

# Flag of Nicaragua - A Brief History



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### Trivia

It is the only sovereign state flag to contain the colour violet.

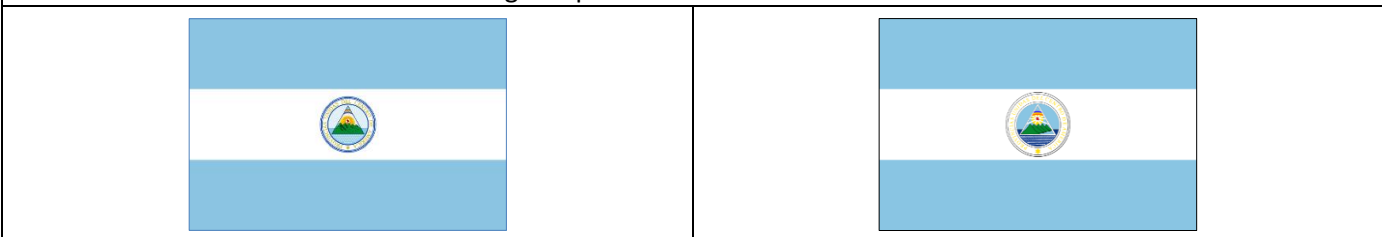
### Technical Specification

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| <b>Adopted:</b>    | 27 <sup>th</sup> August 1971 (First adopted 1908)              |
| <b>Proportion:</b> | 3:5  |
| <b>Design:</b>     | A blue-white-blue triband with the coat of arms in the centre. |

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| <b>Colours:</b> | <b>PMS</b> | Blue: 281 | Gold: 125 | Blue: 292 | Yellow: 109 | Green: 355 | Grey: 277 |
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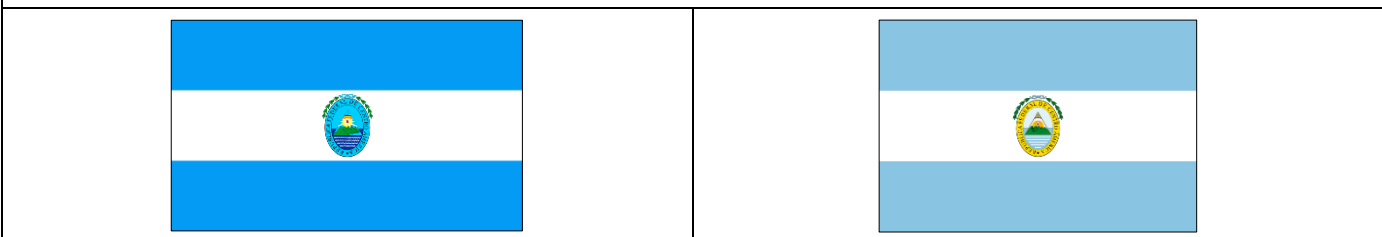
In 1823 flag of the United States of Central America was used as the flag of Nicaragua. It is the blue-white-blue horizontal triband with a modified coat of arms at the centre. There was also a flag represented the United Provinces of Central America flown during this period with a blue-bordered coat of arms.



The Nicaraguan Flag of the United Provinces of Central America (1823 – 1825)

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In 1925 the Federal Republic of Central America and Nicaraguan flag were altered to reflect the new oval coat of arms.



The Nicaraguan Flag of the Federal Republic of Central America (1825 – 1854)

The Flag of the Federal Republic of Central America (1825 – 1841)

Between 1852 and 1854 an unofficial white-yellow-red horizontal tricolour with green mountain was attributed to Nicaragua. In 1854 a yellow-white-tan horizontal tricolour national flag was officially adopted.

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| <p><b>The Attributed Flag of Nicaragua<br/>(1852 – 1854)</b></p>   | <p><b>The Flag of Nicaragua<br/>(1854 – 1858) &amp; (1873 – 1889)</b></p>           |   |
| <p>In 1858 a blue-white-blue horizontal triband was adopted and in 1873 the white-yellow-tan horizontal tricolour replaced it. The blue-white-blue tricolour was adopted again in 1896.</p>  |   |   |
| <p>Between 1889 and 1893 there was an unofficial blue-white-red-white-blue horizontal striped flag flown.</p>  |   |   |
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| <p><b>The Flag of Nicaragua<br/>(1858 – 1873) &amp; (1893 – 1896)</b></p>  | <p><b>The Attributed Flag of Nicaragua<br/>(1889 – 1893)</b></p>                    |   |
| <p>In 1896 a lighter shade of blue was chosen for the triband and the coat of arms with laurel was added to the centre of the flag. For one month in November 1889 a darker shade of blue was chosen and a new coat of arms with "REPUBLIC MAYOR DE CENTRO AMERICA" and five gold stars was adopted.</p> |   |   |
| <p>After November the light blue triband was readopted and in 1908 a new coat of arms without the five-pointed stars was added to the flag, along with a different shade of blue.</p>  |   |   |
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| <p><b>(1896 – 1898) &amp; (1898 – 1908)</b></p>  | <p><b>(November 1889)</b></p>   | <p><b>(1908 to Present Day)</b></p>   |

**The Coat of Arms of Nicaragua**

The Coat of Arms of Nicaragua was first adopted in 1823; the current version has been used since 1971. The design features a gold-bordered triangle with five volcanoes looking over a lake with a rainbow above and Phrygian cap. Surrounding the triangle is the text "REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA – CENTRAL AMERICA".

The five volcanoes represent the five member states of the Republic of Central America and sun's rays and rainbow represent a bright future.



**The Historical Flags of the Mosquito Coast**

The Mosquito Coast is part of Nicaragua but previously it was under British protectorate between and had a modified historic Nicaraguan flag with the nine blue and white stripes and the Union Flag In the top left corner. Once it became an autonomous territory of Nicaragua in 1860 the Union Flag portion was replaced with a blue-white-blue rectangle and red and white coat of arms.



**The Flag of the Mosquito Coast under British Protectorate (1844 – 1860)**



**The Flag of the Mosquito Coast (1860 – 1894)**