

Part of the "History of National Flags" Series from Flagmakers

Flag of Trinidad and Tobago - A Brief History



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Trivia

The flag is similar to the flags of Sealand, Barotseland and Diver Down.

Technical Specification

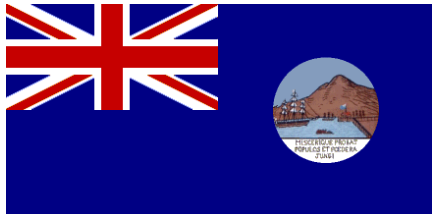

Adopted:	31 st August 1962
Proportion:	3:5
Design:	A plain red field with a diagonal white-bordered black band.
Colours:	PMS Red: 186

Brief History

Under British control the first flag of Trinidad was a British blue ensign. Adopted in 1875 it featured the Union Flag in the top left hand corner and the Trinidad badge in the centre right.

The Trinidad badge featured a boat on the ocean with mountains behind and the motto "SHE IS CONTENT TO MAKE TREATIES AND UNITE PEOPLE". When Tobago was annexed in 1889 to create Trinidad and Tobago the badge and British blue ensign remained the same.

In 1962 the United Kingdom granted Trinidad and Tobago independence and a new flag was adopted. The new flag featured a plain red field with a diagonal white-boarded black band. The red symbolises the sun, courage and fire, the black line represents the earth and the white border represents equality.

	
<p>The Flag of British Trinidad and Tobago (1889 – 1962)</p>	<p>The Flag of Trinidad and Tobago (1962 to Present Day)</p>

The Coat of Arms of Trinidad and Tobago

The Coat of Arms of Trinidad and Tobago was adopted in 1962. It features a shield split in two by a white border. The top area depicts two hummingbirds on a black background and the lower area shows the three ships of Christopher Columbus on a red background. Left of the shield is the scarlet ibis and to the right is the cocrico, above is a helmet with a palm tree and ship's wheel and below is the island in the water with a banner reading "TOGETHER WE ASPIRE, TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE".



The Flag of the President of Trinidad and Tobago

The Flag of the President of Trinidad and Tobago is a plain blue field with a golden coat of arms surrounded by laurel branches.



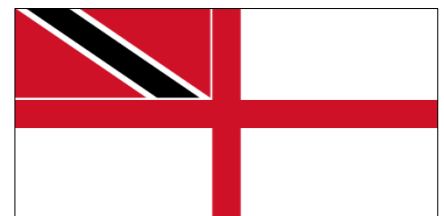
The Flag of the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago

The flag of the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago is a white ensign with the national flag in the top left corner and the national coat of arms centre right.



The Naval Ensign of Trinidad and Tobago

The Naval Ensign of Trinidad and Tobago is a white field with a red cross and the national flag in the top left corner.



The Royal Standard of Trinidad and Tobago

The Royal Standard of Trinidad and Tobago was the Queen's personal flag and took its design from the coat of arms. It features two hummingbirds on a black background and the three ships of Christopher Columbus on a red background split by a white line. In the centre of the flag is the personal emblem of the Queen.

