

## 7. Galleons

The Galleon differed from older designs primarily by being longer, lower and narrower, with a square tuck stern instead of a round tuck, and by having a snout or head projecting forward from the bows below the level of the forecastle. These changes made the galleons faster and more maneuverable and enabled them to sail considerably closer to the wind.



**Galleon**, full-rigged sailing ship that was built primarily for war or commerce, and which developed in the 15th and 16th centuries. The name derived from “galley,” which had come to be synonymous with “war vessel”

