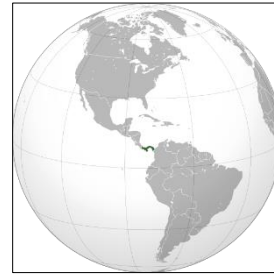


# Flag of Panama - A Brief History



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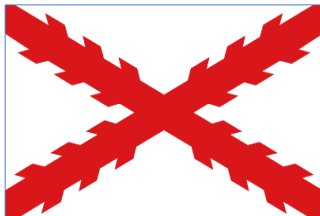
The blue in the flag represents the conservative party and the red represents the liberal party of Panama.

### Technical Specification

<b>Adopted:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> March 1925		
<b>Proportion:</b>	2:3		
<b>Design:</b>	A quartered field with a blue star and blue block on the right and red block and red star on the left.		
<b>Colours:</b>	<b>PMS</b>	Blue: 300	Red: 186

### Brief History

In the 16<sup>th</sup> Century Panama became a Spanish Colony. The flags flown during Spanish control would have been the red cross of burgundy and the red-yellow-red horizontal triband Spanish flag.



**The Cross of Burgundy  
(16<sup>th</sup> Century – 1717)**



**The Flag of Spain  
(1717 – 1819)**

Panama Joined Ecuador and Neuva Granda to become Gran Colombia in 1821. The flag adopted was a yellow-blue-red horizontal tricolour with coat of arms in the centre. A year later the coat of arms was changed and the blue band was lightened.



**The Flag of Gran Colombia  
(1821 – 1822)**



**The Flag of Gran Colombia  
(1822 – 1831)**

In 1831 Gran Colombia split up Panama and Neuva Granada stayed together to create New Granada. The flag adopted was a red-blue-yellow vertical tricolour. When the country became the Granadine Confederation in 1858 the flag remained the same.

The country became the United States of Colombia in 1863. The new flag kept the colours of the previous but placed them in a different order to create a yellow-blue-red horizontal tricolour with a larger yellow portion. When the name of the country changed to the republic of Colombia the flag remained the same.



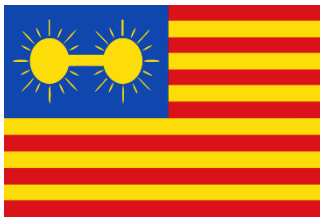
**The Flag of New Granada and the Granadine Confederation (1831 – 1863)**



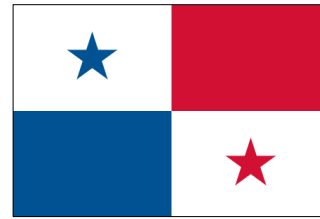
**The Flag of the United States of Colombia and the Republic of Colombia (1863 – 1903)**

In 1903 Panama left Colombia and a new flag was proposed. It featured 14 red and yellow alternating stripes with a blue rectangle in the upper left corner inside of which was two interconnected suns. This flag was never officially adopted.

It wasn't until 1925 that the national flag was adopted. The national flag is split into four sections, top left is a white field with blue five-pointed star, top right is a plain red field, bottom left is a plain blue field and bottom right is a five-pointed red star on a white field. The colours represent opposing political parties and the white represents peace between them.



**The Proposed Flag of Panama (1903)**



**The Flag of Panama (1925 to Present Day)**

### The Coat of Arms of Panama

The Coat of Arms of Panama was adopted in 1904.

The shield is split into five sections, the first is a white field with crossed sword and gun, next to it is a red field with crossed shovel and hoe, below is a scene depicting lush mountains and sea with the sun and moon rising, below that is a blue field with a horn of plenty and next to that is silver field with a winged wheel.

Above the shield is an eagle holding a banner stating "PRO MUNDI BENEFICIO" and nine gold stars. At either side of the shield are two draped national flags. Occasionally the flag is on a green background.



**The Flags of the Provinces of Panama**

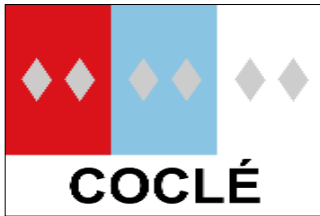
Each Province of Panama has a unique flag. Here are some examples of those flags.



The Flag of the Province of Bocas del Toro



The Flag of the Province of Chiriquí



The Flag of the Province of Coclé



The Flag of the Province of Colón



The Flag of the Province of Darién



The Flag of the Province of Herrera



The Flag of the Province of Los Santos



The Flag of the Province of Panamá



The Flag of the Province of Veraguas



The Flag of the Province of Panamá Oeste

**The Flags of the Sub-Provinces of Panama**

Here are two examples of the flags of the Sub-Provinces of Panama.



The Flag of the Kunda de Madugandí



The Flag of the Kunda de Wargandí

**The Flags of the Comarcas of Panama**

Here are some examples of the flags of the Comarcas of Panama.

		
<p>The Flag of Emberá</p>	<p>The Flag of Kuna Yala</p>	<p>The Flag of Ngäbe-Buglé</p>