

BLACK DEATH CHRONOLOGY

1346

Siege of Caffa

The plague is reported in the Crimean port city of Caffa during a Mongol siege.

Oct 1347

Arrival in Sicily

Twelve Genoese galleys arrive in Messina, introducing the pestilence to Europe.

Jan 1348

Marseille & Venice

The plague spreads to France through Marseille and enters Northern Italy via Venice.

June 1348

England Infested

The disease reaches the shores of Dorset, spreading rapidly toward London.

1349

Scandinavia & Germany

The pandemic spreads north into Germany, Scotland, and Scandinavia via trade ships.

1351

Russia

The plague completes its initial circuit of Europe, reaching northwestern Russia.

1353

Waning of First Wave

The initial catastrophic pandemic subsides, leaving an estimated 30-50% of the population dead.