



Kingdom of Bahrain



The national flag of Bahrain (Arabic: عَلَمُ الْبَحْرَيْنِ, romanized: Alem el-Bahreyn) consists of a white band on the left, separated from a red area on the right by five triangles that serve as a serrated line. The five white triangles symbolize the five pillars of Islam, the red on the flag represents the blood of the martyrs and the battles of Bahrain, and the white represents peace. It is sometimes mistaken for the flag of Qatar, but the latter flag is maroon, has nine points and normally has a much greater length-to-width ratio.



Bahrain Demographics

- The Bahraini society is characterized by its cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity and according to the official census for the year 2010 issued by the Central Informatics Organisation, the Kingdom of Bahrain had a total resident population of 1234571. The estimated population of 2014 was 1.316 million people. It is expected to reach 1.592 million in 2020 and 2.128 million in 2030, up from 621 thousand in 1999. The population growth rate is 7.4% on average.
- 70.2% of the total population of Bahrain is Muslim and 29.8% are adherents of other religions and beliefs, such as Christians (10.2%) and Jews (0.21%). This is in addition to Hindus, Baha'is, Buddhists, Sikhs, and others who are mostly from South Asia and other Arab countries. 99.8% of Bahraini citizens are Muslims. The percentage of Christians, Jews, Hindus, Baha'is is 0.2%.
- As for the distribution of the population according to gender, 49.4% of all citizens are females, constituting 38% of the total population.
- **Language:** The official language of Bahrain is Arabic. English is also widely spoken and used for business and education, making it a second language for many Bahrainis.
- **Biodiversity:** Bahrain is not known for its rich biodiversity. Due to its small size and arid desert climate, the country has limited natural vegetation and wildlife. However, it does have some marine life in its coastal waters, including various species of fish and seabirds. Conservation efforts are in place to protect the marine environment and its inhabitants.
- **Ethnicity:** The majority of the population in Bahrain is of Arab descent. There is a significant expatriate population, which includes people from South Asia, Southeast Asia, and other parts of the world who come to work in Bahrain. These expatriates make up a substantial portion of the country's population, contributing to its cultural diversity.
- **Urbanization:** Bahrain is one of the most urbanized countries in the Gulf region. The capital city, Manama, is the largest urban center and the political, economic, and cultural hub of the country. The urban areas of Bahrain are characterized by modern infrastructure, skyscrapers, shopping malls, and a cosmopolitan lifestyle. The urbanization rate has increased over the years, with a significant portion of the population living in urban areas.
- Bahrain's unique blend of culture, history, and economic development has made it an important player in the Gulf region, both in terms of commerce and as a center for regional diplomacy.



Bahrain Fun Facts

- **Ancient Civilization:** Bahrain has a rich history dating back thousands of years. It was once the center of the ancient Dilmun civilization, known for its trading prowess and connections with Mesopotamia.
- **Pearl Diving:** Bahrain was historically famous for its pearl diving industry, which was a major source of income for the country before the discovery of oil. Pearl diving was a significant part of Bahraini culture and heritage.
- **The Tree of Life:** In the heart of the Bahraini desert, there stands a 400-year-old mesquite tree known as the "Tree of Life." It has survived in the arid desert without a known water source, making it a symbol of resilience and mystery.
- **Formula 1:** Bahrain is home to the Bahrain International Circuit, a state-of-the-art Formula 1 race track that hosts the Bahrain Grand Prix, attracting motorsport enthusiasts and tourists from around the world.
- **UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Bahrain boasts several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Bahrain Fort (Qal'at al-Bahrain) and the Dilmun Burial Mounds, which offer a glimpse into the country's ancient history.
- **Traditional Cuisine:** Bahraini cuisine features delicious dishes like machbous (spiced rice with meat), fish dishes, and a variety of sweets, including halwa. It reflects influences from Persian, Indian, and Arabian culinary traditions.
- **The World's Largest Underwater Theme Park:** Bahrain is home to the world's largest underwater theme park, the "Dive Bahrain." It includes submerged structures, sculptures, and artificial reefs for diving and snorkeling enthusiasts.
- **Cultural Festivals:** Bahrain hosts a range of cultural festivals and events throughout the year, celebrating music, arts, and heritage. The Bahrain International Music Festival and Bahrain International Airshow are just a couple of examples.
- **The Al Fateh Grand Mosque:** This stunning mosque is one of the largest in the world and can accommodate over 7,000 worshippers. It is known for its impressive architecture and is open to tourists outside of prayer times.
- **Island Nation:** Bahrain is an archipelago consisting of 33 islands, though the main island is where the majority of the population resides. The islands offer diverse landscapes and opportunities for outdoor activities like water sports and desert adventures.



Arabic

Hello - **Marhaba** - مرحبا

Good Morning - **Sabah Alkhair** -

صباح الخير

Please - **Law Samahet** لو سمحت

Where are you from? **Men Ayna Anta?**

من اين انت؟

Thank you - **Shokran** شكرا

Excuse me - **Othran** عذرا

See you later - **Ila Al Leqaa** الى اللقاء





Bahrain Fort



Al Fateh Grand Mosque



Tree of Life



Manama Souk



Pearl Diving



**His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His
Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa**



**Chicken Machboos (Bahraini Spiced
Chicken and Rice)**



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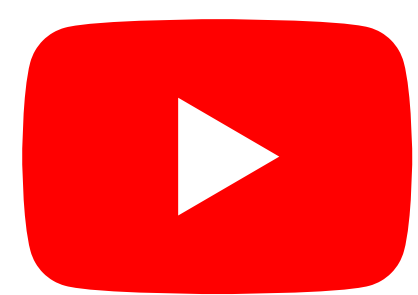
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