

FLAG OF TURKEY - A BRIEF HISTORY



Where In The World



Trivia

The Crescent moon and star on the flag are seen as symbols of good luck.

Technical Specification

Adopted:	1844
Proportion:	2:3
Design:	An off centre white crescent with five-pointed star on a red field
Colours:	PMS – Red: 186 C CMYK – Red: 0% Cyan, 90% Magenta, 80% Yellow, 5% Black

Brief History

The first flag of Turkey came during the rule of the Ottoman dynasty. Even though they had taken control in 1299, there wasn't an official flag until 1844 during the Tanzimat reformation of the Ottoman Empire. The red field and crescent with eight-pointed star was taken from the 1793 Ottoman Naval Flag. However, the Empire flag was chosen to have a five-pointed star rather than eight.



The Ottoman Navy Flag
(1793 – 1844)



The Flag of the Ottoman Empire
(1844 – 1923)

After World War One Turkey became a republic and used a modified Ottoman Flag. The flags design is said to represent the moon and a star reflected in a pool of blood during the Battle of Kosovo. The Flag is has various nicknames such as "Al Bayrak"(red flag), "ay yıldız" (moon star), and "al sancak" (red banner) in the national anthem. A lot of the time the flag is hoisted vertically with the crescent moon and star pointed down.



The Flag of Turkey
(1923 – Present Day)



The Flag of Turkey (Vertical Hoist)
(1923 to Present Day)

The Turkish Presidential Flag

The Presidential Flag of Turkey is the red flag of turkey with the Presidential Seal of turkey in the top left hand side. The Presidential Seal of Turkey featured a golden sixteen-pointed star surrounded by sixteen five pointed stars representing the historic Turkic states.



The Presidential Flag of Turkey



The Presidential Seal of Turkey

Emblems and Flags of Turkey

The Seal of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey features is the Parliamentary seal for Turkey and was used on the old Turkish Identity Cards. The Seal of the Prime Minister of Turkey is very similar. A red crescent moon and five-pointed star is used on Turkish Passports, ID cards and Visas.

There are two Coats of Arms of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The red Oval shield with gold border that features a golden upward facing crescent moon and five-pointed star and a circular Coat of Arms similar to the Seal of the prime Minister of Turkey. The Turkish Customs Administration has a regular Turkish flag with a green border inside.

The Flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish Armed Forces is a square with thick red border and red Turkish emblem in the centre.



The Seal of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey (Parliament)



The Seal of the Prime Minister of Turkey



The Turkish Emblem used on Passports, ID cards and Visas



The Coat of Arms of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



The Alternative Emblem of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



The Flag of the Customs Administration



The Flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish Armed Forces