

Find The Flags Trail

To celebrate the Commonwealth Games coming to Birmingham in 2022, we have created a trail featuring all 54 flags of the Commonwealth Nations. You will find them displayed in shops, businesses and other locations around Acocks Green, some will be easy to find and some may be a little more difficult. Can you find them all?

When you have spotted one of our flags, write down where you found it in the box under the right flag on this sheet (e.g. the name of the shop or business). Everyone in the area is welcome to enter - children and adults too! Everyone who finds at least 40 of our flags will receive a commemorative souvenir. Entries who find at least 50 flags will go into a prize draw to have a chance of winning our Top Prize! Details of what to do with your completed entry on the last page. Don't forget to add your name and address at the end of the sheet. Happy Hunting!

Antigua & Barbuda



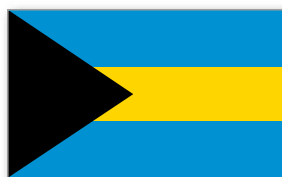
A tiny chain of three Caribbean islands which have stunning landscapes. Antigua is famous as "the land of 365 beaches," one for every day of the year!

Australia



Australia is the second largest country in the Commonwealth and one of the original seven Commonwealth countries from when it was formed in 1931.

Bahamas



The Bahamas is a chain of over 700 islands popular for tourism. The yellow stripe on the flag represents the sandy beaches & the blue represents the sea.

Bangladesh



Bangladesh's capital, Dhaka is one of the most densely populated cities in the world and has world's longest-serving female head of government.

Barbados



Singer Rihanna was born in Barbados. It is now known for its beaches, surfing and flying fish, but has a history of pirates who once dominated their seas.

Belize



The highest building in Belize is a Mayan pyramid called Cnanaa. The national animal of Belize is a cross between a horse and a rhinoceros, known as a Tapir.

Botswana



Botswana is a landlocked nation in Southern Africa. It has Africa's highest concentration of elephants and is the best place to see wild meerkats.

Brunei Darussalam



Brunei has one of Southeast Asia's wealthiest economies thanks to all of its oil. It also has one of the highest rates of car-ownership in the world!

Cameroon



There are about 230 languages spoken in Cameroon including French and English. It is one of the wettest countries on Earth with up to 10m of rain a year.

Canada



Canada has the largest area of any Commonwealth country at 9,984,670 km². In 1932 the Commonwealth games began here as the British Empire Games.

Cyprus



Cyprus is the 3rd largest island in the Mediterranean. It is a popular tourist destination and the whole town of Paphos is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Dominica



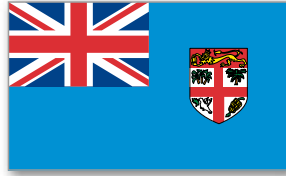
Dominica has 9 volcanoes and the second-largest boiling lake in the world. Sulphur springs and black-sand beaches surround the capital Roseau.

Kingdom of Eswatini



Eswatini is one of the smallest countries in Africa. You can see all of the big five game animals there: lions, leopards, rhinos, buffalo and elephants.

Fiji Islands



One of Fiji's 333 islands Taveuni is on the International Date Line, so you can stand with one foot in today and one foot in yesterday!

Gambia



Gambia is the smallest country in mainland Africa. It is smaller than Yorkshire. Peanuts are one of the few things they can grow so this is their largest export.

Ghana



One of Ghana's biggest exports is Gold worth \$8.35 billion a year. It also has a National Park called Kakum that is home to over 600 species of butterfly.

Grenada



Grenada is home to the world's first underwater sculpture park. Moliniere park has over 60 sculptures on the seabed 15ft (4.5m) below the surface.

Guyana



Demerara sugar is named after a river in Georgetown, Guyana's Capital city. It is also famous for producing the Rum favoured by the Royal Navy.

India



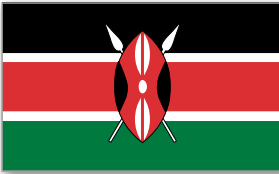
At 1.4 billion people, India has the largest population of any Commonwealth country. Over half of the population of the entire Commonwealth.

Jamaica



Jamaica is known for its music and is the birthplace of Reggae artist Bob Marley. Ian Fleming also wrote all the James Bond books from his Jamaican home.

Kenya



Kenya has been called the "cradle of humanity" as some of the earliest human tools have been found in Kenya from around 3.3 million BC.

Kiribati



Kiribati is made up of 33 atolls - islands caused by submerged volcanos, only 20 are inhabited. It is the first country that gets to celebrate the New Year.

Lesotho



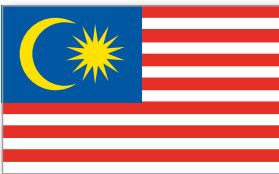
Lesotho is a mountainous country entirely surrounded by South Africa. One of the largest dinosaur footprints in the world was discovered here.

Malawi



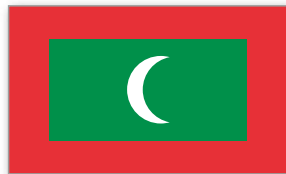
Malawi has a strong connection to Scotland. Blantyre was founded by Scottish settlers in 1876 who took tea plants there. It is now a major export crop.

Malaysia



Malaysia's Mulu Caves on the island of Borneo have the world's largest underground chamber and are home to millions of bats.

