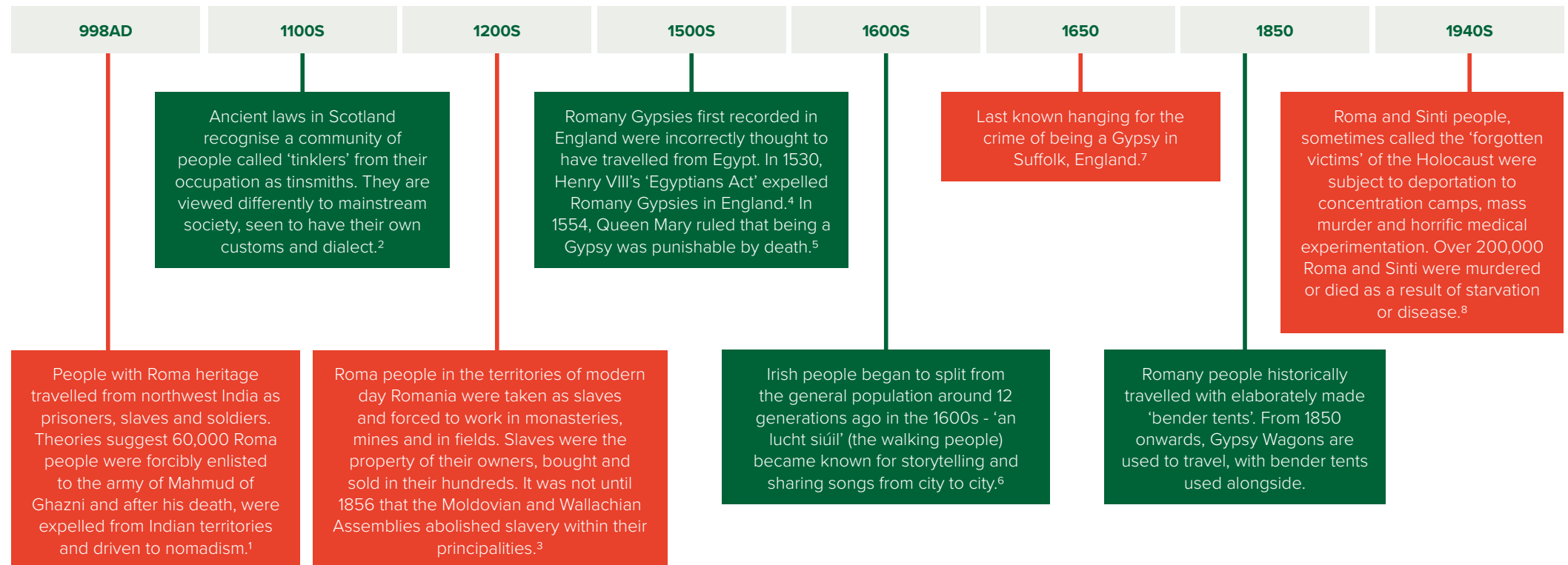


Key dates for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people throughout history

The rich and diverse histories of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people are largely absent from classrooms, books and museums

The timeline across these pages gives a small glimpse into the international histories of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers. There are many different people and groups who fit under the umbrella term 'Gypsies, Roma and Travellers' used in society. This can include Roma people, Romany Gypsies, Irish Travellers, Scottish Gypsy Travellers, New Travellers, Liveaboard Boaters and Travelling Showpeople.

In the timeline below, we include key dates in history for people of Romany Gypsy, Irish Traveller, Roma and Scottish Gypsy Traveller ethnicities. We include the events below as a starting point for your further reading and learning.



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1940S - 1960S

1963

1976

1982

1990S

2000

2004 / 2007

2008

2017

The Report of the Commission on Itinerancy is the first systematic attempt by the Irish government to settle Travellers in Ireland, aiming to force families off the road, into bricks and mortar accommodation.¹⁰

Germany officially recognise the genocide of Roma and Sinti people in the Second World War.¹²

Irish Travellers recognised in British law as an ethnic group, following a legal challenge in court brought by eight individuals refused service at five pubs in London.

Scottish Gypsy Travellers recognised as an indigenous ethnic minority group in Britain.¹³

General adoption of a mechanised caravan, rather than a horsedrawn wagon.⁹

Romany Gypsies were recognised in Britain as a distinct ethnic minority group under the 1976 English Race Relations Act.¹¹

Roma communities begin seeking asylum in England through the 1990s.

Following expansions of the European Union, there is an increase in migration of Roma people to the UK from across Europe.

Irish Travellers are recognised as a distinct ethnic group in Ireland, and recognised as Ireland's only indigenous community.¹⁴

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