

Francis Drake

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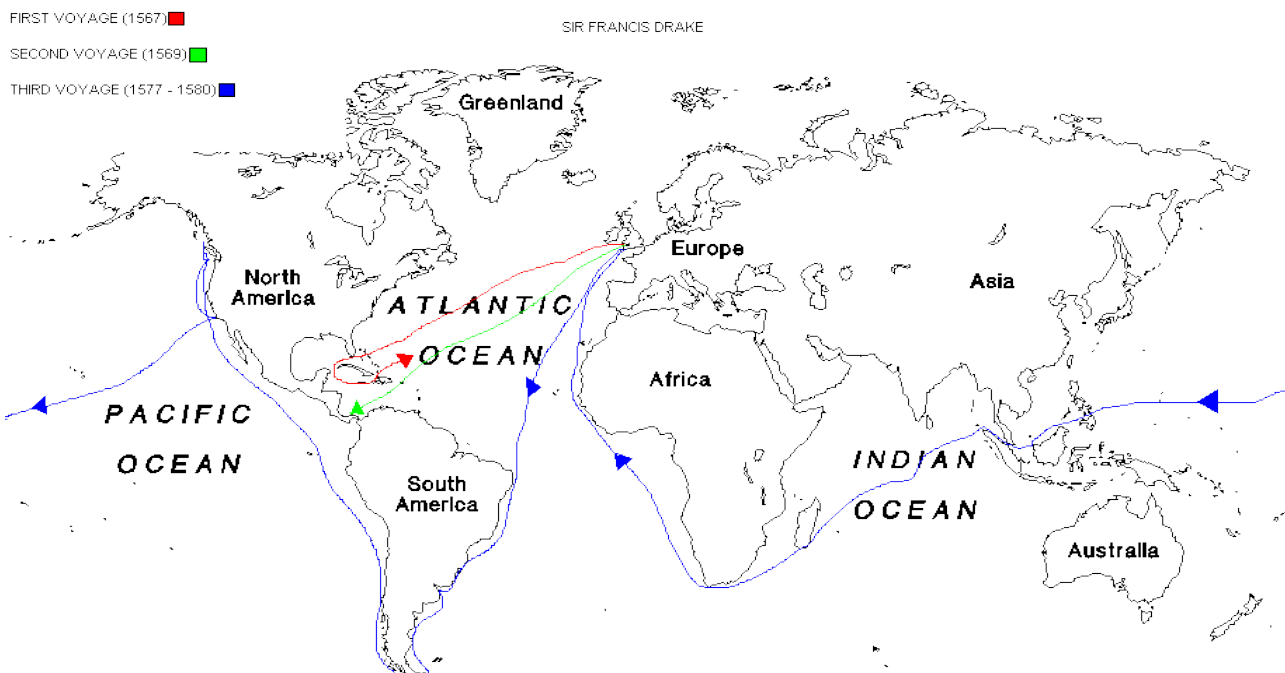
Francis Drake was an English navigator. He was born in 1540 in the parish of Crowndale, a mile south of Tavistock. He was the eldest of twelve children.

At the age of 23 Drake made his first voyage to the New World.

In 1577 Drake was sent by Queen Elizabeth to start an expedition against the Spanish along the Pacific coast of the Americas.

War broke out between Spain and England in 1585. Drake sailed to the New World and sacked the ports of Santo Domingo and Cartagena. On the return leg of the voyage, he captured the Spanish ship *San Pedro*. These exploits encouraged Philip II of Spain to order the planning for an invasion of England.

Francis Drake died of an illness called Dysentery in Puerto Rico on 1596.



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