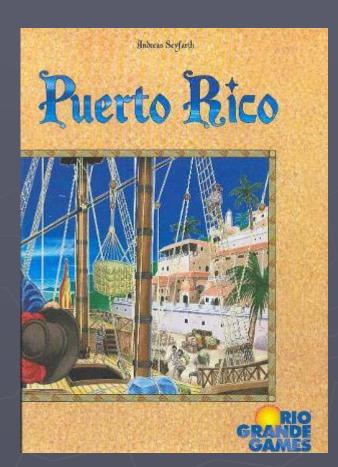
An Introduction to Puerto Rico



The board game from Rio Grande Games

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Intended Audience for this Presentation

Never played Rio Grande's Puerto Rico (PR) before

Interested in learning the basics without having to read the entire rules

Curious about how the game plays

Presentation Objectives
By the end of this presentation you should:

Have gained basic understanding of PR's mechanics

- Be ready to play a game with some support from either:
 - Experienced player(s)
 - ► Rule Book

Have insight into main strategies of PR

PR's Theme

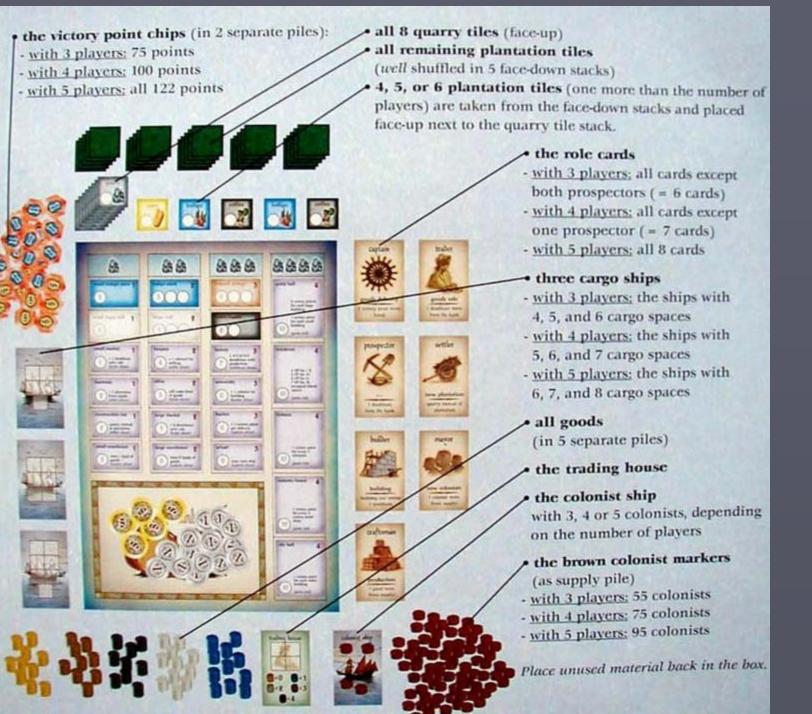
Players are land holders in the new colony of Puerto Rico

Circa 16th-17th century

Players strive to develop their holdings and gain favor from the court of Spain

Game Components (a Quick Look)





Object of the Game

The Player with the most "Victory Points" (VP) at the end of the game is the winner.

Victory Points (VP) = Status in Spain



Gaining Victory Points

Two main ways to get Victory Points:

Construct Buildings

Ship Goods to Spain

Constructing Buildings

Buildings cost money () to construct
 This is the only use for money in the game!

Buildings give their owner VP's at game end

Costs \$5 to construct



Gains 3 VP at game end

Shipping Goods

Shipping Goods to Spain gains VP for player

Step 1: Produce the Goods



Shipping Goods

Step 2: Deliver the Goods to the Ship



Processed Good / Barrel



= 1 VP

Cargo Ship

(Note: Each barrel delivered, regardless of type is worth 1 VP)

Player Mat

Each player gets their own player mat

On the mat, Players place their:

Plantations



Buildings











Player Mat



Plantations <a>(and Quarries)

Player Mat Example



Goods

There are 5 different goods to produce:

- Corn
- Indigo
- Sugar
- Tobacco
- Coffee

Goods

Produced Goods (or barrels) serve two important purposes:

Goods can be shipped for VP

Goods can be sold for money (\$)

Plantations and Goods

Plantations

Goods/Barrels

Corn

Indigo

Sugar

Tobacco

Coffee



















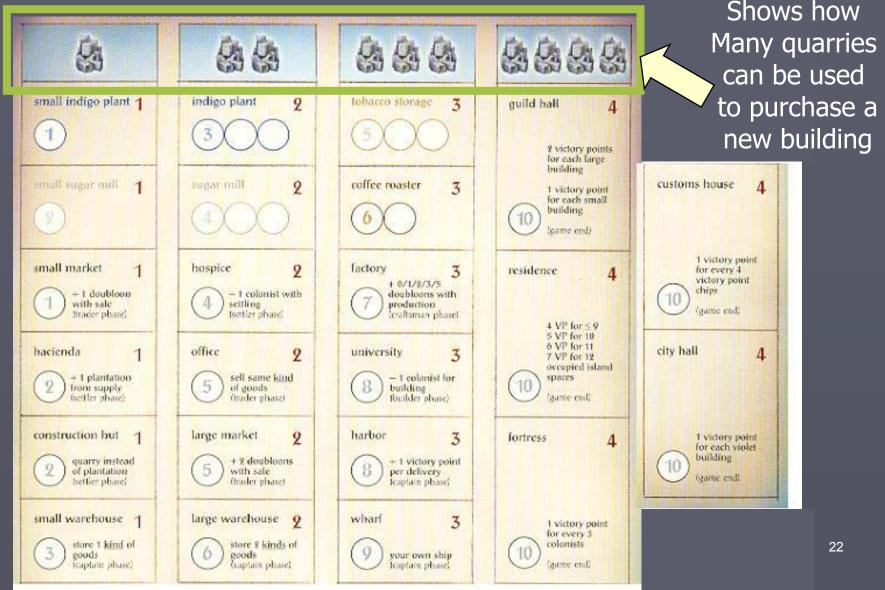




A Note about Quarries Placed in Player's Plantation Area Only obtained by special privilege Each occupied Quarry reduces the cost of a building by \$1 Up to maximum displayed on building

chart

There are only 8 quarries in the game



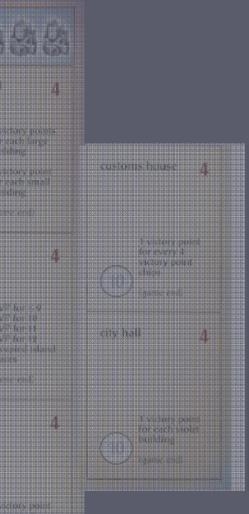


Only 1 Quarry can be used to purchase buildings in this column (max discount = \$1)

