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Getting to the Global City

In 1524, Giovanni da Verrazzano explored North America's eastern coastline for the French, while searching for a westward route to China. Along with 50 crew members, he set out on the ship *La Dauphine* across the Atlantic. It was on this exploration that he visited what is known as New York Harbour today.

Verrazzano will not be the last cross-Atlantic visitor to the city. European settlers soon arrived and later, the Russian Jews and Italians. It was not before long that, people from all corners of the world were coming to New York to work, study, visit, immigrate and transit. But rather than sail into the city like Verrazzano did in 1524, many who enter the city today do so on the 1 of at least 213 flights available to its 3 popular airports - John F. Kennedy, Newark Liberty and LaGuardia. And rather than spend weeks on end at sea, one will most certainly enjoy significant time savings and not to mention, the relative safety of air travel.