

# Ferdinand Magellan



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## About Ferdinand Magellan

**Occupation: Explorer**

**Born: 1480 in Portugal**

**Died: April 27, 1521 in Cebu, Philippines**

**Best known for: First to circumnavigate the globe**

**Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail all the way around the world. He also discovered a passage from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean that is today called the Straits of Magellan**

## Ferdinand Growing Up

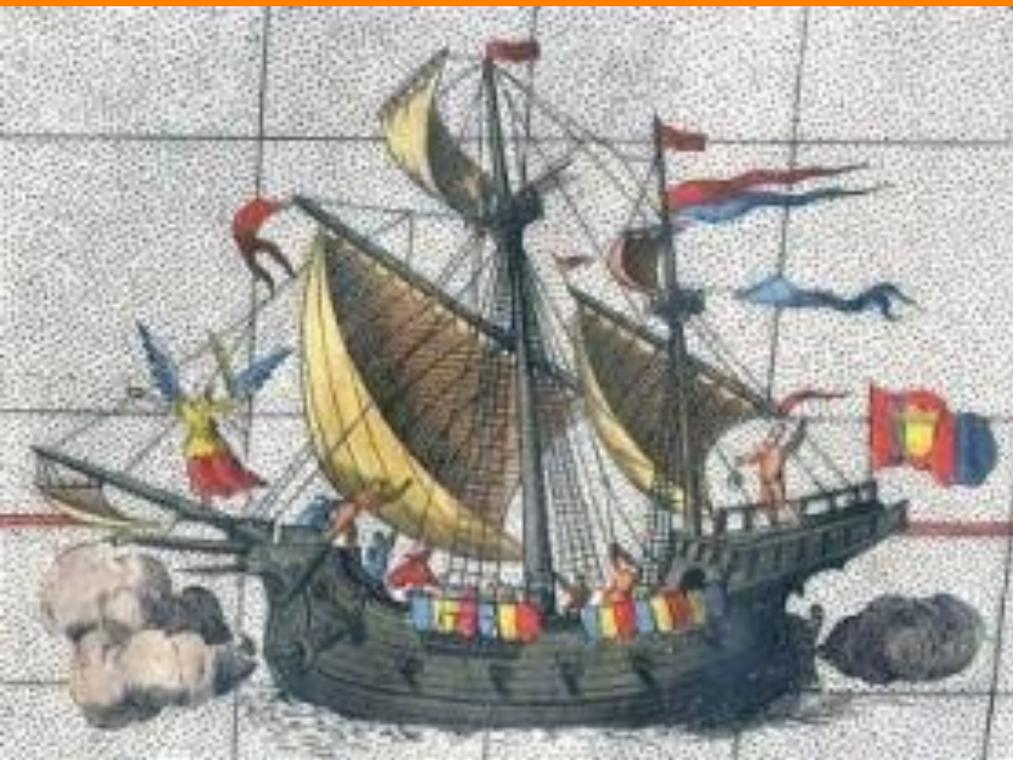
**Ferdinand Magellan grew up in a wealthy family and served as a page in the royal court. He enjoyed sailing and exploring and sailed for Portugal for many years.**

**Magellan had traveled to India by sailing around Africa, but he had the idea that there may be another route by traveling west and around the Americas. The King of Portugal did not agree and argued with Magellan. Finally, Magellan went to the King Charles V of Spain who agreed to fund the voyage**

## Setting Sail

In September of 1519 Magellan set sail in his attempt to find another route to Eastern Asia. There were over 270 men and five ships under his command. The ships were named the Trinidad, the Santiago, the Victoria, the Concepcion, and the San Antonio.

They first sailed across the Atlantic and to the Canary Islands. From there they sailed south to Brazil and the coast of South America.



Here's a picture of Ferdinand's Ship

## Mutiny

As Magellan's ships sailed south the weather turned bad and cold. On top of that, they had not brought enough food. Some of the sailors decided to mutiny and tried to steal three of the ships. Magellan fought back, however, and had the leaders executed.



## Returning to Spain

Only one of the original five ships made it back to Spain. It was the Victoria captained by Juan Sebastian del Cano. It returned in September of 1522, three years after first leaving. There were only 18 surviving sailors, but they had made the first trip around the world.



## Extra Facts on Magellan

The ship that Magellan commanded was the Trinidad.

The total distance traveled by the Victoria was over 42,000 miles.

Magellan's knee was wounded in battle, causing him to walk with a limp.

Many of the sailors were Spanish and did not trust Magellan because he was Portuguese.