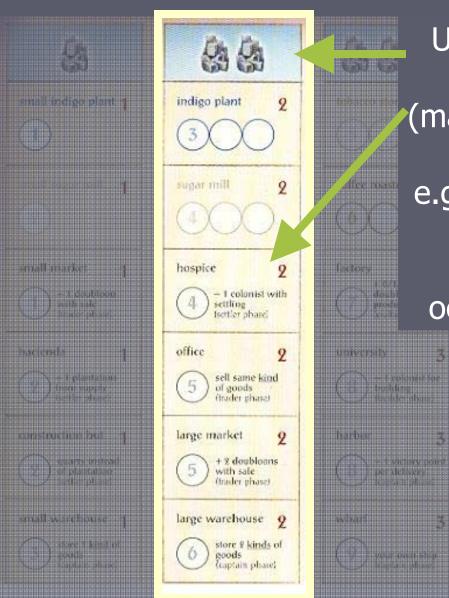
e.g. Small Market costs \$0 if player has occupied Quarry

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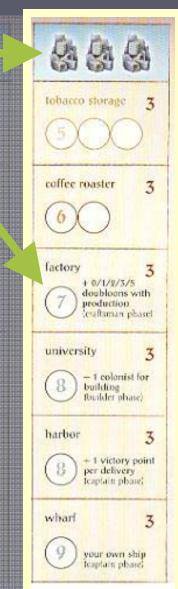
Up to 2 Quarries can be used (max discount = \$2)

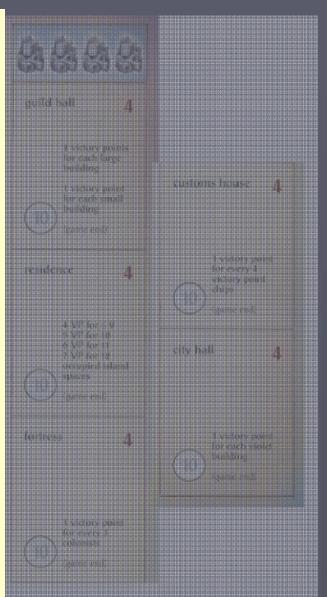
e.g. Hospice would Cost \$2 if player has two occupied quarries

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Up to 3 Quarries can be used (max discount = \$3)

e.g. Factory would Cost \$4 if player has three occupied quarries



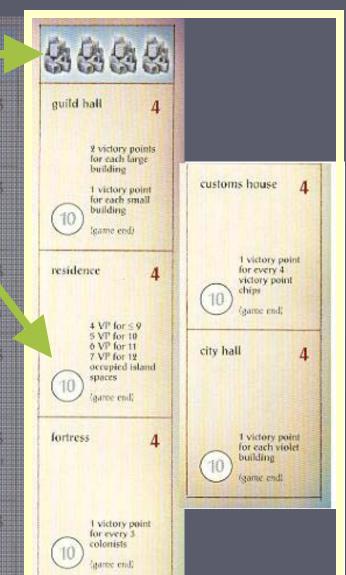


Up to 4 Quarries can be used (max discount = \$4)

e.g. Residence would Cost \$6 if player has four occupied quarries

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		Comparing Goods
	:	Selling Price vs. Ease of Production Production Ease Selling Price
	Corn]
8	Indigo	
	Sugar	
8	Tobacco	
8	Coffee	

Comparing Goods



Let's Play!

Ok, Let's try a game!

We'll walk through the first few turns of a 4 player game...

Note:

 Strategies and choices made by the players are not necessarily optimal. They were selected to quickly explain the basics of the game.

Starting Play

Drake Lucrezia Philip Mona



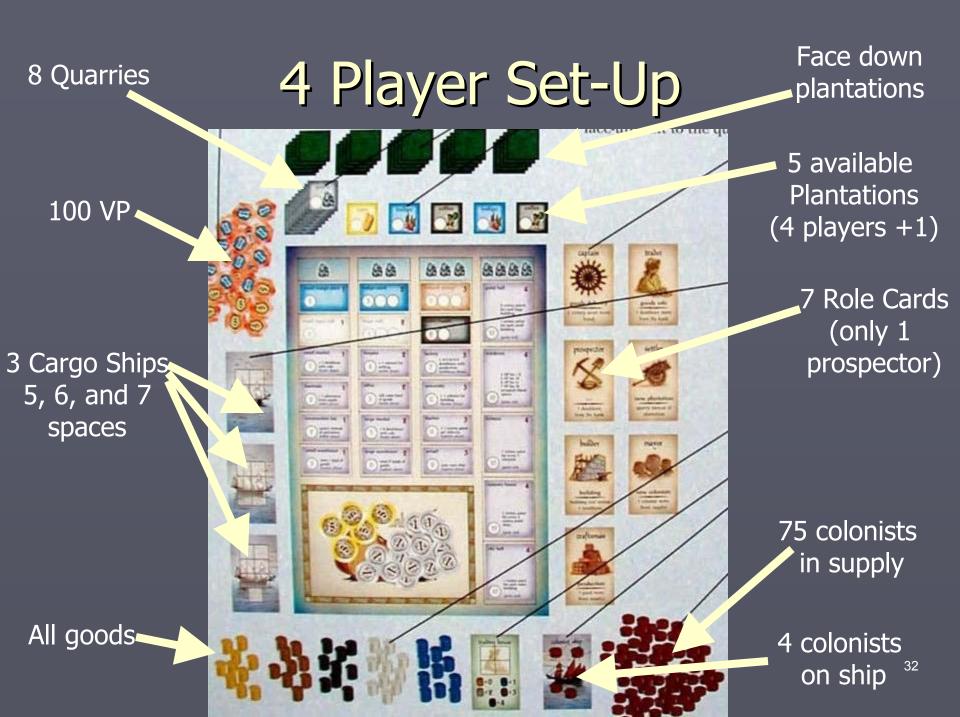
- Drake, Lucrezia, Philip and Mona sit down for a game of Puerto Rico
- The order of play is determined randomly
 - (Drake will go first)

Starting Play

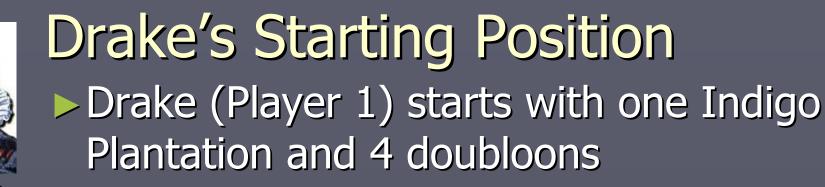


Since this is a 4 player game, the following components are used:

- 100 Victory Points
- 5 face-up Plantations available
- 8 quarries (as always)
- All Role cards (except for one prospector) = 7 cards
- 3 Cargo Ships (5, 6, and 7 cargo spaces)
- 75 colonists in the supply
- 4 colonists on the colonist ship







There is plenty of time to win this game, and to thrash the Spaniards too!



