

# Christopher Columbus

( 1451 - 1506 )

He was an Italian navigator who discovered America in 1492.

Christopher Columbus was born in Genova in 1451. He believed in the theory that the Earth was round and he wanted to test it by travelling west to reach India.



Queen Isabella of Spain financed his journey. The navigator started with three caravels: Nina; Pinta; Santa Maria.

On his first voyage (1492) he discovered the Bahamas Isles and the Caribbean islands of Haiti and Cuba. He made three other expeditions. He was convinced he was in India, but discovered America.

The name is from Amerigo Vespucci.



Christopher Columbus died in 1506 in Valladolid, where he lived exiled.

