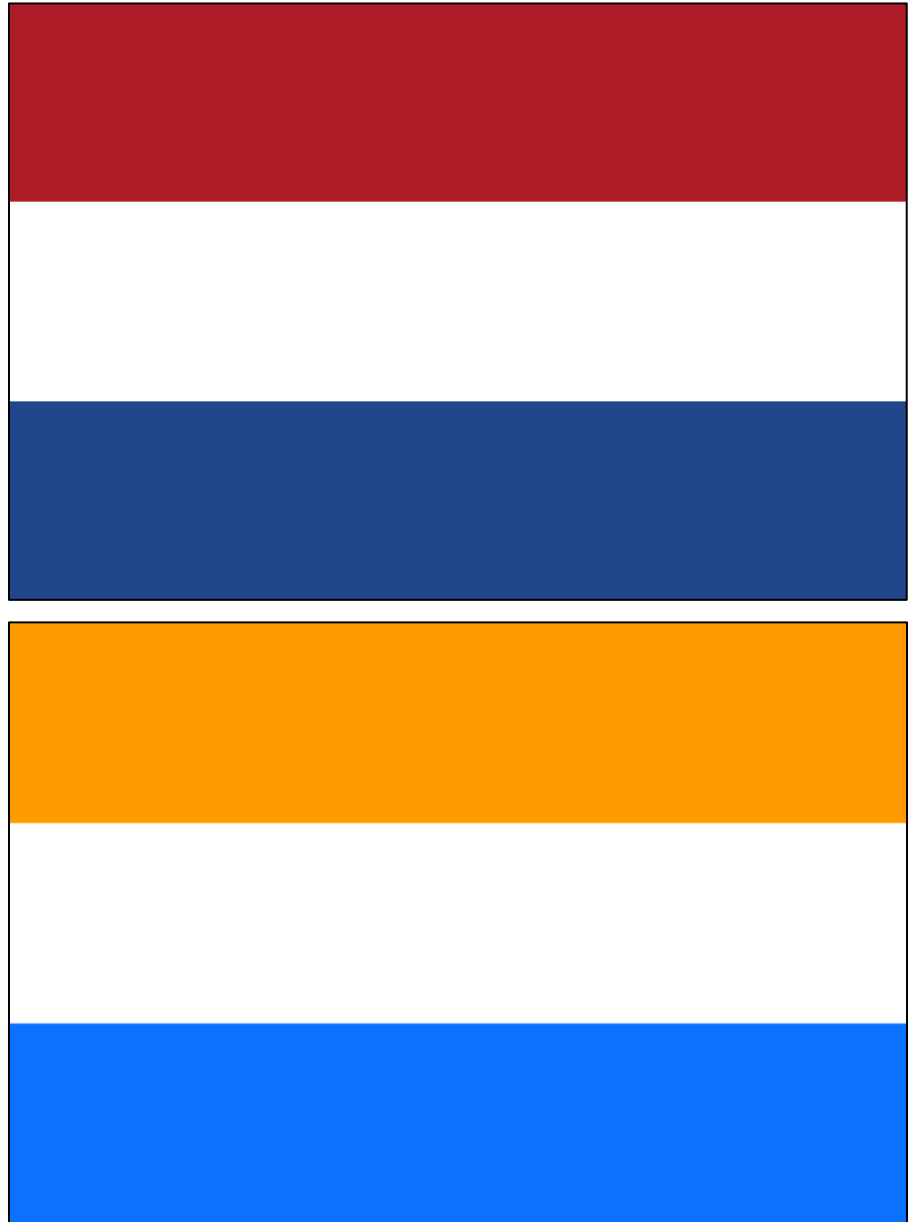


# History through flags: Flag of the Netherlands

## *Oldest Tri-Colour in Continuous Use*

Adopted: 1575 (as the “Prinsenvlag”)

- The colours orange, white and blue are associated with William Prince of Orange (1533–1584).
- A wealthy nobleman, William originally served the Habsburgs as a member of the court of Margaret of Parma, governor of the Spanish Netherlands. Unhappy with the centralisation of political power away from the local estates and with the Spanish persecution of Dutch Protestants, William joined the Dutch uprising and turned against his former masters. The most influential and politically capable of the rebels, he led the Dutch to several successes in the fight against the Spanish. Declared an outlaw by the Spanish king in 1580, he was assassinated by Balthasar Gérard (also written as "Gerardts") in Delft in 1584.



The modern flag of the Netherlands (above) and the Prinsenvlag (bottom).

- William of Orange is considered the founder of the House of Orange-Nassau
- William of Orange was the Great-Grandfather of William III, Prince of Orange (November 1650 – 8 March 1702). So what? . . . time to talk about the Glorious Revolution

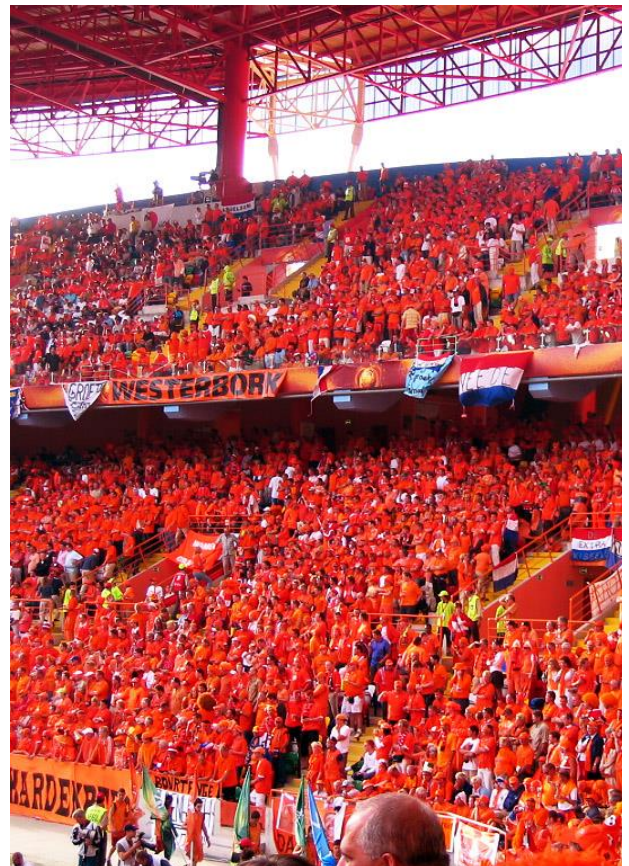




Current monarch of the Netherlands: King Willem-Alexander and his wife Queen Máxima on “King’s Day” (2019)



Dutch Olympic Uniforms (2010)



Dutch Sports Fans

May 2019



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