, Persekutuan Nasional Indonesia
- 1929 : Oil discovered in Brunei; American Wall Street crash starts world-wide slump
- 1930 : Mohandas Gandhi leads Salt March protesting British rule in India; The campaign of 'civil disobedience' led by Mahatma Gandhi begins in India
- 1931 : Japan invades Manchuria; Spain becomes a republic
- 1932 : Bloodless revolution ends absolute monarchy in Thailand
- 1933 : Inauguration of Roosevelt's "New Deal" in the United States; Nazis take power in Germany; Japan invades northern China
- 1935 : Long March ends, after a year and 9,660 km; Italy invades and conquers Abyssinia; League of Nations fails to act
- 1936 : Franco rebels against Spanish republic; with aid of Nazis and Fascists
- 1937 : Rape of Nanjing; "Axis" formed (Germany, Italy, Japan; later Franco Spain); full-scale Japanese invasion of China
- 1938 : Germany annexes Austria; Munich conference
- 1939 : Germany annexes Czechoslovakia; Italy annexes Albania; Spanish civil war ends; Soviet-Nazi pact signed; Germany attacks Poland; Russia and Germany partition Poland; Russia annexes Baltic states and attack Finland
- 1940 : Germany overruns Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium; Chamberlain replaced by coalition government headed by Churchill; fall of France; Battle of Britain
- 1941 : British beat off German air attacks, re-conquer Abyssinia; Germany conquers Yugoslavia and Greece; Germany invades Russia; Japan attacks US fleet at Pearl Harbour and later seize Hong Kong and Singapore; the Atlantic Charter



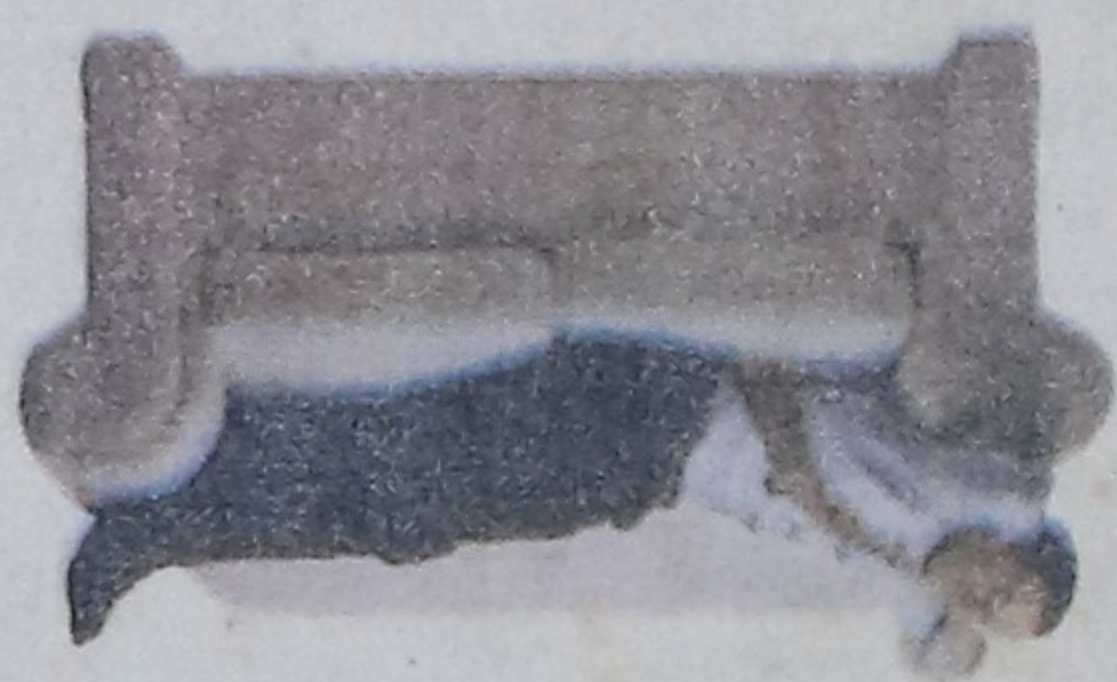
- 1942 : Axis victories until late in year. Allied victories follow (El Alamein, New Guinea, Stalingrad, North African landings)
- 1943 : Fall of Mussolini
- 1944 : Capture of Rome; US General Douglas MacArthur and American troops return to the Philippines; Allied landing in Normandy; Germans expelled from Russia, France and Belgium
- 1945 : Suicide of Hitler; Nazi surrender; atom bomb devastates Hiroshima and Nagasaki; Japan surrenders; Charter of United Nations signed; Arab League comes into being; Battle of Surabaya establishes Indonesian resistance to Dutch colonial rule
- 1946 : Guerrilla war in Palestine; beginning of British Welfare state; first Soviet "cold war" aggressions
- 1947 : India-Pakistan partition; Ceylon granted independence; Burma leaves British Commonwealth; Marshall Plan; Soviet rejects atom control plan, eliminates opposition in Hungary and Bulgaria
- 1948 : Gandhi assassinated in New Delhi by Hindu extremist; British quit Palestine; Arab-Jew war; Chinese communists defeat Kuomintang; Soviet completes subjugation of Romania and Czechoslovakia; Berlin blockade
- 1949 : Atlantic pact signed leading to NATO; Soviet takes over Poland; Dutch ousted from Indonesia; Chiang ousted from China; People's Republic of China founded
- 1950 : Korean war; beginning of European army under US general
- 1952 : Mau Mau revolt; Egyptian revolutions
- 1953 : Sherpa Tenzing Norgay and New Zealand's Edmund Hillary reach peak of Mount Everest; death of Stalin; Korean armistice; East Berlin revolt
- 1954 : Siege at Dien Bien Phu
- 1955 : Sukarno's Bandung Conference hails Third World and Non-Aligned Movement
- 1956 : Hungarian revolution, crushed by Russia; Franco-British attack on the Suez Canal
- 1957 : China launches Great Leap Forward
- 1958 : The European Community comes into being; the United Arab Republic is formed by a union of Egypt and Syria

