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1 | Ming China's Seafaring

Zheng He's Expedition: Famous official overseas official expedition

- Sought tribute and coordination from other nations
- Forced others to acknowledge Beijing
- Ships returned with great gifts/weird things
 - Giraffs — as... entertainment
 - A chief — for he did not acknowledge the emperor
- Apparently never plundered/murdered + killed only on Emperor's orders

Eventually, China stopped seafaring + much of external trade. See [\[KBhHIST201ChinasDecline1500\]](#) China's Decline in the 1500s