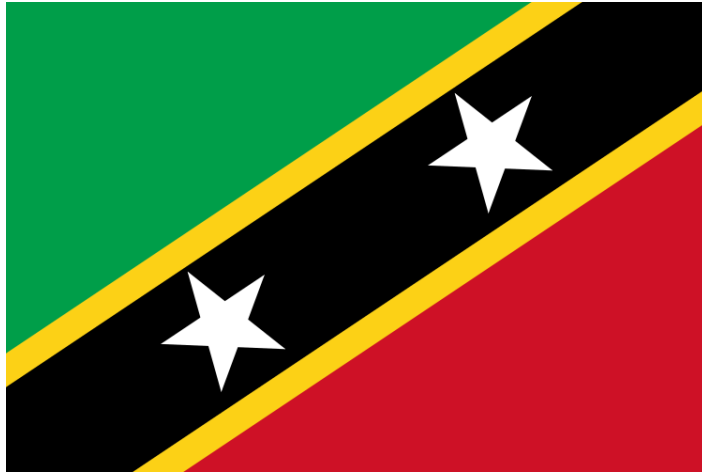


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Flag of St Kitts and Nevis - A Brief History



Where In The World



Trivia

The flag was chosen from a national competition and designed by Edrice Lewis.

Technical Specification

Adopted:	19 th September 1983
Proportion:	2:3
Design:	A green and red bicolour with diagonal yellow bordered-black stripe containing two white five-pointed stars.

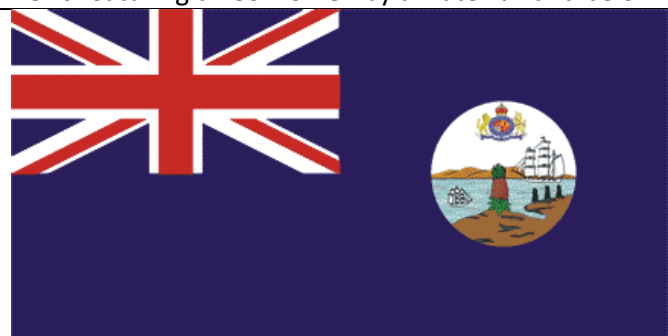
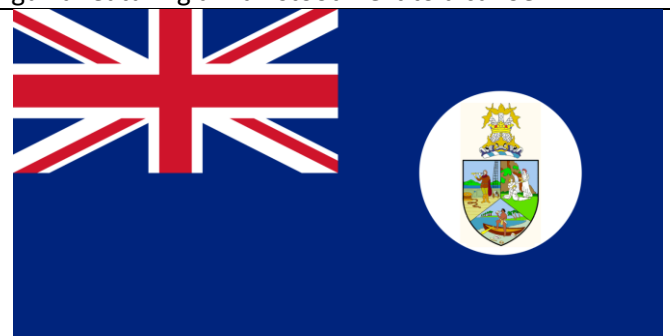
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Brief History

Previously known as Saint Christopher, the area was under British control and merged with Anguilla to form the British Leeward Islands in 1833. A British Blue Ensign, featuring two ships, a sea shore and a large pineapple and royal arms, was adopted

The colony of St Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla was granted arms in 1957 and a new British Blue Ensign was adopted. The badge on the top left of the shield was changed to a shield split into three parts.

The top left is the badge of St Christopher featuring Christopher Columbus on a gally, top right the badge of Nevis featuring three women by a waterfall and below Anguilla featuring a man stood next to a canoe.

	
<p>The Flag of the British Leeward Islands (1833 – 1958)</p>	<p>The Flag of the Colony of Saint Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla (1958 – 1967)</p>

The British Leeward Islands joined with the Windward Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados and Jamaica to form the West Indies Federation in 1958. The flag was a dark blue field with a orange circle in the centre and four white wavy lines. The flag depicts the sun reflected in the Caribbean Sea.

In 1967 Saint Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla associated state flag changed to a green-yellow-blue vertical tricolour. After 1967 a black palm tree was added the the centre of the flag.

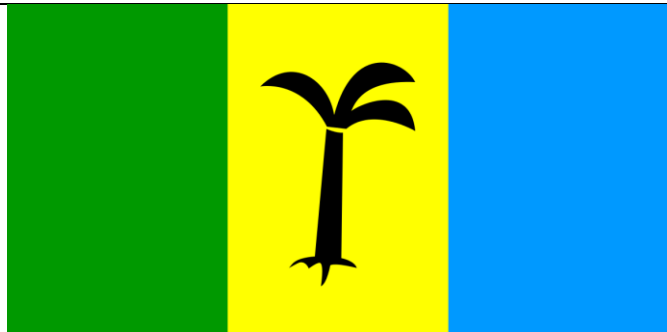


**The Flag of the West Indies Federation
(1958 – 1962)**



**The Flag of Saint Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla
(1967)**

In 1983 St Kitts and Nevis gained independence from the United Kingdom. A green and red bicolour flag with diagonal yellow bordered-black stripe containing two white five-pointed stars was adopted. The national flag is also the flag of the St Kitts and Nevis defence force.



**The Flag of Saint Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla
(1967 – 1983)**



**The Flag of St Kitts and Nevis
(1983 to Present Day)**

The Coat of Arms of St Kitts and Nevis

The Coat of Arms of St Kitts and Nevis is a shield containing light blue boarder behind a red chevron, to Poinciana flowers, a ship and a dark blue band with a rose, fleur-de-lis and a carib head.

The shield surrounded by a coconut trees and pelicans and above is a helmet with hands holding a torch. Below is a banner stating "COUNTRY ABOVE SELF".



The Seal of the Nevis Island Administration

The Seal of the Nevis Island Administration features the coat of arms of St Kitts and Nevis surrounded by a yellow band and “NEVIS ISLAND ADMINISTRATION” text.



The Naval Flag of St Kitts and Nevis

The Naval Flag of St Kitts and Nevis features a 1:2 proportion British White Ensign featuring a St George's cross with the national flag top left corner.



The Flag of Nevis

The Flag of Nevis features a yellow field with the national flag in the top left corner and a green triangle with blue base and small white triangle on top.



The Flag of Governor-General of St Kitts and Nevis

The Flag of the Governor-General of St Kitts and Nevis is a dark blue field with the royal crest in the centre and a banner with the motto “COUNTRY ABOVE SELF” below.

