

Explorers

Philippines

Complete:

The Philippines is an archipelagic nation in Southeast _____ consisting of 7,107 islands, divided into different geographical areas. It is located in the western _____ Ocean, south of Taiwan, east of Vietnam and northeast of Malaysia.

In 1542, Spanish conquistador Ruy Lopez de Villalobos named the islands after King _____ of Spain.

It is located on the western edge of the Pacific Ring of Fire, making it a place of hundreds of _____.



In 1521, a Spanish _____ led by **Ferdinand Magellan**, a Portuguese explorer, visited the island in search of _____, gold and glory. That time was at the height of European exploration. Magellan's expedition _____ that the _____ was not _____.

Magellan was killed by a datu in the southern islands. It was Sebastian Elcano who went back to _____ to speak of the discovery. Magellan's voyage was followed by several unsuccessful expeditions.

For over 300 years, *Las Islas Filipinas* remained a Spanish _____. In _____, the Philippines declared its independence from Spain.

Curiosities:

In the Philippines, the _____ season starts in September and ends with the Feast of the Three Kings early in January.

Filipinos celebrate Christian, Muslim and Chinese holidays to respect each _____.



Magellan's Cross in Cebu

