

## [Query: Vasco da Gama and Jews](#)

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Vasco da Gama departed on his famous voyage to India on 8 July 1497, months after the Portuguese expulsion decrees for Castilian conversos and Jews. Is there scholarship on whether any conversos or Jews were on his ships? I am specifically interested in his ships' crews and not da Gama's "Jewish connection" to Abraham Zacuto or the story of Gaspar da Gama. Thank you, Fred Astren [fastren@sfsu.edu](mailto:fastren@sfsu.edu)