



1610–1619 – From One Ship to a Circuit

The 1610s mark the moment early exploration turned into a tenuous foothold. After nearly collapsing in 1610, the English doubled down in Virginia, and the colony staggered from a starving outpost to a fledgling society by 1619 ¹ ² . Dutch merchants, operating under short-term licenses during a truce with Spain, began regular fur-trading voyages to the Hudson River, even building a tiny trading post (Fort Nassau) by 1614 ³ ⁴ . France maintained only a few dozen pioneers at Quebec, and Spain clung to its military-mission presence in Florida ⁵ ⁶ . European settlements were still pinpoints; Indigenous nations overwhelmingly dominated the continents in population and power ⁷ ⁸ . *From one ship's discovery to a circuit of annual crossings, the decade set in motion the colonial patterns of trade, governance, and intercultural contact that would define the century.*

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