

FLAG OF MONTENEGRO - A BRIEF HISTORY



Where In The World



Trivia

There is a separate, but identical, vertical flag for use indoors.

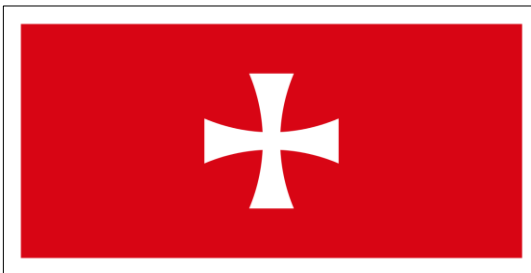
Technical Specification

Adopted:	13 th July 2004
Proportion:	1:2
Design:	A red flag with a gold border, inside is the national coat of arms.
Colours:	PMS – Red: 186 C, Gold: 117 C, Blue: 118 C CMYK – Red: 0% Cyan, 91% Magenta, 76% Yellow, 6% Black; Gold: 0% Cyan, 18.5% magenta 100% Yellow, 15% Blacks; Blue: 85% Cyan, 42% Magenta, 38% Yellow, 0% Black; Green: 71% Cyan, 22% Magenta, 100% Yellow, 5% Black

Brief History

At the end of the Great Turkish War, the Montenegrins defeated the Ottomans and the theocratic state of Prince-Bishopric of Montenegro. The flag was a plain white-bordered red flag with a white cross in the centre. By the death of the Prince-Bishop ruler, Peter II Petrović Njegoš, in 1952 his nephew Danilo was declared prince and abolished the theocratic state.

The new Principality of Montenegro had a more ornate white-bordered red flag, which included the national coat of arms in the centre with a golden lion underneath. In the shield was the initials 'HI'.



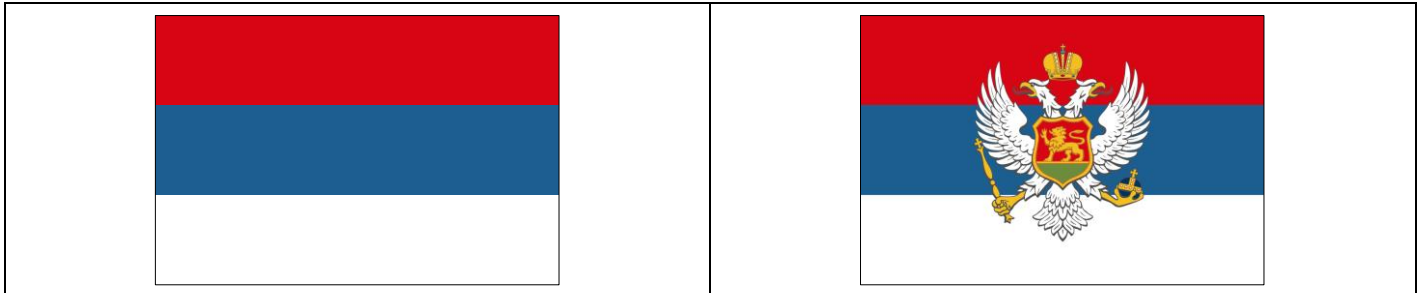
The Flag of the Prince-Bishopric of Montenegro (1516 – 1852)



The Flag of the Principality of Montenegro (1852 – 1905)

In 1905 a new constitution was written giving power to the parliament as well as the prince. The flag was also changed to a simple red-blue-white tricolour.

The Prince Nicholas of Monaco declared himself a king 1910 and the Kingdom of Montenegro was born. The tri-colour remained but had the Coat of Arms over it.

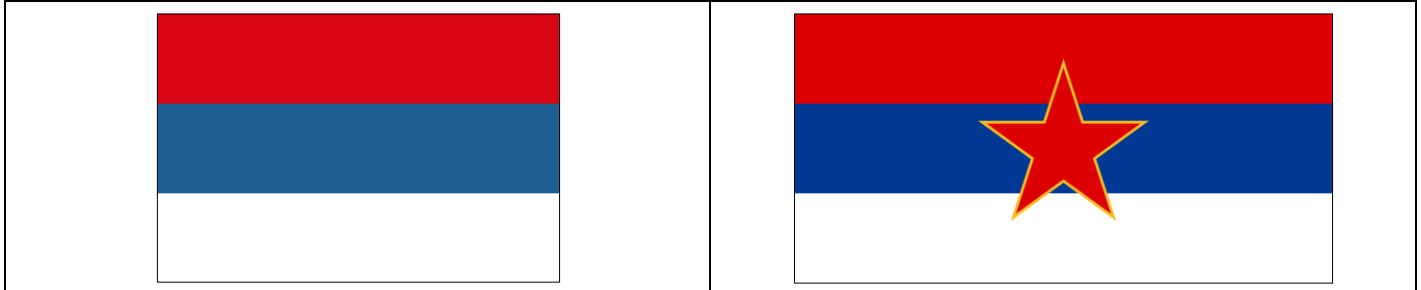


**The Flag of the Principality of Montenegro
(1905 – 1910)**

**The Flag of the Kingdom of Montenegro
(1910 – 1918 and 1941 – 1944)**

Montenegro joined with the Serbia to be part of the kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes and then The Kingdom of Yugoslavia. Also taking It wasn't till 1941 when the Italians invaded and supported Montenegro to become independent that was saw the Kingdom of Montenegro rise again. They used the same tri-colour flag of the Kingdom of Montenegro from 1910.

