**John Cabot: Bristol, England to Northeast Canada (wanted to reach Asia)**

Over half the population of Canada lives near the Great Lakes or along the St. Lawrence River. Winter is very snowy and wind-chilled, while summers are humid and longer than elsewhere in Canada. Rainfall is sufficient to sustain some of the best farming areas in Canada.

Yourcanda.ca/climate/regional/

**Vasco Nunez Balboa:** [**Jerez de los Caballeros**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerez_de_los_Caballeros)**,**[**Spain**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spain) **to Columbia**

Because of the country’s close proximity to the Equator, its climate is generally tropical and isothermal (without any real change of seasons). Temperatures vary little throughout the year. The only genuinely variable climatic element is the amount of annual precipitation. Climatic differences are related to elevation and the displacement of the [intertropical convergence zone](http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/291738/intertropical-convergence-zone-ITCZ) between the two major air masses from which the northeast and southeast trade winds originate. Human settlement is more oriented to vertical zoning in Colombia than anywhere else in Latin America.

http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/126016/Colombia/25348/Climate

**Juan Ponce de Leon: Spain to Puerto Rico to Florida, USA**

Florida is known for its warm, sunny climate. While cold spells sometimes occur in the winter, they rarely last more than three or four days. The heaviest rainfall occurs between May and October. Hurricanes can also be a problem.

<http://school.eb.com.proxygsusgwi.galileo.usg.edu/levels/elementary/article/345469>

**Christopher Columbus: Palos de la Frontera, Spain to San Salvado, Bahamas (wanted to reach Asia)**

The tropical climates lie in the low latitudes and are dominated by tropical and equatorial air masses. They are warm all year with at most a minor cool season. In areas with rainy tropical, or [**tropical rainforest**](http://kids.britannica.com/comptons/article-9275197/rainforest) climates, precipitation is heavy, usually averaging more than 80 inches (200 centimeters) per year. Humidity is high. Thunderstorms occur almost every day.

<http://school.eb.com.proxygsu-sgwi.galileo.usg.edu/levels/elementary/article/352972>

**Henry Hudson: Amsterdam, Netherlands to New York, USA**

New [York](http://www.worldtravelguide.net/i/york) is warm and sunny from May to October, followed by cold winters. Snow is common in the mountains and interior part of the state. Summer in [New York City](http://www.worldtravelguide.net/i/new-york-city) can be hot and humid, with occasional tropical storms. Due to vehicular emissions, the city often issues ozone alert days during summer months. Fall is a popular time to visit New York, as the leaves on trees turn brilliant shades of red, yellow and orange, and temperatures tend to be very comfortable. “Leaf peeping” is a popular autumn activity among locals and visitors alike. Winters are usually cold, with occasional snowstorms, freezing rain and bitter cold winds, which blow off both the Hudson and the East Rivers. The winter conditions outside the city often mean liberal snow for skiers.

http://www.worldtravelguide.net/united-states-america/new-york/weather-climate-geography

**Jacques Cartier: France to Newfoundland, Canada**

This region features one of the most rugged and most variable climates anywhere in the country. In winter, temperatures can vary wildly as Arctic air is replaced by maritime air from passing storms. Snowfall is relatively heavy, and fog is often present in spring and at the onset of summer. July is the warmest month with an average temperature of 16 to 18 degrees Celsius.

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