



Flag of Iceland

Adopted in 1944. Designed by Matthías Þórðarson.

A white-fimbriated red Nordic cross on a blue field. Flag was first shown in parade in 1897. The modern flag dates from 1915. The cross represents Christianity. The colours stand for 3 of the elements that make up the island. Red is the fire produced by the island's volcanoes, white recalls the ice and snow that covers Iceland and blue is for mountains in the distance.

