





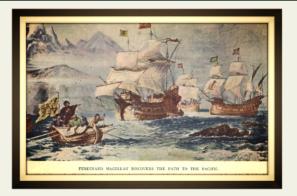
Ferdinand Magellan was born and raised in Portugal. In 1519, Magellan moved to Spain and led an expedition into the Atlantic Ocean and to find a way to reach Asia by sailing west around America. The king of Spain paid

for his journey. With five ships and 250 sailors, he set off.





Magellan sets off!



Magellan sailed to what is now called Brazil. For months and months they sailed west to Brazil and up the tip of South America. Then he sailed up the rivers in the middle of the continent, trying to find up river that lead to an ocean. They suffered pounding waves and howling winds. In 1520 he sailed up the Strait of Magellan and he finally he reached the Pacific Ocean. Magellan named the ocean the Pacific Ocean because Pacific means peaceful and the waves they encountered were more peaceful than the Atlantic Ocean.

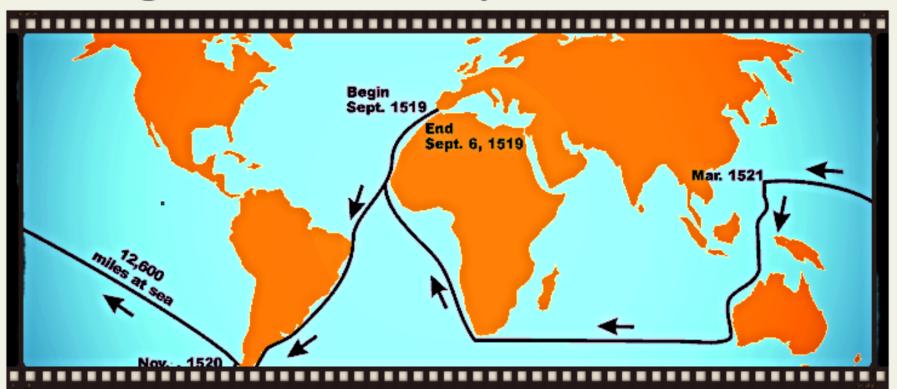
Magellan's luck turns.....

For three months, the ships sailed along the Pacific Ocean. The small amount of food the crew had left quickly spoiled. Since there was no place to stop for fresh food, the crew ate rats, sawdust, and leather. Many died of hunger and scurvy, a sickness from not getting enough vitamin C. Many of the crew members were lost or they ditched. In March 1521, Magellan's ship reached the Philippine Islands. Magellan got into a war there and died. In 1522, the remaining 18 starving sailors found Spain on the last remaining ship, the Victoria. It sailed

around the entire world.

Magellan's Journey





Fun Facts

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Fun Facts 2

- He was considered a traitor in Spain
- The ship Victoria traveled over 42,000 miles
- The king of Potugal tried to stop him, but was un sucsessful
- The ship Magellan comanded was the Trinidad, which was wrecked in a storm.

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