



Country Profile: United Kingdom

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a highly developed constitutional monarchy composed of Great Britain (England, Scotland, and Wales) and Northern Ireland. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on the United Kingdom for additional information. Tourist facilities are widely available throughout the United Kingdom and Gibraltar.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	United Kingdom
Continent:	Europe
Capital City:	London
Boundary Countries:	Ireland
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	London Bridge Hospital, The Wellington Hospital, Hospital of St. John & St. Elizabeth, The Harley Street Clinic, Priory Hospital (North London & Roehampton)
Main Cities:	London, Glasgow, Birmingham, Bristol, Belfast, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Leeds, Manchester, London, Glasgow, Birmingham, Bristol, Belfast, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Leeds, Manchester
Country Size:	244,820 sq km, note: includes Rockall and Shetland Islands
Population:	60,609,153

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English, Welsh (about 26% of the population of Wales), Scottish form of Gaelic (about 60,000 in Scotland)
Currency:	British Pound (GBP)
Predominant Religions:	Christian (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist) 71.6%, Muslim 2.7%, Hindu 1%, other 1.6%, unspecified or none 23.1%
National Holidays:	The UK does not celebrate one particular national holiday.
Economic Status:	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a highly developed constitutional monarchy comprised of Great Britain (England, Scotland, and Wales) and Northern Ireland. The UK, a leading trading power and financial center, is one of the quintet of trillion dollar economies of Western Europe
Security:	Army, Royal Navy (includes Royal Marines), Royal Air Force
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Major Airports:	<p>Airports: 471, Airports w/paved runways: 334</p> <p>London, Heathrow, United Kingdom, Heathrow Airport Ltd, 234 Bath Road, 2nd Floor, Heathrow Point West, Hayes, Middx, UB3 5AP, United Kingdom Tel: +44 (0)870 000 0123 Fax: +44 (0)20 8745 6266, +44 (0)20 8745 4290 email: document.write('info' + cat + 'baa.c' + 'o.uk'); info@baa.co.uk Website: www.baa.co.uk Telex: 934892</p> <p>Airport Data: International Customs Telex: 934891 Customs Hours: 24 hours</p>

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