

## *National Symbols*

**The coat-of-arms** of the Republic of Serbia is a double-headed white eagle with a shield, a cross, four fire steels, and the crown of the Nemanjic dynasty.

**The flag** is a tricolor (red, blue, and white) with horizontal stripes and a small coat-of-arms located left of centre by one-seventh of the length of the flag.



**The national anthem** of Serbia is a 19th century song, “Boze pravde” (God of Justice), written by Davorin Jenko and with lyrics by Jovan Djordjevic.

To hear what the national anthem of Serbia sounds like, go to [www.parlament.sr.gov.yu/images/Boze\\_pravde\\_instrumental.mp3](http://www.parlament.sr.gov.yu/images/Boze_pravde_instrumental.mp3)

**National Day of Serbia** is February 15. This date carries double significance. On February 15, 1804, Serbs organized the First Serbian Uprising in the attempt to win freedom from Ottoman rule. On the same date in 1835, first Constitution of Serbia was adopted. It was characterized at that period to be the “most liberal” constitution in Europe, even being more advanced than its role model, the French Constitution.