

Christopher Columbus And his trips...





Christopher Columbus is the **explorer** who is credited for **discovering America**. Of course, there were already people living in America at the time who we call Native Americans. There even was a European, **Leif Ericsson**, who **had been to the America's** before. However, it was **Columbus' voyage** that started the **exploration and colonization of the Americas**.



Columbus was born in **Genoa**, Italy in **1451**. He later lived in Lisbon where he worked as a trader. He learned how to make maps and navigate a ship.



A Shortcut to China

- Columbus and his brother, Bartholomew, knew that there were **great riches** to be had in China and East Asia, and he **thought he could sail straight to China by crossing the Atlantic Ocean.**



It would turn out that Columbus was wrong. **The Earth was much larger** than he thought and **there was another land, the Americas, between Europe and Asia.**

Video...

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Three Ships and a Long Voyage

- Columbus spent **years** trying to convince someone to pay for his voyage. He first tried to get King John II of Portugal to pay for his journey, but the King was not interested.
- Finally, he was able to convince **Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain** to pay for the trip.





- He set sail on **August 12, 1492** with three ships named the **Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria**.
- The voyage was long and difficult. At one point his men threatened to mutiny and wanted to turn back.
- Columbus promised them he would turn back in two days if they didn't find land.

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Finding Land

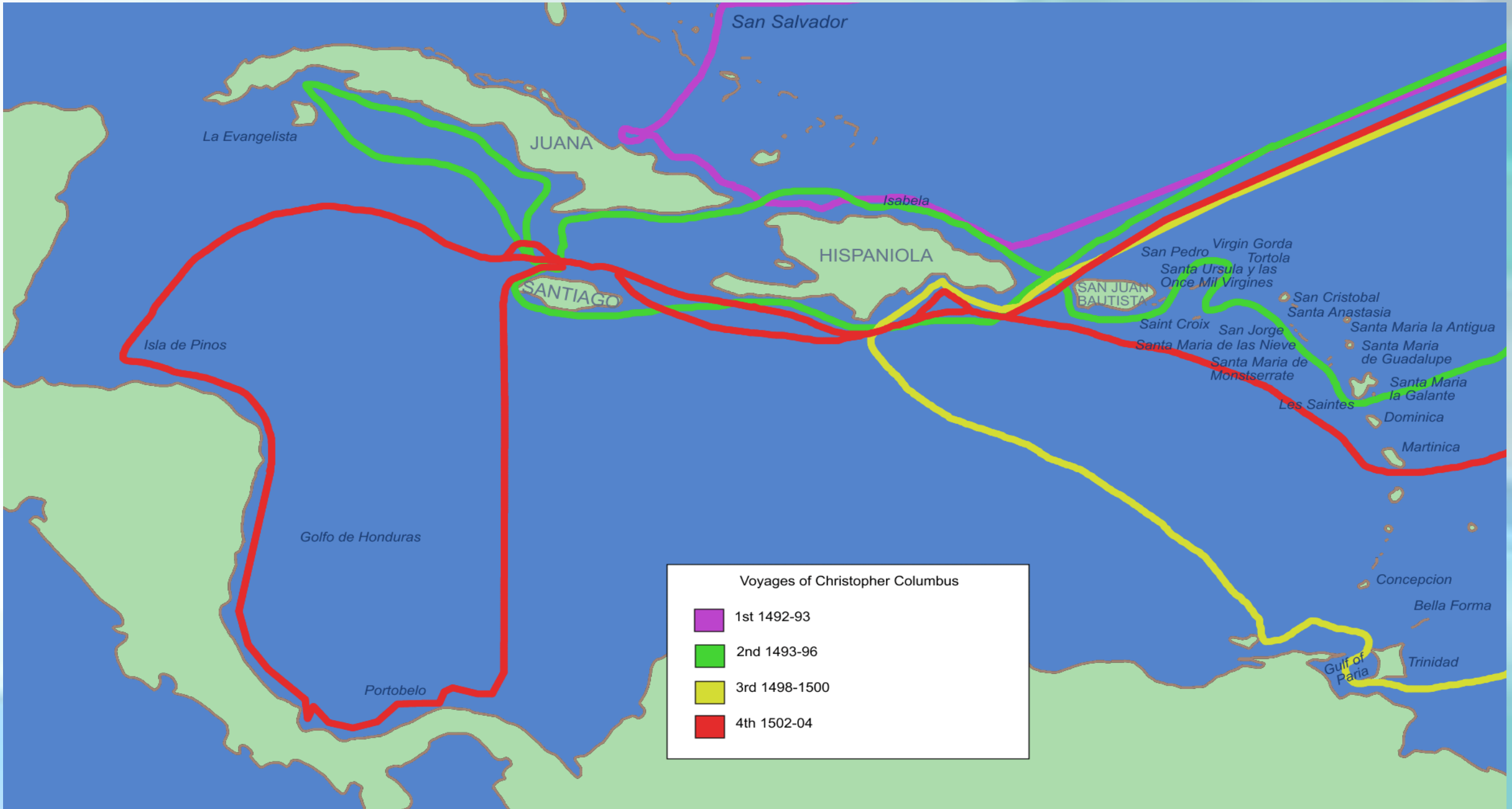
- **On October 12, 1492** land was spotted.

It was a small island in the **Bahamas** that **Columbus would name San Salvador.**

He met **natives** there that he called **Indians** because he was convinced that he had landed on islands off the coast of East Asia.