Maldives



The Maldives has 1,200 islands stretched along an archipelago, only 200 of them are inhabited. The total population is 500,000, roughly the same as Cardiff.

Malta



Malta is a tiny island in the Mediterranean with 3 times more tourists than residents. Most Maltese people can speak Maltese, Italian and English.

Mauritius



The Mauritian Flag is 'The Four Bands'. Red for the bloodshed in ending slavery, Blue for the sea, Yellow for a bright future and Green for lush vegetation.

Mozambique



Mozambique has over 1,200 species of fish in its coastal waters and coral reefs. It is also the only one-word country name to feature all 5 vowels !

Namibia



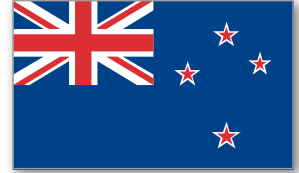
Namibia has the world's oldest desert and highest sand dunes, the famous 'Big Daddy' dune is 325m high. It also has the most wild cheetahs.

Nauru



Nauru is a small island in the Pacific Ocean and has the smallest population of the Commonwealth with only around 11,000 people.

New Zealand



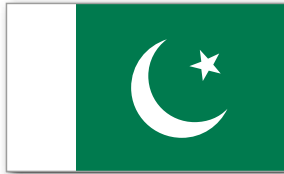
Wellington, New Zealand's capital, is the most southern capital city in the world. It is estimated that there are seven sheep for every person in NZ.

Nigeria



Nigeria is the second largest film producer in the world 'Nollywood' makes around 50 movies per week, which is more than Hollywood.

Pakistan



Activist for female education Malala Yousafzai was born in Pakistan. She officially opened the new Library of Birmingham in 2013.

Papua New Guinea



Papua New Guinea is a very diverse nation and has c.1000 different cultural groups all with their own costumes, music, architecture and dance.

Rwanda



No plastic bags are allowed in Rwanda shops do not give any out. People use paper bags or biodegradable bags made from cassava or banana leaves.

St Kitts & Nevis



This is a two island nation in the Caribbean. Each island only has one main road that runs the full perimeter so it is almost impossible to get lost there.

Saint Lucia



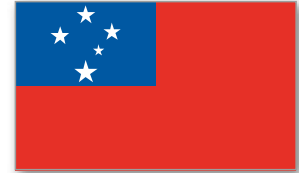
Saint Lucia is the first country to be named after a woman. The Jacquot Parrot is not found anywhere else in the world, and is the island's national bird.

St Vincent & The Grenadines



"Grenadines" comes from the Spanish for "pomegranate" although they don't grow there. It refers to all the tiny islands like seeds in the fruit.

Samoa



Tattoos are part of Samoan culture, with traditional patterns for men and women, but they are painful to get as they use tools made from teeth, shell & bone.

Seychelles



Seychelles has the world's largest population of giant tortoises. The Aldabra Atoll World Heritage Site has over 150,000 of this rare animal.

Sierra Leone



Sierra Leone is famous for its diamonds and also produces bauxite, titanium and gold. Freetown's famous harbour has a Queen Elizabeth II Quay.

Singapore



The name Singapore means 'Lion City', it has one of the world's busiest shipping ports. It is the world's second most densely populated country.

Solomon Islands



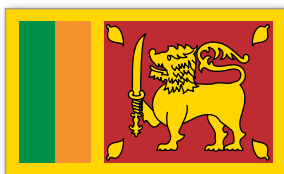
Dense rain forest covers 90% of the Solomon Islands and it has over 4,500 plant species including 230 types of orchid as well as 173 species of bird.

South Africa



A meteor 10km across fell in South Africa's Free State around 2,030 million years ago making a crater 300km across; it is the biggest visible crater on Earth.

Sri Lanka



Cinnamon originates from Sri Lanka and was discovered by the Egyptians around 2000 BC. 80-90% of all cinnamon in the world comes from Sri Lanka.

Tonga



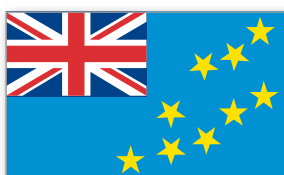
In Tonga it is still illegal to conduct business, play sport or do chores on a Sunday. Instead Tonga shuts down in favour of family, church, rest and eating.

Trinidad & Tobago



Notting Hill Carnival in London was founded by Claudia Jones from Trinidad when she held a Caribbean celebration in London in 1959.

Tuvalu



Tuvalu is a group of 9 pacific islands. It is one of the smallest and least visited countries in the world. It has no natural rivers so locals drink rainwater.

Uganda



A popular delicacy in Uganda is pan-fried grasshoppers. They are full of protein and are served to special guests, it is considered very rude to refuse them.

United Kingdom



The UK competes in the Commonwealth Games as four separate nations. Birmingham 2022 is only the third time England has hosted the games.

United Republic of Tanzania



Tanzania has Africa's highest mountain - Kilimanjaro. Over a quarter of the land here is wildlife parks and conservation areas such as the Serengeti.

Vanuatu



There is a tribe in Vanuatu that worships Prince Philip as a returning ancient spirit. Mount Yasur on Tanna is one of the world's most active volcanoes.

Zambia



Zambia is a landlocked country in Africa that has borders with eight other countries. It takes its name from the Zambezi, the fourth-longest river in Africa.

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