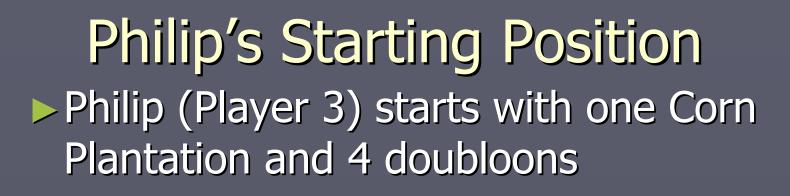


Lucrezia's Starting Position Lucrezia (Player 2) starts with one Indigo Plantation and 4 doubloons

O cruel Monster! See what I can Do!







My invincible armada of cargo ships will crush you all!





Mona's Starting Position Mona (Player 4) starts with one Corn Plantation and 4 doubloons



The Governor



Since Drake is first, he is the Governor for this round

The Governor

governor Julie starts a round Player holding the Governor card always goes first

After all players have selected a Role, the Governor moves to the next player.

The Player's Turn

Select an available Role
 Take a role card and place it near your mat

Perform the Action for that role
 (plus any special "privilege" actions for the role)

All other players perform the action for that role in sequence (clockwise)

The Roles



Actions and Privileges

settler

Action All players perform the selected Action in sequence

new plantation

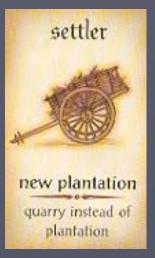
quarry instead of plantation Privilege Only the player who selected the Role gets the benefit of the role's special privilege

Drake's Turn



Drake selects the Settler Role.

The Settler

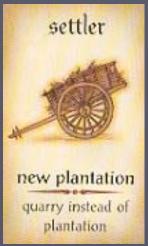


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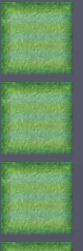
 May select one new plantation from those available (face up)

Special Role Privilege
 The Settler may select a Quarry instead of Plantation

The Settler



Face-down Plantations











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Quarries



indigo

Always one more plantation than there are players e.g. 4 player game = 5 face up plantations,





Drake Selects Quarry Drake uses Settler's special privilege to select Quarry (instead of plantation).





Drake



Drake's Position Drake is finished his "new plantation" action.

Available Plantations



indigo



















settler governor new plantation starts a round quarry instead plantation





Drake's Position

My Quarry will help me build cheaply!



Other Players Take their Action

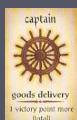


building building cost minus 1 doubloon



production 1 colonist more 1 good more (from supply) (from supply)









governor











Mona

settler new plantation quarry instead of plantation

Now each of the other players may take the "new" plantation" action in sequence Lucrezia is next. 48





Lucrezia gets new plantationLucrezia selects the indigo plantation.





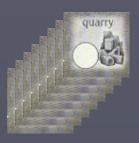
Lucrezia



Lucrezia's Position Lucrezia's action is finished.

Available Plantations







/ Quarries



sugar







Philip gets new plantationPhilip takes the corn plantation.









Philip gets new plantation

Ha Ha! Lots of corn means lots of Victory Points for me!







Mona gets new plantationMona selects a sugar plantation.







Mona gets new plantation

Corn is good for shipping ... but sugar can make me money!



Settler phase is complete















governor





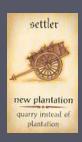
Drake Lucrezia



Philip





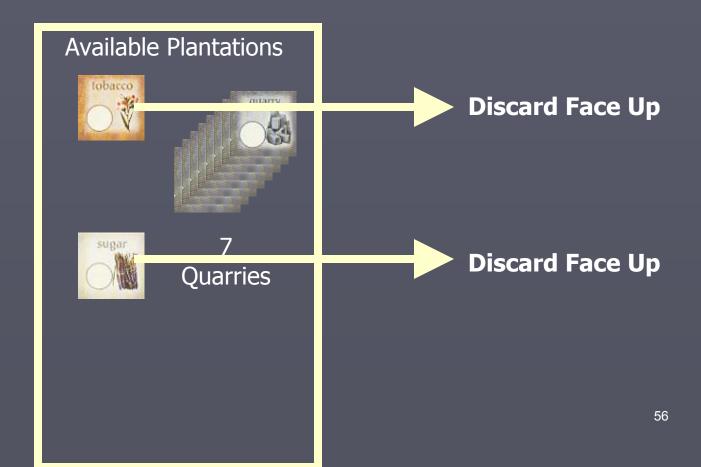


All players have done the "new plantation action" Drake replenishes the available plantations...





Drake Cleans Up Drake discards the 2 remaining face up plantations.



Drake



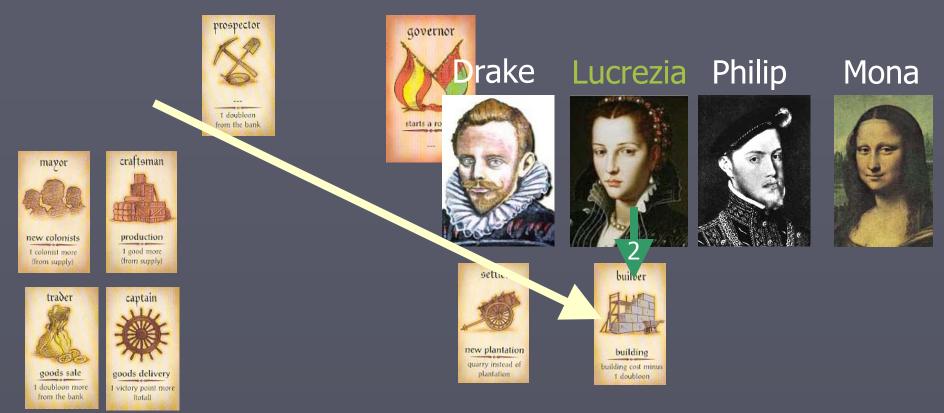
Drake Cleans Up

Drake pulls 5 new plantations from the face down supply

(1 more plantation than there are players)

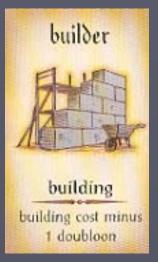


Lucrezia Selects a Role



After Drake's turn is finished, Lucrezia selects the Builder.
 Lucrezia does the "Build" action.