He also visited other islands in the Caribbean such as **Cuba and Hispaniola.**





San Salvador

La Evangelista

JUANA

Isabela

HISPANIOLA

SANTIAGO

SAN JUAN BALTISTA

San Pedro
Virgin Gorda
Tortola
Santa Ursula y las
Once Mil Virgines

San Cristobal
Santa Anastasia

Saint Croix
San Jorge
Santa Maria de las Nieve
Santa Maria de
Montserrat

Santa Maria la Antigua
Santa Maria
de Guadalupe

Santa Maria
la Galante
Dominica

Martinica

Isla de Pinos

Golfo de Honduras

Portobelo

Concepcion

Bella Forma

Gulf of Paria

Trinidad

Returning Home



- After making his discovery, **Columbus was eager to return home to Spain and claim his riches.**
- Only the Pinta and the Nina were able to return to Spain, however, as the **Santa Maria wrecked off the coast of Hispaniola.** Columbus left **43 men** behind on the island to start up an **outpost.**

More Voyages

- Columbus would make **three more voyages to the Americas**.

He explored more of the Caribbean and even saw mainland America.

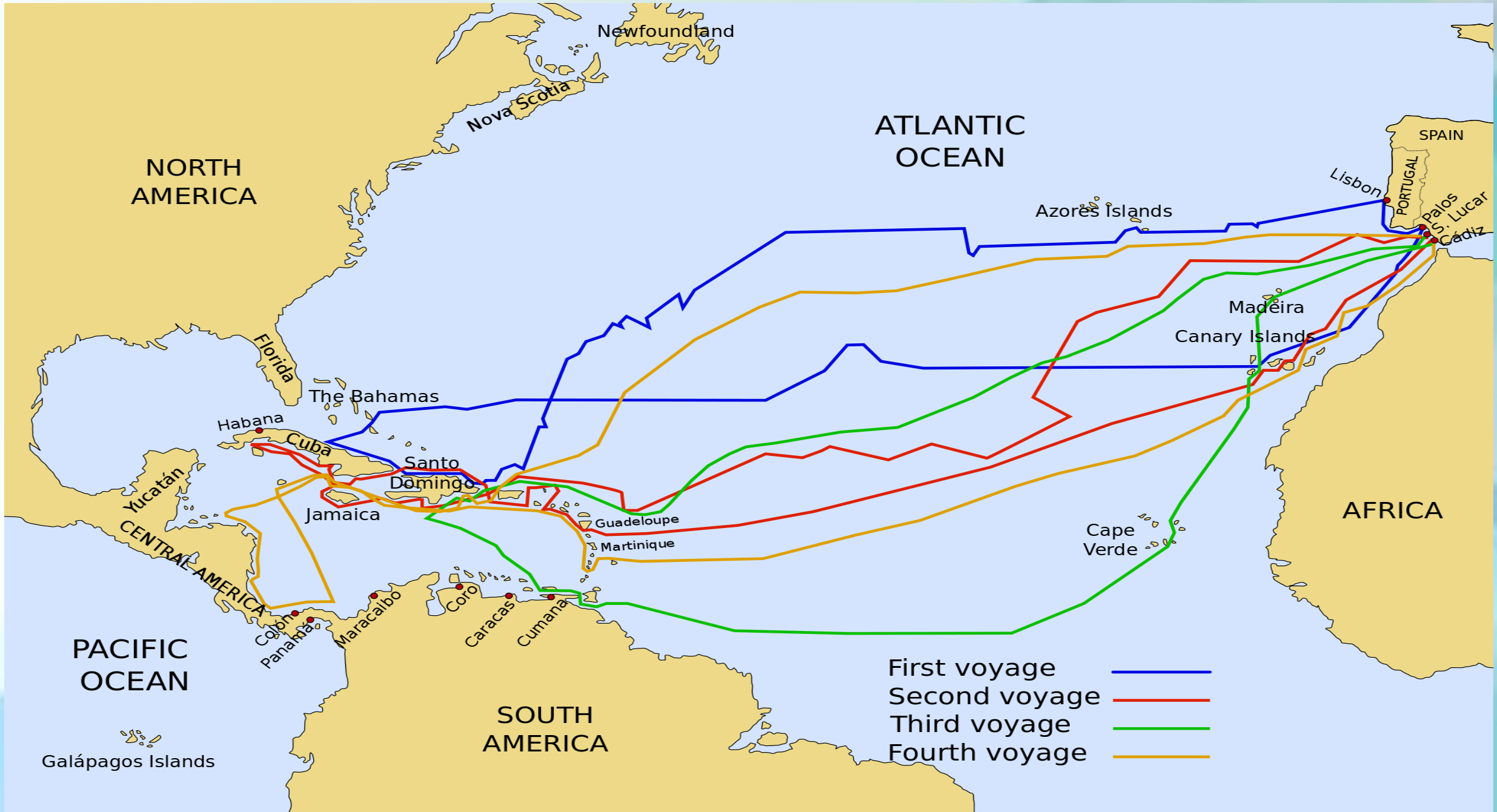
He had some **difficulties** in being the **local governor** and was even **arrested** for **his behavior** and for **mistreating some of the colonists**.



- **Columbus died on May 20, 1506. He died thinking he had discovered a shortcut to Asia across the Atlantic Ocean. He never knew what an amazing discovery he had made.**



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ATLANTIC OCEAN

NORTH AMERICA

SPAIN

Lisbon

PORTUGAL

Palos
Lucar
Cádiz

Azores Islands

Madëira

Canary Islands

AFRICA

Cape Verde

PACIFIC OCEAN

SOUTH AMERICA

Galápagos Islands

- First voyage —
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- Third voyage —
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