

# FLAG FACTS

The Brazilian flag is bright green with a yellow diamond in the center filled with a blue globe. Within the blue globe are some stars, 27 to be exact – and a white banner with the country’s slogan: *Ordem e Progresso*, which means Order and Progress.



The flag that represents Brazil today used to be different during the Brazilian Empire. The center of the flag had an imperial symbol with a blue circle and stars neatly inside. This was later replaced with the blue globe with stars closer resembling a constellation.

The flag we know today was made official on November 19, 1889. This was four days after Brazil became a republic.

The stars are a symbolic part of the flag. They represent the constellations in the southern hemisphere and show how they were seen from Rio de Janeiro during the early hours of the morning on November 15, 1889, the day the country shifted from an empire to a republic.

