

British flags

Country flag	Union jack yes/no	Flag description
		St. George's cross is the national flag of England. It consists of a red cross on a white background. The flag is part of the Union Jack.
		St. Patrick's cross is the national flag of Northern Ireland. It consists of two diagonal red stripes crossing on a white background. It is part of the Union Jack.
		The flag of Scotland is also known as the Saltire or St. Andrew's cross. It consists of two diagonal white stripes crossing on a blue background. The flag forms part of the British national flag (Union Jack).
		The Flag of Wales consists of a red dragon passant on a green and white field. As with many heraldic charges, the exact representation of the dragon is not standardised and many renderings exist. The flag is not represented in the Union Flag. In Wales you might see another flag flying.
		The flag of St David St David is the patron saint of Wales. His flag is a gold cross on a black background. is the patron saint of Wales. His flag is a gold cross on a black background.
		The national flag of the Republic of Ireland consists of three vertical stripes of green, white and orange. St. Patrick's cross was the national flag of Ireland before the establishment of the Irish Republic. Ireland is NOT part of the UK.



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The UNION JACK

You may or may not know our flag has evolved as the different countries that now make up to United Kingdom came under the ruling of England. In the 16th century, the flag was known as the British flag or the flag of Britain. It included the red cross of St George (England) and the blue saltire of St Andrew (Scotland). So why is it known as the Union Jack now? The name 'Union' first appeared in 1625. There are various theories as to how it got its name. The most plausible one is that when a small flag was mounted on the front of a warship (and a selected number of other ships), it was called 'the Jack'. The Union Jack was amended in 1801 to incorporate the cross of St. Patrick (Ireland). And if you're wondering why the Welsh flag was never incorporated into the Union Jack, it is because it was already a principality of England by 1801.

