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**The Search for a Western Passage  
c1519 to 1527**

The second phase of exploration of what is now Canada lasted from 1519 to 1533. During that period, explorers charted the Atlantic Coast in search of a western passage to Asia. This map shows the routes of four explorers: Fagundes (1519 to 1526), Verrazano (1524), Gomes (1525) and Rut (1527). The map also shows the extent of territory known to Europeans in the period 1497 to 1650, and the navigation of all exploration routes during the period of maritime exploration between 1497 and 1599. The historical names found on the map are derived from contemporaneous maps and written documents of the period.

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Lambert Conformal Conic Projection. Standard Parallels 49°N and 77°N

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| <b>The Search for a Western Passage c1519-1527</b> | <b>European Settlements circa 1630</b> | <b>Extent of Territory Known to Europeans 1497 - 1650</b> |
| Fagundes c1519-1520                                | French                                 | Explored by 1519  |
| Fagundes c1521-1526                                | Dutch                                  | Explored between 1520 and 1533                            |
| Verrazano 1524                                     | English                                | Explored between 1534 and 1599                            |
| Gomes 1525   |  | Explored between 1600 and 1650                            |
| Rut 1527   |  | Areas known through native accounts by 1650               |

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**Exploration 1497 to 1650**  
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