The King of Portugal, King Manuel I, sent ships to stop Magellan, but was unsuccessful.

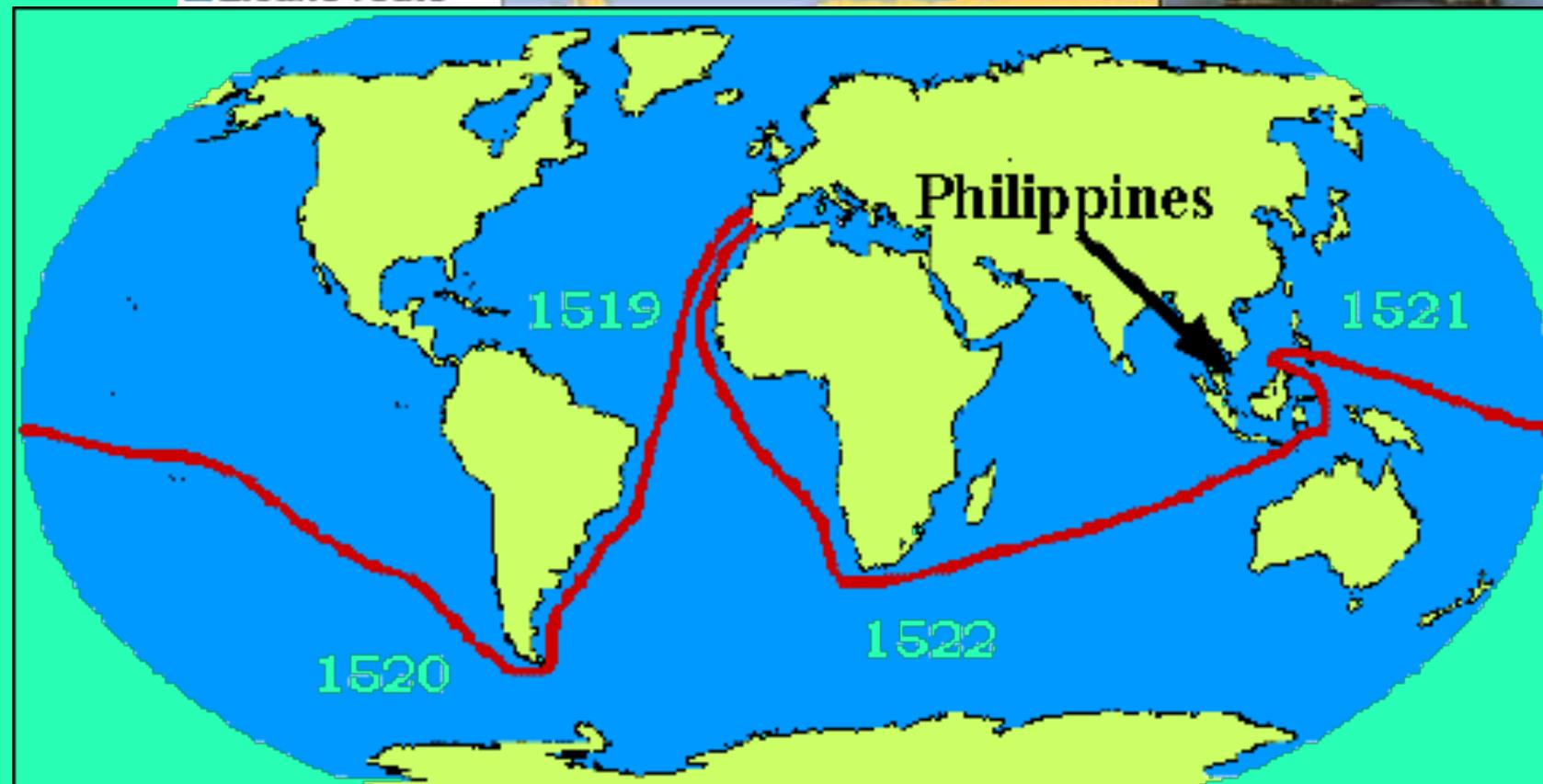
On the long journey across the Pacific the sailors ate rats and sawdust to survive.

It took Mallegan 3 Years to sail all the way around the world.

Here is a picture of the route Ferdinand Magellan took.



Mallegan didn't discover America as he sailed around the bottom of it.



The church says the earth is flat,  
but I know that it is round,  
for I have seen the  
shadow on the  
moon, and I have  
more faith in a  
shadow than in the  
church.



~Ferdinand Magellan  
(1480–1521)



A few more pictures of Ferdinand  
Magellan and his thought of the world  
being flat