The Builder



Action:

May select one building the player does not already have from the supply

Special Role Privilege
 Building costs 1 less

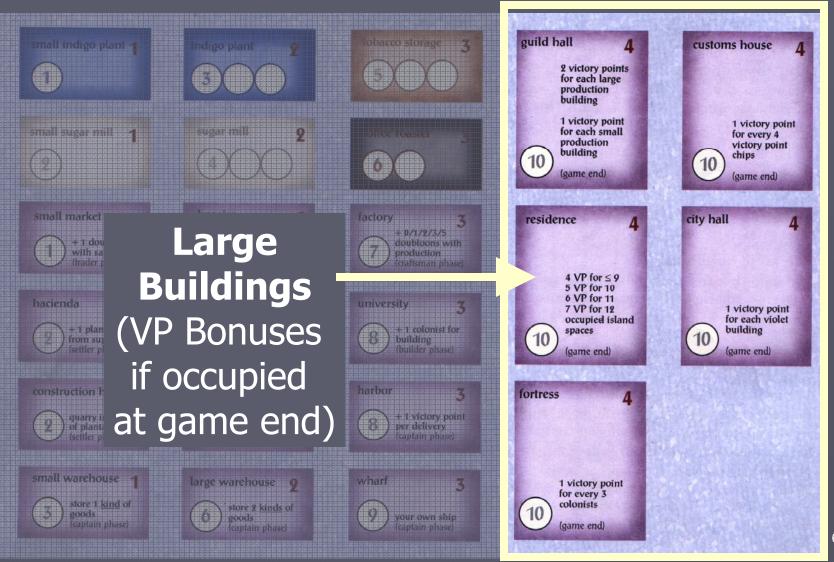
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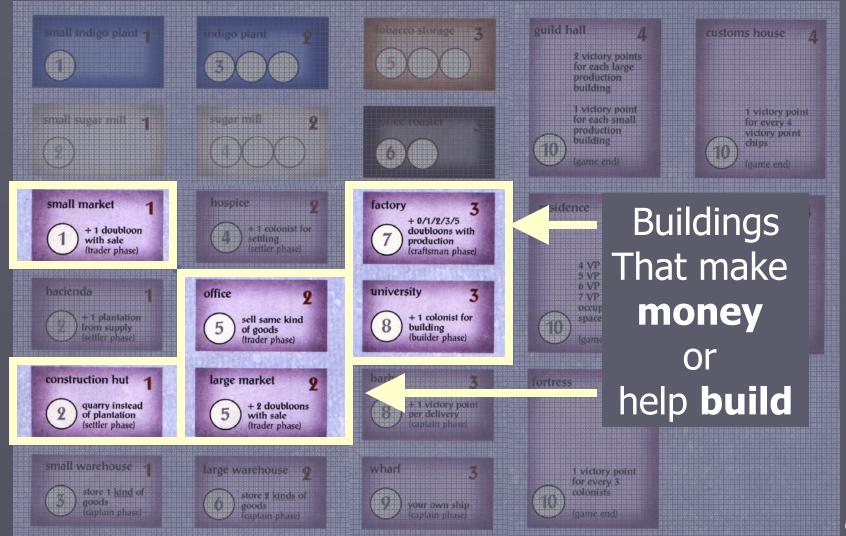
 Each occupied Quarry that a player has will reduce a building's cost by 1 (not to exceed maximum on building chart)₅₉

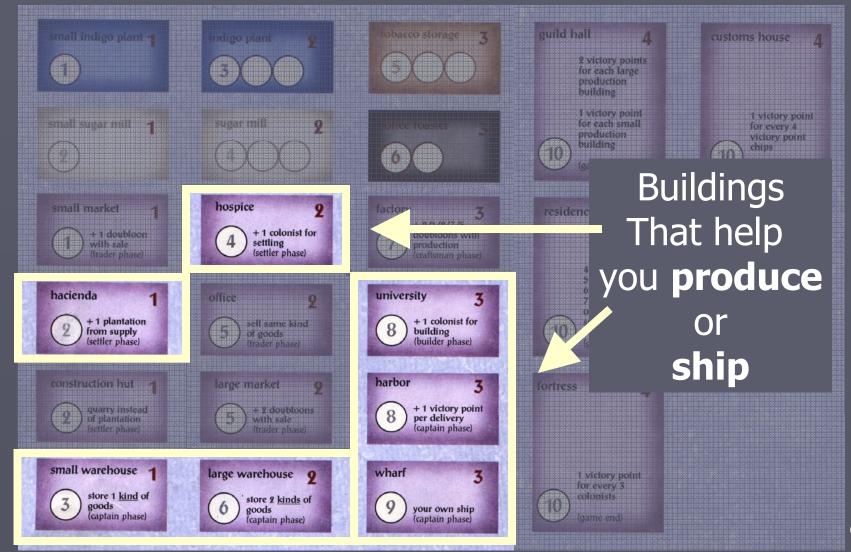
The Buildings











Lucrezia

Lucrezia Builds Lucrezia selects a small indigo plant.

small indigo plant 1



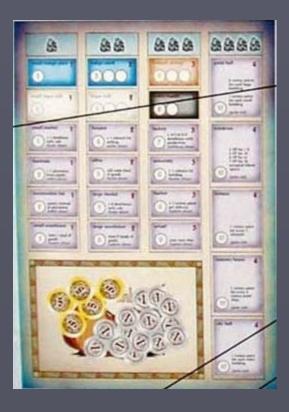


Lucrezia



Lucrezia Builds

Small Indigo Plant costs 1 doubloon.
 Lucrezia uses the special privilege of the Builder (building cost -1) and pays nothing.
 1-1=0 doubloons









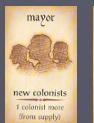
Lucrezia Builds

Money is precious, don't waste it!



