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Coffee is the most consumed drink in the world, and came originally from Africa , its first trees that came from Amsterdam reached the South American Grounds in the 17 centuries.

From the 19th century, the habit of drinking coffee spread in Europe. This product was introduced in Brazil in the 17th century. However, coffee cultivation only started to stand out from the external demand. Coffee was the main export product of the Brazilian economy during the 17th century and the beginning of the 18th century, guaranteeing the necessary foreign exchange to sustain the Empire of Brazil. However, its production on a commercial scale for export only gained strength at the beginning of the 19th century. This size of coffee production was only possible with the increase in demand for the product by consumers in Europe and the USA. Coffee consumption on the European continent and in North America occurred after a plant traveled, since antiquity, a path that took it from the African Ethiopian plains to the tables and cups of the industrialized countries of the 19th century. But this required an expansion of its consumption by the Arab Empire and the Islamic world, which was later introduced to Europeans, which made its consumption more expressive around the 17th century.