

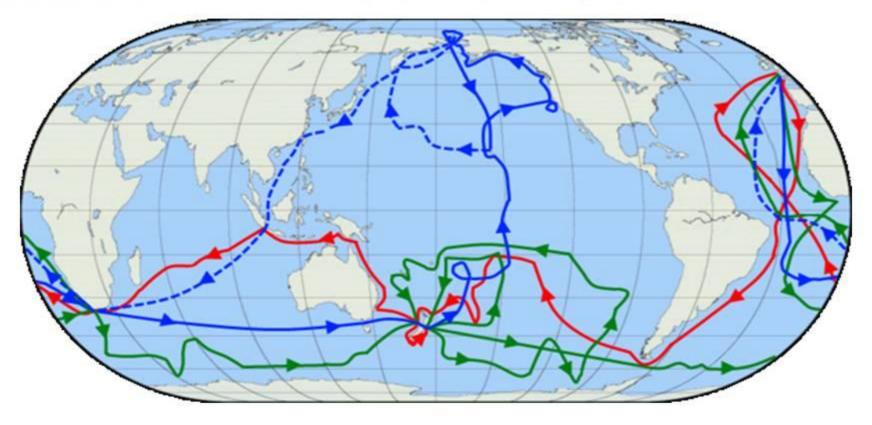


Born on 7, 1728, in Marton, Yorkshire, England, James Cook was a naval captain, navigator and explorer who, in 1770, discovered and charted New Zealand and the Great Barrier Reef of Australia on his ship Endeavor. He later disproved the existence of Terra Australis. Cook's voyages helped guide generations of explorers, and provided the first accurate map of the Pacific. He died on February 14, 1779, in Kealakekua Bay, Hawaii.





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The official purpose of the first voyage around the world Cook were astronomical research, in reality a crew went in search of the Southern continent. In 1769, they reached the shores of Tahiti, and then headed for New Zealand. Cook found that New Zealand consists of two islands separated by a strait. Subsequently, the strait was named after him (Cook Strait).

James Cook first studied the nature of New Zealand, he noted that in of this fertile country Europeans could arrange colonies in which one can without much difficulty grow all that is needed.

In 1770 Cook reached eastern shore Australia. He studied and mapped the eastern coast, where Cook discovered a large bay at the moment in this place is the city of Sydney. August 21, 1770 a crew _ skirted the northern tip of Australia - Cape York.

- The second expedition started in 1772. For the first time in history was crossed the Antarctic Circle. James Cook became the first European who could to observe aurora australis. On his way to New Zealand Cook examined in detail Easter Island.
- During his second voyage around the world in 1974, sailor opened the the following islands: Niue (20 June), the New Hebrides (August 21), New Caledonia (4 September). In February 1775, he reached the South Sandwich Islands of the archipelago. Cook has proved that all the oceans are connected at a latitude south America and Africa in the Southern Ocean one, He first in the history made a on it full circle.

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Fact's

- In honor of the "Endeavour", the first ship commanded by James Cook, was named the command module spacecraft Apollo 15. In the course his flight was conducted the fourth disembarkation men to the Moon. The same name has received and one of the "the space shuttle".
- In occasion popular myth associated with the death of James Cook, Vladimir Vysotsky has written humorous song "One scientific riddle, or why the natives eat Cook."
- In honor of the traveler was named the archipelago in the Pacific Ocean; the name archipelago has received from Russian sailor Ivan Krusenstern, because Cook stayed on the Islands Southern Group in the period from 1773 until 1775's.
- In 1935, the International Astronomical Union has appropriated the name of James Cook crater on the visible side of the moon.



