Giovanni da Verrazano

1458-1527

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He was an Italian navigator in the service of France/explorer. He sought the North West path to China. He also explored places like the West Indies and the coast of America to the newfound land.

The Verrazano Bridge in New York was named after him. Also, King Francis 1[](http://www.google.com/imgres?q=Giovanni+Verrazzano+as+a+kid&start=100&safe=active&biw=1257&bih=501&tbm=isch&tbnid=cTXrvGRIvuxBLM:&imgrefurl=http://newyorknatives.com/giovanni-da-verrazano-sails-into-new-york-harbor-on-this-day-in-nycs-history/&docid=Is8LCQEmOagQSM&imgurl=http://newyorknatives.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/sunset__Verrazano_Bridge_1_by_taffytheterrible-628x328.jpg&w=628&h=328&ei=LHSPUo2AHsu6kQebzoHIDQ&zoom=1&ved=1t:3588,r:26,s:100,i:82) picked and sponsored him to explore the coast of North America.