After World War Two Montenegro was brought back into Yugoslavia and when the Soviets took over it became The People's Socialist Republic of Montenegro. The tri-colour flag remained, apart from a five-pointed red star in the centre. It remained a Soviet Republic until the fall of the Soviet Empire.

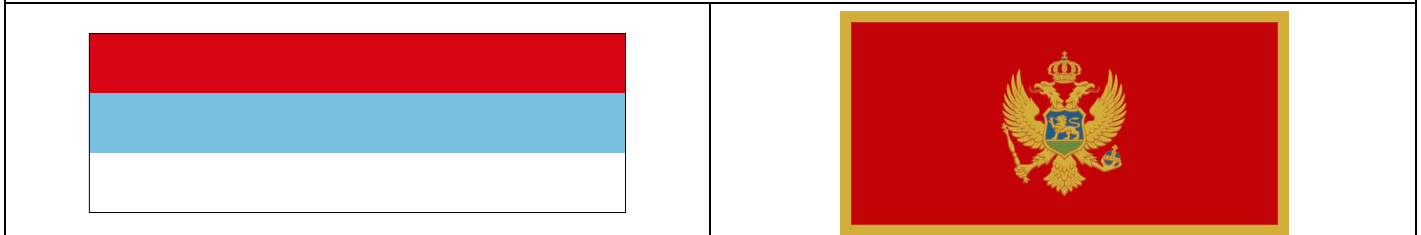


**The Flag of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia
(1918 – 1943)**

**The Flag of the People's Socialist Republic of Montenegro
(1946 – 1992)**

When Montenegro then joined with Serbia to become the Republic of Montenegro in 1992, the flag was changed to a red, sky blue and white horizontal tricolour. It remained until Montenegro declared its independence in 2004.

The modern flag is it is reminiscent of the flag of the principality of Montenegro. It is a plain red field with gold outline and at the centre is the Coat of Arms of Montenegro. There is also a vertical variation of the flag that is used indoors; it has exactly the same design.



**The Flag of the Republic of Montenegro
(1993 – 2004)**

**The Flag of Montenegro
(2004 to Present Day)**

The Coat of Arms of Montenegro

The Coat of Arms of Montenegro is a crowned golden two-headed eagle with crossed globus and crossed sceptre in its claws.
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The Presidential Standard of Montenegro

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The Military Flags of Montenegro

From 2010 Montenegro has had flags for its Navy. The Naval ensign of Montenegro, which is a dark blue flag with the flag of Monaco in the top right hand corner and a white anchor in the left hand centre.

The Naval Jack of Montenegro is similar to the Presidential Standard when Afloat, apart from having a gold border.



**The Naval Ensign of Montenegro
(2010 to Present Day)**



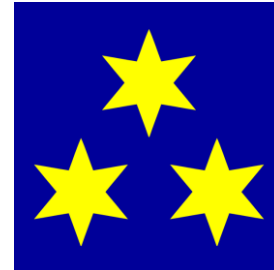
**The Naval Jack of Montenegro
(2010 to Present Day)**

Flags of the Municipalities and Cities of Montenegro

Here are some examples of the Municipalise and Cities in Montenegro that have their own individual flags.



The Flag of the Municipality of Bar



The Flag of the Municipality of Budva



The Flag of the City of Cetinje



The Flag of the City of Podgorica

The Historical Coat of Arms of Montenegro

Between 1696 and 1944 the Coat of Arms of Montenegro was very similar to the one used from 1993 to 2004 and present day's Coat of Arms. During the Soviet period the Coat of Arms was replaced with a Soviet Emblem that featured a laurel wreath, five-pointed red star and the Chapel of Lovćen and the Montenegrin sea.



The Coat of Arms of the Prince-Bishopric of Montenegro (1696 – 1735)



The Coat of Arms of the Principality of Montenegro (1905 – 1910)



The Coat of Arms of the Kingdom of Montenegro (1910 -1918 and 1922)



The Emblem of the Federal State of Montenegro (1944 – 1946)



The Emblem of the People's Republic of Montenegro (1946 – 1963)



The Emblem of the Socialist Republic of Montenegro (1963 -1974)



The Emblem of the Socialist Republic of Montenegro (1974 – 1993)



The Coat of Arms of the Federal Republic of Montenegro (1993 – 2004)