

ANDALUCÍA EN LA HISTORIA

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ABSTRACT

The four voyages of Christopher Columbus (1492 – 1504) are well known for most of the people. However, it does not happen the same with the important amount of voyages to the “New World” developed between 1498 and 1503. Known as “andalusian travels” as they departed from Sevilla, Huelva and Cádiz, these voyages were financed by individuals prior to the permission of the Crown. This important change in the conditions for sailing the seas held by the Catholic Kings opened a new stage in the history of navigation. Vicente Yáñez Pinzón, Américo Vespuccio, Alonso de Ojeda, Diego de Lepe, Pedro Alonso Niño, Juan de la Cosa and Rodrigo de Bastidas are some of these brave pilots whose courage changed our world view as they arrived to the Gulf of Panama, Venezuela or Brazil.