Other players take Build action







craftsman

production

1 good more

(from supply)

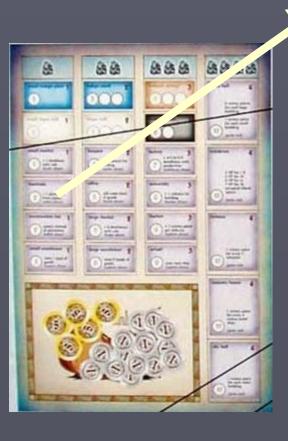


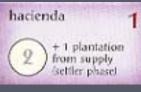
 After Lucrezia, each other player may take a build action in sequence.
 (Philip, Mona, and then Drake)

Philip



Philip BuildsPhilip selects a Hacienda



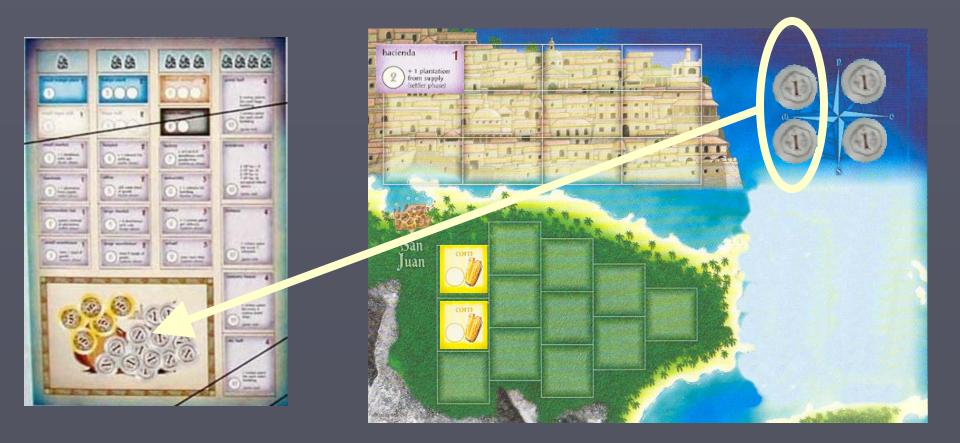




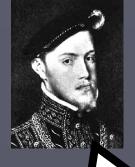




Philip Builds Philip pays 2 doubloons to the bank. Philip has 2 doubloons left.







Philip Builds

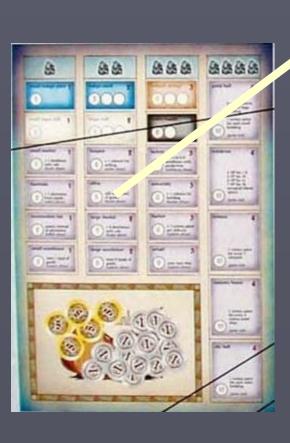
The Hacienda will give me more plantations than the others (more corn!)



Mona



Mona BuildsMona selects a Hospice.





Mona



Mona Builds Mona pays 4 doubloons to the bank. Mona has 0 doubloons left.







Mona Builds

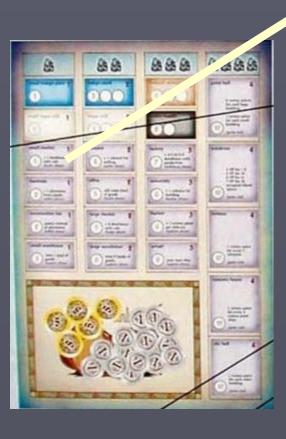
The Hospice will get my production up and running quickly!



Drake



Drake BuildsDrake selects a small market.







Drake



Drake Builds

Drake pays 1 doubloon.

Drake has 3 doubloons left.

Note: Drake's Quarry is not occupied, so he does not get a discount!





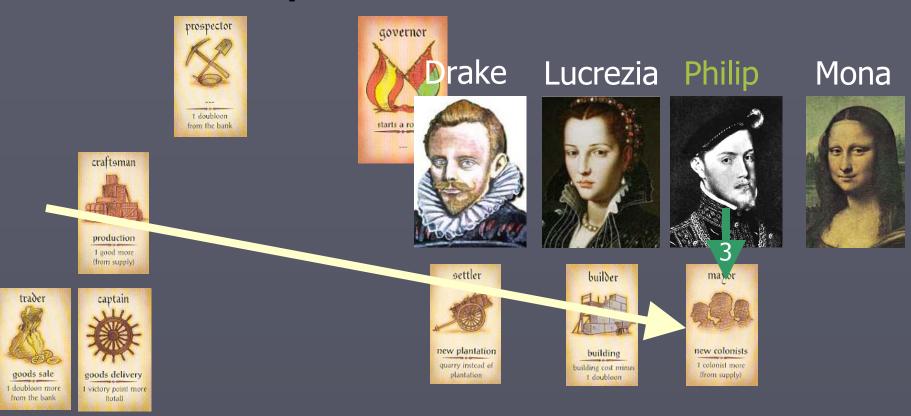


Drake Builds

Don't worry, I'll get that quarry working soon...

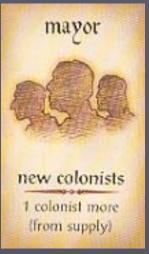


Philip's turn to select



 After the Builder Phase is complete, it is Philip's turn to select.
 Philip selects the Mayor.

The Mayor

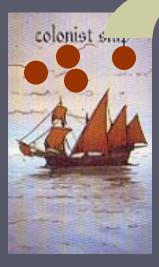


Action:

- Take one colonist from the colonist ship
- Colonizing actions continue in sequence until no more colonists are left on the ship
- Colonists can be freely moved on the Player Mat during this phase

Special Role Privilege
 Take 1 extra colonist from supply pile

Colonizing Adding a Colonist



Free Movement During Colonize Phase



Occupied Buildings

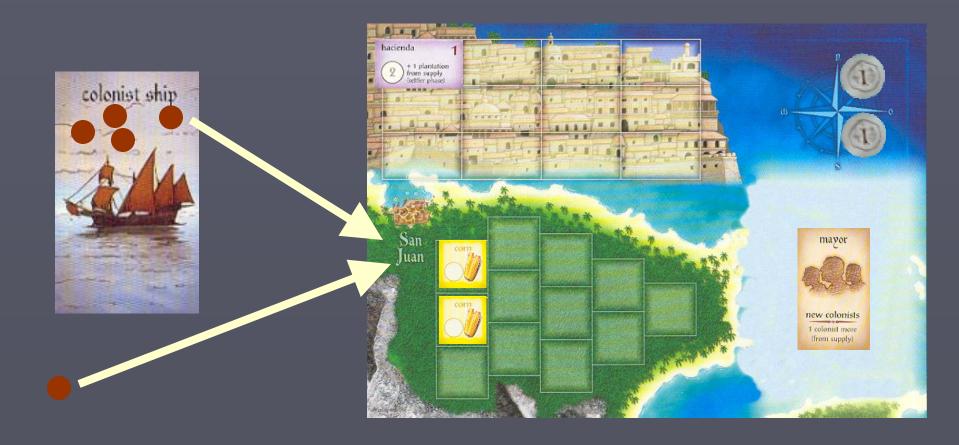
Remember buildings MUST be occupied by a colonist to activate their ability





Philip gets new colonists

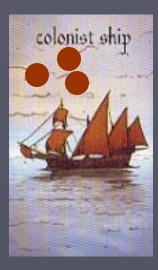
Philip takes one colonist from the colonist ship.
Using the Mayor's special privilege, Philip takes one extra colonist from the supply.







