

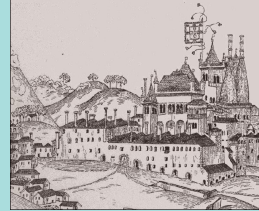
**Ferdinand Magellan**

First to Circumnavigate the Globe  
Portugal, 1519

Ferdinand Magellan was born to a noble family in Portugal.



At the royal court Magellan heard all about the explorers.



Magellan learned about Columbus landing in the Americas.

His hero was Vasco da Gama who sailed around the whole continent of Africa to reach Asia.

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*The Trinidad, the San Antonio, the Concepción, the Victoria, and the Santiago*

In 1519, Magellan sailed with five ships and a crew of 241 men.



After eleven weeks at sea, Magellan's crew arrived in a tropical paradise on the east coast of South America.

But instead of lolling on the beach, Magellan sailed on.

He hugged the east coast trying to find the secret passage to the Pacific Ocean.

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The crew hit the southern tip of South America as winter hit. It was COLD! These men were not used to being so cold.

Then, one of their ships sank, and they mutinied.

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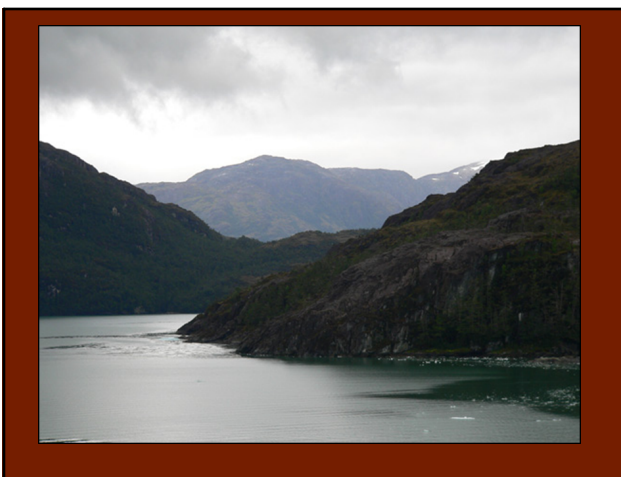
### The Strait of Magellan

Magellan finally found the waterway that led to the Pacific Ocean. (Today that waterway is named after him.)

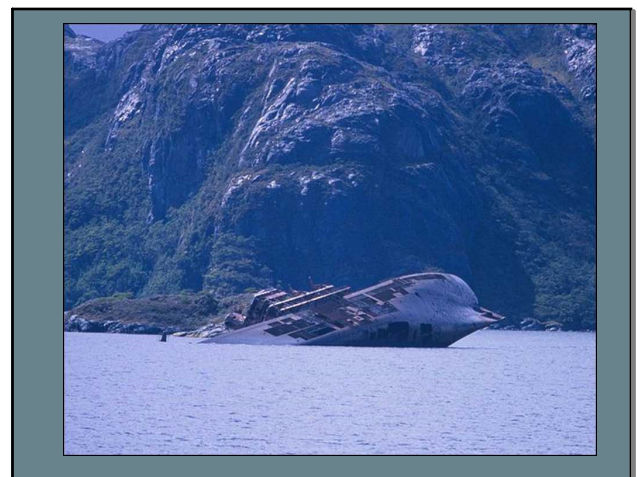


Sailing through the strait took five weeks because of wind, fog, and strong tides.

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**Up the West Coast of South America**

Magellan sailed up the west coast of South America. The sailors were happy. The weather was warm. They hugged the coast and could always see land.



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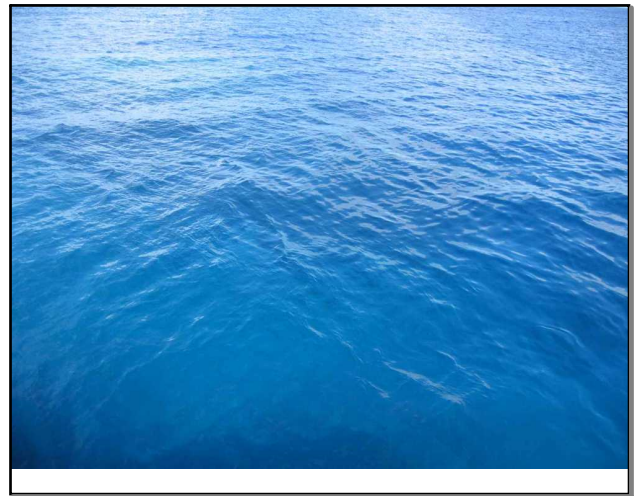
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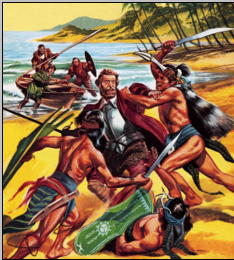


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The Philippines

Magellan then landed in the Philippines.



Unfortunately, Magellan and his men got in a battle with the natives of the Philippines and they killed him.

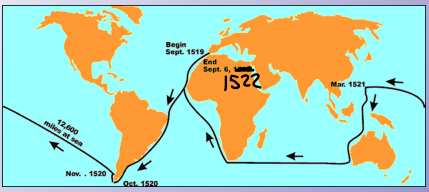
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Magellan's crew sailed to the Spice Islands, today Indonesia. They loaded up on spices, and headed home to Spain.



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The trip around the world had taken 3 years.



Only 17 of the original 241 survived.

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