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2. Brief history of the glass

The origins of the glass are dated back to 4.000 years ago, when in the Middle East people were using pearls made of opaque and coloured glass. Previously, the containers used to drink were much more primitive such as bull horns or shells used during the Greek period. Since then, the way to arrive at the actual form has passed through important phases in Egypt, where the glass was really appreciated, and during the Roman Empire, where the techniques of producing glass, learnt by Syrian people, were still further perfected.

The turning point was determined by the discover of the instrument to blow the glass and starting from the Middle Age, the Venetian artisans produced and exported their own product all over Europe.

In the XVIII century, the crystal was invented in England and subsequently between the XIX and XX centuries, Art Nouveau and Liberty created glasses of incomparable beauty.