## Ferdinand Magellan: The First Man to Circumnavigate the World

Ferdinand Magellan was a Portuguese explorer who led the first expedition to circumnavigate the world. He was born in Sabrosa, Portugal, in 1480. Magellan was a skilled navigator and cartographer. He served in the Portuguese navy for several years before leading his own expedition.



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Magellan's expedition proved that the world was round and that it was possible to sail around it. He was a great explorer and navigator, and his expedition had a profound impact on the world.

#### **Early Life**

Ferdinand Magellan was born in Sabrosa, Portugal, in 1480. His father was a minor nobleman, and his mother was the daughter of a wealthy merchant. Magellan received a good education, and he studied navigation and cartography at a young age. He also served as a page in the court of King Manuel I of Portugal.

In 1505, Magellan joined the Portuguese navy. He served in India and the East Indies for several years. He also explored the coast of Africa. In 1513, Magellan returned to Portugal and proposed a plan to King Manuel I to sail around the world. The king rejected Magellan's plan, and Magellan decided to offer his services to Spain.

#### The Expedition

In 1519, Magellan obtained the support of King Charles I of Spain. He was given command of five ships: the Trinidad, the San Antonio, the Santiago, the Victoria, and the Concepción. The expedition set out from Spain on September 20, 1519.

The expedition crossed the Atlantic Ocean and then sailed around South America. They became the first Europeans to cross the Pacific Ocean. Magellan named the ocean the "Pacific" because of its calm waters. The expedition also discovered the Philippines. Magellan was killed in a battle with natives in the Philippines in 1521.

However, the expedition continued on without Magellan. The Victoria, under the command of Juan Sebastián Elcano, returned to Spain in 1522. The Victoria was the only ship to complete the circumnavigation of the world.

#### Legacy

Magellan's expedition proved that the world was round and that it was possible to sail around it. He was a great explorer and navigator, and his expedition had a profound impact on the world. Magellan's expedition opened up new trade routes and led to the colonization of the Americas. It also helped to change the way Europeans viewed the world.

Magellan is remembered as one of the greatest explorers in history. He was a bold and courageous man who was willing to risk his life to explore the unknown. Magellan's expedition was a major turning point in history, and it helped to shape the world we live in today.

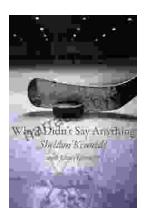


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