

## Polynesian and European Timeline

This timeline is intended to give an idea of major events in Polynesia and in Europe. No exact dates are given as it is difficult to establish them, particularly in Polynesia.

Date	Polynesia	Europe
c. 8000 BC	Papuans reach Solomon islands	Neolithic (New Stone Age) culture flourishes in Europe. The first use of pottery.
c. 2000-1300 BC	Lapita culture develops in Solomon islands	Bronze Age develops throughout Europe
c. 1200 BC	Lapita people reach Vanuatu, Fiji and Tonga	Arrival of the Dorian Greeks in Peloponnese and the destruction of the Mycenaean civilization
c. 1000 BC	Lapita people settle Samoa	First settlements on what would become the city of Rome
c. 300 AD	Polynesians settle Marquesas and Hawaiian islands	Persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire reaches new heights
c. 700 AD	Easter Island settlement established	Christianity spreads throughout Anglo-Saxon England. Spain is invaded by the Moors
c. 950 AD	Tongans conquer parts of Samoa	King Eadred of Wessex becomes King of England. John XII becomes Pope at the age of eighteen and rules for nine years
c. 1000 AD	First settlers on Cook Islands	Carolingian dynasty in France finishes
c. 1200-1300 AD	Height of statue building on Easter Island	Growth of universities throughout Europe. Crusades end with the final loss of Jerusalem
c. 1300 AD	Polynesians arrive in New Zealand	Magnetic compass is first used. Papacy moves from Rome to Avignon.
1300-1500 AD	Maori culture develops in New Zealand	Black Death spreads throughout Europe. Wars of the Roses in England.