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National symbols of the countries



Country and Capital	The Coat of arms	The flag and the meaning	Religion	Traditional musical instrument	The flower	The tree	The bird	The most popular sport
Lithuania Vilnius		 Yellow - the sun, light and goodness, green - the beauty of nature, freedom, and hope, red stands for the land, courage, and the blood spilled for Lithuania.	Christianity/ Catholicism	The Kankles  It is plucked string instrument.	The rue  The rue is a symbol of chastity. When the girls are getting married, they carry the wreath of rue on their head.	An oak  It is the symbol of masculinity, power and strength.	The white stork  Lithuanians believe that storks bring harmony to the families on whose property they nest.	Basketball
Estonia Tallin		 Blue- the color of faith, loyalty and devotion, the blue sky, sea and lakes. Black- the soil of the homeland and tragic past of Estonian nation. White- the striving towards enlightenment and virtue.	Lutheran and Orthodox Christians	The Kannel  It is plucked string instrument.	A cornflower  The plant grows commonly in rye fields, creating a strong connection in the minds of Estonians between the flower and their daily bread.	Pedunculate oak  Oaks are part of pre-Christian beliefs of Estonians. Ancient Estonians planted oaks in their holy places	The barn swallow  It is a characteristic guest of Estonian homes. Its call can be heard from practically every eave or barn rafter in the country.	Skiing Kiiking is a sport invented in Estonia

<p>Greece Athens</p>		 <p>The nine light blue and white stripes correspond to the syllables of the motto of Greek revolution (1821) “freedom or death”. The light blue refers to the colour of sky and sea and the white refers to sea waves, while the cross is the symbol of Christianity.</p>	<p>Christianity/ Orthodoxy</p>	<p>Bouzouki</p>  <p>Bouzouki is a string lute-like instrument that has its origins from ancient Greek instruments.</p>	<p>Hyacinth (<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i>)</p>  <p>Hyacinthus is a small genus of bulbous, fragrant flowering plants native to the eastern Mediterranean. The name comes from ancient Greek mythology.</p>	<p>Olive tree (<i>Olea europaea</i>)</p>  <p>The olive tree is an evergreen tree native to the Mediterranean n. According to tradition, the first ever olive tree was planted in Acropolis of Athens by goddess Athena.</p>	<p>Owl (<i>Athene noctua</i>)</p>  <p>The bird owl is the symbol of wisdom.</p>	<p>Football / Basketball</p>
<p>Spain Madrid</p>		 <p>RED AND YELLOW: The exact origins are disputed, but the oldest legend says it represents a king’s blood on his gold shield.</p>	<p>Christianity/ Catholicism</p>	<p>Castanets are traditionally made of castana wood and consist of two cups that contain slightly curved dips on one side.</p> 	<p>Red carnation</p>  <p>It is very iconic in Spanish culture, present in much of our folklore used in traditional festivities and dances clothing</p>	<p>Encina (evergreen oak)</p>  <p>It is a very long-live tree, since in Spain we have specimens possibly aging a thousand years.</p>	<p>Spanish imperial eagle</p>  <p>It is a threatened species of eagle native to the Iberian Peninsula.</p>	<p>Football</p>

<p>Portugal Lisbon</p>		 <p>Green is hope. Red is courage. The yellow sphere is the world discovered by the Portuguese sailors in the XV and XVI centuries.</p>	<p>Christianity/ Catholicism</p>	 <p>Portuguese guitar used to play music when singing “The Fado” – typical Portuguese song</p>	 <p>The national flower of Portugal is Lavender, a small wild flower, very common in large fields</p>	 <p>Cork oak</p>	 <p>The legend of the Rooster of Barcelos narrates the miraculous intervention of a dead cock in the proof of the innocence of a man wrongly accused</p>	<p>Football</p>
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