

FLAG OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA - A BRIEF HISTORY



Where In The World



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The flag was designed by acclaimed artist and sculptor Sir Reginald Samuel.

Technical Specification

Adopted:	27 th February 1967
Proportion:	2:3
Design:	A red field broken up with an upside down isosceles triangle featuring a sun rise and horizontal bands of black, blue and white.
Colours:	PMS – Red: 186, Blue: 300, Yellow: 116

Brief History

Antigua came under British rule in 1632 and in 1871 Antigua and Barbuda became parts of the Federal Colony of the Leeward Islands. The Flag of the Federal Colony of the Leeward Islands was a blue ensign with the Union Jack in the top left hand corner and the badge of the British Leeward Islands.

A flag of Antigua and Barbuda was introduced in 1956 when the Federal Colony dispended. It is said that the flag was then a blue ensign with the union jack in the top left hand corner and a new badge of Antigua in the centre left.



The Flag of the Federal Colony of the Leeward Islands (1871 -1956)



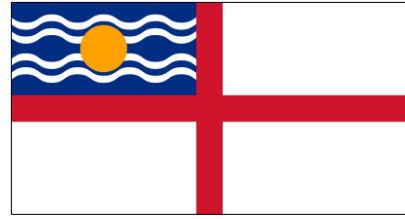
Interpretation of the Flag of Antigua and Barbuda (1956 -1958)

On the 3rd January 1958 Antigua and Barbuda joined the Federation of the West Indies. The flag of the Federation of the West Indies featured a blue field with an orange-gold circle and four white wavy lines. This was to represent the sun shining on the Caribbean sea.

The Naval Ensign of the Federation of West Indies was the flag in the top left hand corner of a British white ensign.



**The Flag of the Federation of West Indies
(1958 – 1962)**



**The Navel Ensign of the Federation of West Indies
(1958 – 1962)**

In 1967 it became an associated state and a completion to the design of the new flag saw more than 600 entries. The winner was nationally acclaimed artist and sculptor Sir Reginald Samuel. It is a red field broken up with an upside down isosceles triangle representing the V for victory. Inside the V is the sunrise. The sun symbolises a new era, a black band representing the African people, blue for hope and the sea and white for the sand. When the nation got full independence on the 1st November 1981 the flag remained the same.



**The Navel Ensign of the Federation of West Indies
(1958 – 1962)**

The Coat of Arms of Antigua and Barbuda

The Coat of Arms of Antigua and Barbuda was introduced in 1967 and features a shield with the more detailed version of the flag of Antigua and Barbuda inside. Two deer on their hind legs stand either side with a helmet and pineapple on top of the shield and a banner stating "Each Endeavour, All Achieving" underneath. There are several native plants depicted on the coat of arms including red hibiscus, yucca and sugarcane.



The Historical Standard of the Governor of Antigua and Barbuda

Before independence in 1981 the Governor of Antigua and Barbuda had a flag that featured a Union Jack defaced with the coat of arms of Antigua and Barbuda. In 1981 role of Governor was elevated to Governor-General and represents the British monarch in all matters of the country.

