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Flag of Oman - A Brief History





Trivia

The proportion of the National Flag is 1:2, the State Flag is 4:7, the Ceremony Flag is 5:7

Technical Specification

Adopted:	25 [™] April 1995
Proportion:	1:2
Design:	A white-red-green horizontal tricolour with a vertical red band and white national emblem on the left side.

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Brief History

Between 751 and 1970 Oman Proper, Oman Imamate was part of Oman and a plain white field with a red emblem featuring crossed swords, a khanjar and a belt was adopted as the flag. A plain red field was flown as the flag of the Sultanate of Muscat.

In 1820 the Imamate of Oman joined with Muscat to create the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman. The flag adopted was a plain red field similar to the ones flown on the Gulf at the time.





The Flag of Oman Proper, Oman Imamate (751 – 1970)

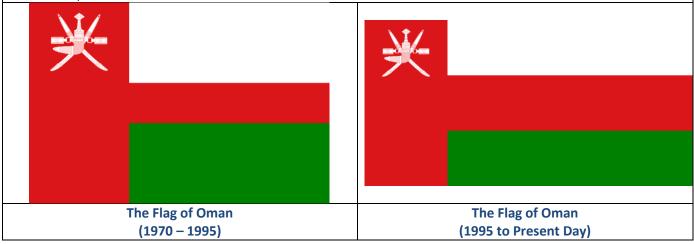
Sultanate of Muscat (1650 – 1820) Sultanate of Muscat and Oman (1820 – 1970)

The modern national flag of Oman was adopted in 1970. It features a white-red-green horizontal tricolour with a vertical red band and white national emblem featuring crossed swords with a khanjar and belt on the left side.



The green colour represents the Jabal al Akdar mountains, the white is the Imam and the red is the traditional colour of Gulf state flags.

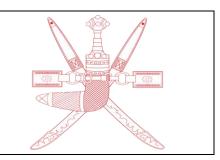
In 1995 the Proportions of the flag were changed from 2:3 to 1:2 with a thicker horizontal red stripe at the Sultan's request.



The Emblem of Oman

The Emblem of Oman was originally adopted as the emblem of Oman Proper and Oman Imamate in the $18^{\rm th}$ Century.

The emblem features two crossed swords behind a sheathed Khanjar dagger and belt.



The Naval Ensign of Oman

The Naval Ensign of Omar is a 2:3 flag featuring a blue field with the 2:3 national flag top left and the emblem with a laurel and crown bottom right.



The Standard of the Sultan of Oman

The Standard of the Sultan of Oman is a plain red field with a green bordered red rectangle and the Emblem of Oman in the centre.