- 1959 : Fidel Castro overthrows the government of Fulgencio Batista; Dalai Lama flees Tibet
- 1960 : Many African colonies become independent; chaos in Congo; Sino-Soviet split
- 1961 : South Africa becomes a republic, withdrawing from the Commonwealth; Berlin Wall built
- 1962 : Sino-Indian border clashes
- 1963 : Organisation of African Unity is created; USA, USSR, Britain sign Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; US President John F Kennedy assassinated
- 1965 : Sukarno deposed as bloody purges across Indonesia claim half a million lives; Singapore splits from Federation of Malaysia
- 1964 : Nelson Mandela and other ANC leaders imprisoned; Nikita Khrushchev ousted from Soviet leadership; PLO formed; Malaysia-Indonesia war
- 1965 : US marines enter Vietnam; Indo-Pak war over Kashmir
- 1966 : Cultural revolution in China begins; France leaves NATO; a six-day Arab-Israel war results in Israeli expansion (66-67)
- 1967 : China joins the nuclear club by exploding its first atomic bomb; Che Guevara killed in Bolivia
- 1968 : Tet Offensive surprises US forces in Vietnam; ASEAN established; Martin Luther King assassinated
- 1969 : Libyan revolution, Moamer el-Khaddafi making it a one-party Islamic socialist rule; US bombing raids on neutral Cambodia; Anti-Chinese violence in Malaysia sparks race riots
- 1971 : East Pakistan breaks away to form Bangladesh; Ceylon granted independence; China joins the UN
- 1972 : US President Richard Nixon visits China
- 1973 : US troops leave devastated Vietnam; Arab-Israeli war (Yom Kippur)
- 1974 : Impeachment of US President Nixon; Monarchy restored in Spain upon Franco's death; Portuguese announce withdrawal from East Timor
- 1975 : Civil war in Lebanon begins; Helsinki Conference on Peace and Co-operation in Europe; Cambodia's Khmer Rouge sets up Killing Fields regime; Saigon falls to North Vietnam army; exodus of boat people

