

Timeline of the Life of Charles Darwin



Date	Event
1809	Born in Shrewsbury, England
1825	Enters University of Edinburgh
1827	Admitted to Christ's College, University of Cambridge
1831	Embarks on the <i>Beagle</i> voyage from Plymouth, England
1832	First landing on a tropical shore at St. Jago, Cape Verde Islands Started using field notebooks
1832 - 1834	The <i>Beagle</i> surveys the east coast of South America
1833	The <i>Beagle</i> visits the Falkland Islands
1834 - 1835	The <i>Beagle</i> surveys the west coast of South America
1835	The <i>Beagle</i> visits the Galapagos Islands The <i>Beagle</i> visits New Zealand The <i>Beagle</i> visits Sydney, Australia, eventually making its way to the Cape of Good Hope, South America The <i>Beagle</i> returns home, landing in Falmouth, England Begins publishing scientific papers
1839	Marries Emma Wedgwood Publishes <i>Journal of Researches (Voyage of the Beagle)</i>
1842	Publishes <i>The structure and distribution of coral reefs</i>
1846	Publishes <i>Geological Observations on South America</i>
1856	Begins writing up his views for a book, <i>Natural Selection</i>
1859	<i>On the Origin of Species by means of Natural Selection</i> is published
1863	Health issues become serious and continue until 1866
1864	Awarded the Copley medal of the Royal Society of London, its highest scientific honor
1871	Publishes <i>Descent of Man</i>
1876	Begins writing an autobiographical memoir for his children and grandchildren
1881	Defends right of scientists to experiment on live animals
1882	Dies and is buried in Westminster Abbey
*Note	Darwin published many works in his lifetime; only a few were selected for this timeline.

"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is most adaptable to change"

Charles Darwin