FERNAN MAGELLAN

MAGELLAN - PORTUGUESE EXPLORER, WHOSE EXPEDITION MADE THE FIRST CIRCUMNAVIGATION



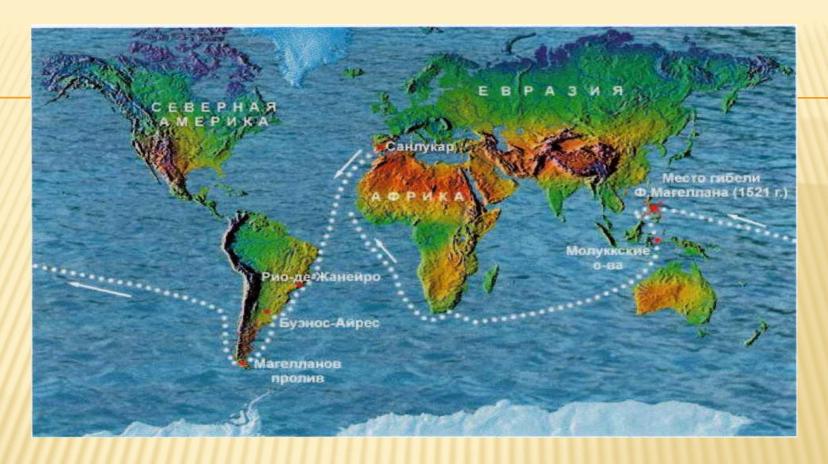
Magellan was born in the spring of 1480 in Portugal, a poor but noble family, served as a page in the retinue of the Portuguese Queen. He studied astronomy, navigation, and cosmography. Participated in sea battles with the Arabs, Indians, Moors, showed himself a brave soldier, and was promoted to marine captain

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THE PATH TO THE "SPICE ISLANDS»

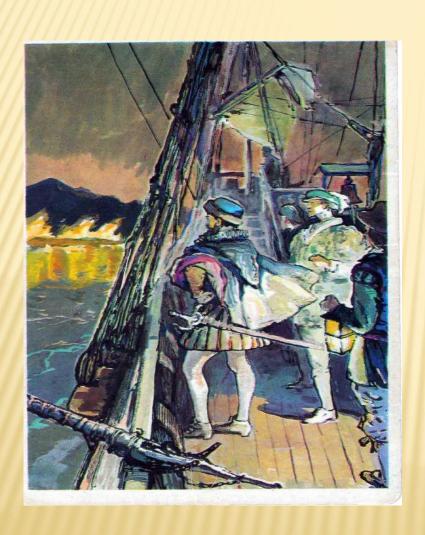
Because of intrigues at the court of the Queen, Magellan moved to Spain, where he proposed to king Charles I draft circumnavigation. The expedition was undertaken with the aim of finding a Western route to the rich "colonial goods" in the Moluccan Islands





On 20 September 1519 5 small ships - "Trinidad", "San Antonio", "Santiago", "Concepcion" and "Victoria" with a crew of 265 people out to sea. Crossed the Atlantic ocean and on 21 October came to a narrow winding Strait, later named after Magellan, and around America from the South, found themselves in an unknown ocean.

THE EXPEDITION IN THE WAY



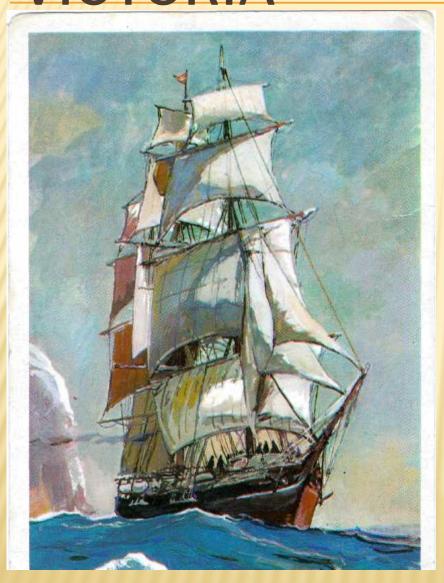
Weather, fortunately, was good, and Magellan named the Pacific ocean. Almost 4 months lasted a very difficult voyage, when people ate bread dust mixed with worms, drinking putrid water and eating cowhide, wood chips, and ship rats. Famine and scurvy. Many died. Magellan, even though he was short in stature but had a great physical strength and confidence.

THE DEATH OF MAGELLAN

March 15, 1521, the expedition came to the great Philippine archipelago, where strong and courageous Magellan, in the role of patron they baptized the natives, intervened in civil war and was killed in a skirmish near the island of Matan.



THE RETURN OF THE SHIP "VICTORIA"



On 6 September 1522, 18 of the 265-year-sailors participating the first ever circumnavigation of the great Portuguese Explorer Ferdinand Magellan on the Caravel Victoria after 18 months of sailing, he returned to Spain. Magellan proved the existence of a single World ocean and provided practical evidence sphericity of the Earth.