- 1976 : from Vietnam and Cambodia begins
- 1976 : Mao Zedong dies; North and South Vietnam reunite as socialist republic; East Timor annexed by Indonesia; Israel settles in West Bank
- 1978 : Democracy Wall movement
- 1979 : Soviet troops storm into Afghanistan; Camp David Agreements on Peace in ME between Egypt and Israel, the latter agreeing to withdraw from the Sinai peninsula; Khmer Rouge ousted in Cambodia by Vietnamese; Brief Chinese invasion of Vietnam; Islamic revolution in Iran led by Ayatollah Khomeini
- 1980 : Solidarity formed in Poland; Iran-Iraq war begins; Hundreds of South Korean democracy advocates massacred in Kwangju by military dictatorship
- 1981 : Egyptian President Anwar Sadat assassinated
- 1982 : Falkland War between Great Britain and Argentina; Israel invades Lebanon
- 1983 : Tamil Tigers ambush Sri Lankan army soldiers, leading to civil war; Malaysia's Mahathir Mohamad unveils New Economic Policy; US invades Grenada
- 1986 : People Power revolution in the Philippines ousts Ferdinand Marcos; Mikhail Gorbachev introduces perestroika (reforms) and glasnost (openness) in the USSR
- 1987 : USA, USSR sign Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty to reduce the number of ground-based missiles; martial law ends in Taiwan; Intifada (Palestinian uprising) begins in Gaza and spreads to other Israeli-occupied territories
- 1988 : Benazir Bhutto becomes the first female leader of a Muslim state; students rise up in Rangoon, military junta tightens control
- 1989 : Cold war declared over; Soviet troops leave Afghanistan; pro-democracy demonstrations crushed in China, students massacred at Tiananmen Square in Beijing; US invades Panama; military withdrawal of Vietnam from Cambodia complete; Berlin Wall opened; Nikkei stock index hits peak of 38,916 before Japan's economic bubble bursts
- 1990 : Civil War in Liberia; Iraq invades Kuwait; Germany unified; free elections in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Bulgaria; unification North and South Yemen
- 1991 : Iraqi forces forced to withdraw from Kuwait by US-led UN forces; civil war in Yugoslavia; Warsaw Pact disbanded
- 1992 : Yugoslavia breaks up amidst civil war; McDonald's opens in Beijing
- 1993 : PLO recognises Israel's existence; Israel agrees to Palestinian self-rule and demilitarisation of the occupied territories; Czechoslovakia splits into two; USA and Russia sign START II treaty to reduce nuclear arsenals
- 1994 : PLO chairman Arafat and Israeli PM Rabin sign an accord to implement Palestinian self-rule in Gaza strip and Jericho; first multi-racial elections held in South Africa and Mandela becomes first black president
- 1995 : Aum Shinrikyo's gas attack in Tokyo subway kills 12
- 1997 : Hong Kong handover; Thai baht collapses, leading to Asian economic crisis; CHT Peace Accord Signed to end two decades of bloody conflict in the hill tracts of Bangladesh
- 1998 : Suharto ousted from power; India and Pakistan conduct nuclear tests; US President Bill Clinton impeached on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice on to be acquitted by the Senate
- 1999 : India and Pakistan engages in armed conflict along the Line of Control in Kargil; Israel and Palestine sign a Peace Accord in Oslo; NATO airstrikes on Belgrade to force the Serbian forces to withdraw from Kosovo; referendum held in East Timor produces overwhelming popular support for independence from Indonesian rule; pro-Jakarta militia kills and mutilates hundreds of East Timorese before UN peace-keeping force takes control



The conquerors of Mount Everest



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Who in their right minds would believe that this is not really a cheap marketing gimmick? But you've got to admit, the visual sinks deep its creative hooks into your soggy brain! Born on the 1st of June 1985, we have been building our creative roots in the sky instinctively. (Imagine we've waited 15 years for this millennium ad!) And not to forget, we've waited all this time to felicitate (I hope I've spelt it right) our dearly beloved clients. We hope all ya clients out there

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a fabulously turbulent ride, matched only by the likes of white-water rafting. As the millennium drew close, our management craved for something more. They hired people like us. Insane. In each department. Gone are the crazy people, only the insane ones survive. And unless you bring a straightjacket along with you, you are in danger. We may sell your product. Extremely well. Take heed and good luck out there, whatever you may be!



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