Philip gets new colonists Philip decides to place both colonists on his corn plantations.









Philip gets new colonists

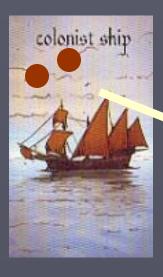
Corn, corn, corn, corn... Lovely corn, beautiful corn!



Mona



Mona gets colonist Mona takes a colonist from the ship. She places it on her corn plantation.









Mona gets colonist

While I hate To agree with Philip, corn *is* a good choice ... for now!

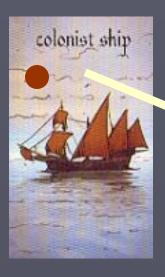






Drake Gets Colonist

Drake takes one colonist from the shipHe places the colonist on his Quarry









Drake Gets Colonist

See! Now I can't wait for the next Builder!







Lucrezia gets colonist

 Lucrezia takes a colonist from the ship
 She places it on one of her indigo plantations







Lucrezia gets colonist

Sigh. It will take me a while to get up and running...



Philip's turn to select





production 1 good more (from supply)





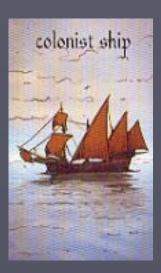


Once all the colonists have been distributed, Philip replenishes the colonist ship.





Philip Re-fills Colonist Ship Philip checks how many unoccupied building slots exist

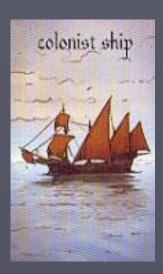








Philip Re-fills Colonist Ship Four unoccupied building spaces currently exist

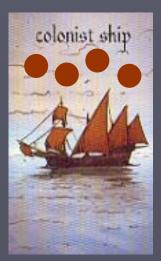








Philip Re-fills Colonist Ship Philip takes 4 colonists from the supply and places them on the colonist ship



The ship is stocked with as many colonists as there are unoccupied building spaces ... or the number of players in the game (in this case 4), whichever number is larger.

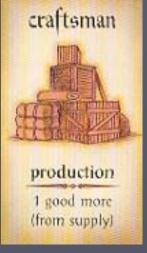
In a four player game, there will always be a minimum of four new colonists

Mona selects Role



 After Philip's turn if finished, Mona selects the Craftsman
 Mona does her first production action...

The Craftsman

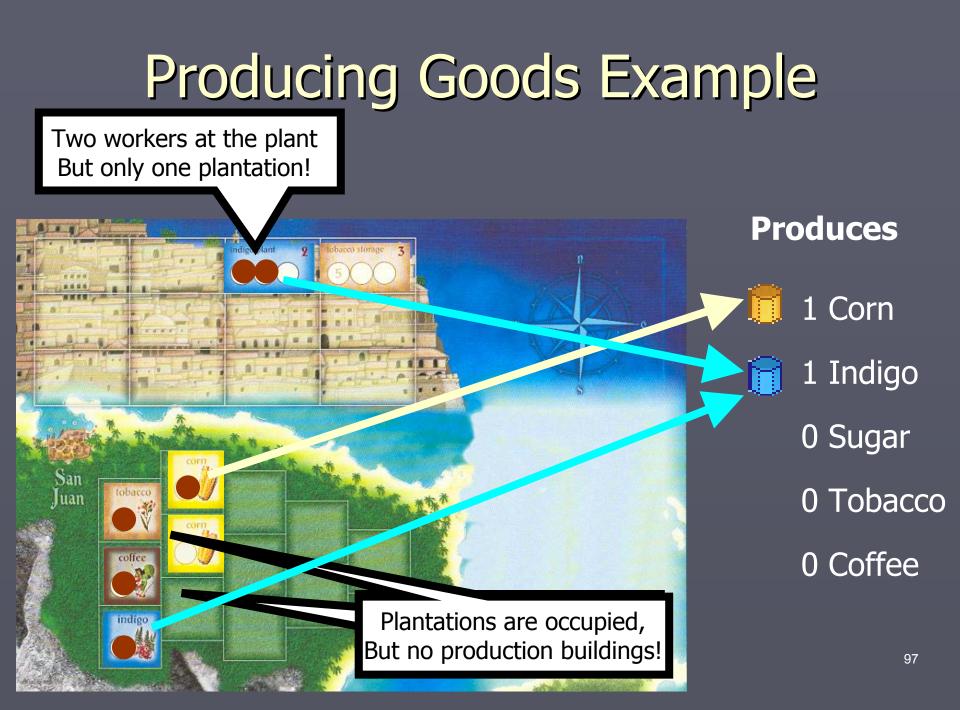


Action:

Produce goods of one type
Production actions continue in turn order until no player has goods to produce.

Special Role Privilege

After production, may take 1 extra good of a type produced by the player this phase



Limited Resources

Even if you have the **ability** to produce a good ... you may not be able to!

Barrel token of the proper goods type must be available

e.g. if all corn barrels () are gone, no matter how many occupied corn plantations you have... you can't produce corn

Other Important Limits

- ► Goods
 - 9 coffee, 9 tobacco, 10 corn, 11 sugar, 11 indigo
- Colonists
 - Based on number of players (<100)</p>
- VP tokens
- Quarry tiles (8)
- Buildings
 - 5 large buildings
 - 2 x 12 small buildings
 - 20 production buildings

Mona

Mona produces

Mona has one occupied corn plantationMona produces one corn barrel







Drake Produces

Drake has no occupied plantationsHe produces nothing





Lucrezia



Lucrezia Produces

Lucrezia has an occupied indigo plantation
... but her small indigo plant is unoccupied!
Lucrezia produces nothing.







Philip Produces

Philip has two occupied corn plantations.

Philip produces two corn barrels.





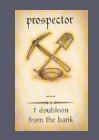


CORN RULES!

