

Finnish flag days and their historical background

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In Finland, flagging is an important part of national culture and identity. The flag days will commemorate historical events, celebrate significant achievements and honor the people who have influenced the development of the country. In this article, we will take a closer look at the Finnish flag days and their backgrounds.

Official and established flag days

In Finland, there are official flag days, which are prescribed by law, and established flag days, which have been formed through tradition. The official flag days include, for example, **Independence Day** on 6 December, when the whole country celebrates Finland's independence in 1917.

In addition, there are other significant days, such as **J. L. Runeberg Day** (5 February) and **Minna Canth's Day** (19 March), when we raise the flag to remember national cultural figures and promoters of equality.

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Special theme days and commemorations

Many flag days are related to wars and their remembrance. For example, **the Day of Remembrance of the Fallen** in May reminds of the heroes who fell in the wars. Finland has a particularly strong respect for those who have fallen in the war, and the flag shows appreciation for their sacrifices.

In the same spirit, we also celebrate the anniversary **of the end of the Winter War**, the background of which you can read more about in the article [Winter War](#).

Finnish flag compared to other countries

In Finland, the flagging rules are relatively free-form, and citizens have a lot of their own discretion in flagging. However, the use of the flag is guided by good manners and respect. This unique way is discussed in more detail in our article [Finnish flagging rules](#).

The significance of flag days in modern Finland

Today, flag days are not just memories of past events. They also act as uniters of society and remind of national values: freedom, equality and cultural heritage. Each flag day offers an opportunity to stop and reflect on the things that unite Finns from generation to generation.

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