

# The Dominican Republic National Symbols



**Dominican Flag**



**Dominican Shield**

The Motherland's Symbols constitute the highest and permanent representation of our nationality.

Our Motherland Symbols are: The Flag. The Shield. The National anthem.

## **The Flag:**

The Flag is the most sublime symbol of the freedom and national sovereignty, it is considered the core of the Mother country.

## **Origin**

Our Flag was conceived by the mind of the immaculate patriarch Juan Pablo Duarte, Father of the Motherland. Its design was approved by the Trinitarians on June 16, 1838. It waved proudly for the first time on February 27, 1844, our day of National Independence, sewn by Miss Concepción Bona and her cousin the youngster Maria de Jesus Pina.

## **Description**

Our Constitution establishes that the National flag is made up of the colors: ocean blue and vermilion red, in cornered and alternate quarters in such a manner that the blue must be in the upper part of the mast, separated by a white cross, with a width equal to half of the height of each quarter, taking in its center shield of arms of the Republic.

## **The Colors of the Flag**

The colors of the national flag have a particular meaning. The red represents the blood spilled by our liberators; the blue expresses our ideals of progress and freedom and that God protects the Dominican nation; and the cross is the symbol of the fight of our liberators to bequeath a free mother country to us. Its white color reminds us of the peace and the union that must prevail between all Dominicans.

## **Regulation for its use**

Given the importance associated with our flag being displayed correctly and with pride by all Dominicans during our country's historic dates; some of the norms are herewith published to be considered at the moment of making the dignified act of exhibiting it in our homes and in public places, reaffirming in this manner our strong identification with our country.

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