Philip Produces

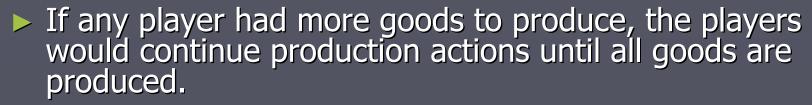


Production continues...









In this case there are no more goods to produce... 105

Mona



Mona produces

- Mona now takes the special privilege for the Craftsman
- Mona gets 1 extra barrel of a good type that she produced this turn (corn)
- She now has 2 corn barrels







Mona produces





The First Turn is Over







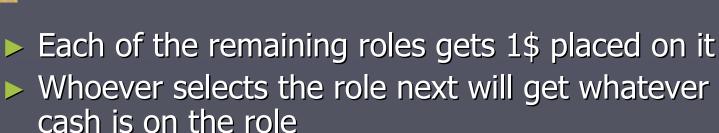
After all players have taken their turns and selected a role, there are three unselected roles left

Role Reset









Governor Moves





production new plantation 1 good more guarry instead of (from supply) plantation

craftsman

builder

l victory point more

(total)







1 doubloon more from the bank













The selected roles are returned to the available pile

The governor moves to the next player in sequence (Lucrezia)

Lucrezia now gets first pick of roles for her turn

Turn 2: Lucrezia selects Role





production new plantation 1 good more guarry instead of (from supply) plantation



new colonists building

1 colonist more (from supply)





builder





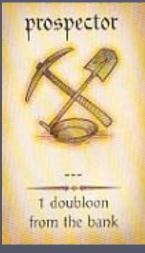


l victory point more (total)



Lucrezia selects the prospector

The Prospector



Action:
No action!

 Special Role Privilege
 The prospector can take one doubloon (\$) from the bank

Note

Prospector only used in 4 and 5 player games

Lucrezia



Lucrezia receives money

- Lucrezia gets 1 doubloon for prospector's special privilege.
- ▶ She gets 1 doubloon from prospector's role card.
- She now has 6 doubloons (4 + 2)





Lucrezia receives money

Money for Nothing!



Prospector phase over



craftsman

new plantation guarry instead of plantation



new colonists

building

production

1 good more

(from supply)

builder

1 colonist more (from supply)





goods delivery l victory point more (total)





governor







There is no action for the prospector, so no one else can do anything.

Philip selects the Trader





production new plantation 1 good more guarry instead of (from supply) plantation



new colonists building 1 colonist more building cost minus (from supply) 1 doubloon



builder







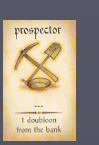
Lucrezia Philip

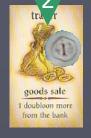
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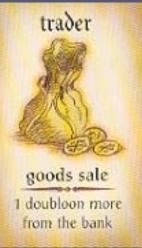






It's Philip's turn to select a role. ▶ Philip selects the Trader.

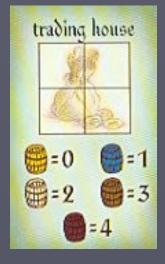
The Trader



Action: Can sell 1 good to the Trading House

Special Role Privilege
 Receive 1 extra doubloon (\$) from sale

The Trading House



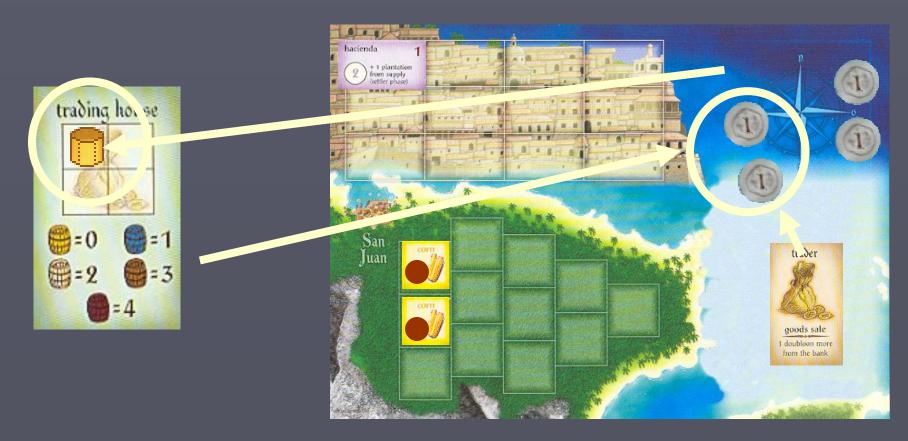
Trading House has only four slots ► Will not (normally) accept duplicate goods Full Trading House is emptied after the phase is over If the Trading House is not full it is not emptied!

Philip

Philip Trades



- Philip gets 1 doubloon that was on the Trader role card
- Philip sells one corn for \$0
 - However, Philip uses the privilege of the Trader to get 1 extra doubloon (0 + 1 = 1).
- Philip now has 4 doubloons (2 + 1 + 1)









Who says Corn is worthless??



Mona



Mona Trades?

- Mona has two corn, but cannot trade!
 - Trading house only takes one barrel of each good type
 - Even if she could trade, she would get \$0!





Trader phase ends





craftsman

builder

production new plantation 1 good more guarry instead of (from supply) plantation



new colonists building 1 colonist more building cost minus (from supply) 1 doubloon







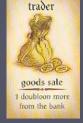
governor











No one else can trade, so the trader phase is over.

Note: the trading house empties at the end of a round only if it has 4 barrels. 122

Mona selects Role



Mona selects the Captain.Mona takes a goods delivery action.

The Captain



Action:

- Must ship as much of one type of goods as possible
- Shipping continues in turn order until no more goods can be shipped by any player

Special Role Privilege 1 extra VP for the phase, if player shipped any goods



Cargo Ships

Ships available for loading
 Size of ships depends on number of players



- Each ship carries goods of only one type
- Each ship must carry a different type of good



At end of Captain Phase:

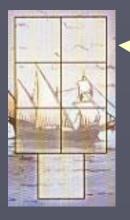
- Players throw away all goods that weren't shipped except for **one** barrel of their choice
- Full ships are emptied

Mona



Mona delivers

Mona gets 1 doubloon from Role card
 Mona makes a delivery of 2 corn.
 Note: Mona must deliver to the largest available ship







Mona

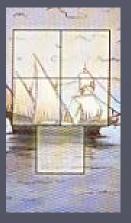


Mona gets VP

Mona gets 2 VP for her delivery (2 barrels regardless of type = 2 VP)









Goods Delivery Actions





production

1 good more

(from supply)

builder

new plantation guarry instead of plantation



building 1 colonist more building cost minus (from supply) 1 doubloon







governor













Other players make goods deliveries in sequence.



