



Discovery of the Pacific Ocean

On September 25, 1513, Vasco Nunez de Balboa became the first European to see the South Sea (Pacific Ocean) claiming it in the name of the King of Spain. Following the information given by the natives, Balboa stood high atop a peak in the Darien (Panama) and saw the undiscovered sea far away in the horizon. Two days later, they reached the waters and claimed possession of the South Sea and all adjoining lands.