Drake Delivers



Drake has no produced goodsHe cannot make a delivery





Lucrezia

Lucrezia Delivers

Lucrezia has no produced goodsShe cannot make a delivery

Bah! I spit on your corn!







Philip Delivers



Philip can make a delivery of one barrel of corn.

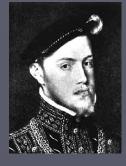








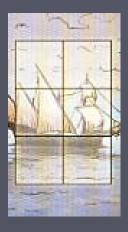


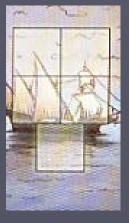


Philip gets VP

Philip receives 1 Victory Point

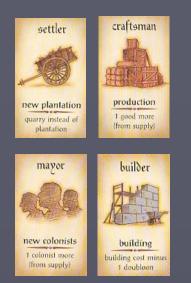








Goods Delivery Over





If any player had additional goods to ship, players would continue to take Goods Delivery Actions in sequence.
 Since there are no more goods to ship, the phase is over.

Mona



Mona gets extra VP

- After all Goods Delivery actions are complete, Mona may use the privilege of the Captain to take an extra VP
- Mona now has 3 VP (2 + 1 = 3)











Mona gets extra VP

Oh, my... I appear to be in the lead!



Drake Selects Role



Drake Selects the Builder

Drake



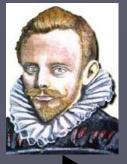
Drake Builds

Drake builds a large indigo plant for 1 doubloon.

Cost 3, -1 for Builder, -1 for Quarry







Drake Builds

That quarry is coming in handy, eh?

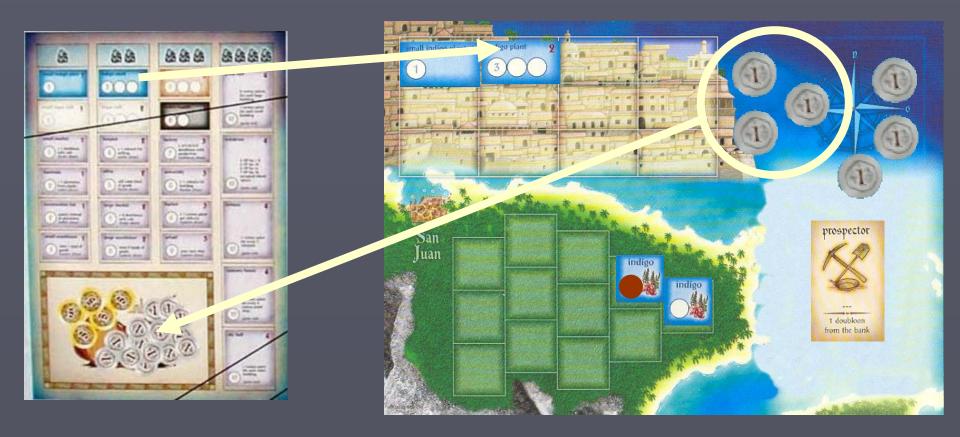


Lucrezia



Lucrezia Builds

Lucrezia buys a large indigo plant for 3 doubloons







Lucrezia Builds

Grr... I hate Paying retail.





Philip builds



Philip buys the last small market for 1 doubloon







Philip builds

Corn rules, but even a corn baron needs cash...

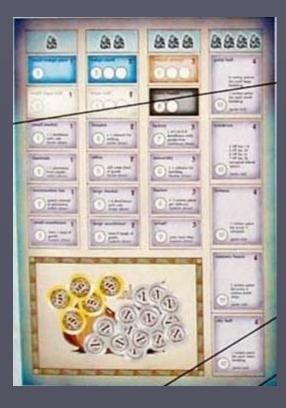


Mona



Mona Builds

Mona decides not to build.









Mona Builds

Darn. I wanted that small market. ©

..... hospice + 1 colonist fo settling settler captain San luan goods delivery 1 victory point more (total)

End of Turn







new colonists 1 colonist more (from supply)



1 doubloon placed on each of the unselected roles

Return Roles

settler



new plantation quarry instead of plantation







builder

craftsman

new colonists building 1 colonist more building cost minus (from supply) 1 doubloon





(total)





prospector







Used Roles are returned to the available area

Governor Moves





new plantation quarry instead of plantation





craftsman

new colonists building 1 colonist more building cost minus (from supply) 1 doubloon





1 victory point more

(total)





prospector











governor





Governor moves from Lucrezia to Philip

Turn 3

settler



new plantation quarry instead of plantation



prospector



new colonists

1 colonist more

(from supply)



builder

craftsman

building building cost minus 1 doubloon





(total)



It is Philips turn to selectWhat do you think Philip should do?

Philip

Philip's Position

What Role should Philip pick?

psst! Corn!

prospector

1 doubloon

from the bank





1 good more

(from supply)

builder

building

building cost minus

1 doubloon

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new plantation quarry instead of plantation





new colonists 1 colonist more (from supply)



from the bank



goods delivery 1 victory point more (total)



Wrap up

Drake Lucrezia Philip



Remember moves shown in this demo are not necessarily optimal.

- Designed to show how the roles work and the general mechanics of the game.
- Philip and Mona appear to be ahead at the moment, but there is a lot of game left.
- Philip seems focused on short term gain ... but a longer view is often wiser.
 - (Remember what happened to the real Philip II!)

Mona

Stages of the Game

Opening / Early Game

- Revenue is critical
- Money is more important than VPs at this stage
- Think ahead!

Mid Game

Production and Revenue streams have been established

End Game

- Build and occupy Large Buildings
 - Choose your bonus wisely based on your situation
- Control how the game ends

Two Key Strategies for Winning

The Builder

VS.

The Producer / Shipper

Key Strategies

The Builder

- Constructs as many buildings as possible to gain Victory Points
- Needs Money to build
- Only needs goods in order to make money
- Key Roles: Builder, Trader
- Key Goods: Tobacco and Coffee

Key Strategies

The Producer / Shipper

- Generates as much goods production as possible
- Ships frequently
- Only needs buildings to aid production and shipping
- Key Roles: Craftsman, Captain
- Key Goods: Corn, Indigo

A Delicate Balance

Building



Shipping

You'll want a balance of the two...

Ending the Game

The game ends if:

- Mayor is selected and not enough colonists to re-fill the colonist ship
- Builder is selected and at least one player fills their 12th city space
- Captain is selected and last VP chip is given to a player
- The current round is always played to the end

Puerto Rico

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