



Country Profile: Gibraltar

Strategically important, Gibraltar was reluctantly ceded to Great Britain by Spain in the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht; the British garrison was formally declared a colony in 1830. In a referendum held in 1967, Gibraltarians voted overwhelmingly to remain a British dependency. The subsequent granting of autonomy in 1969 by the UK led to Spain closing the border and severing all communication links. A new non-colonial constitution came into effect in 2007, but the UK retains responsibility for defense, foreign relations, internal security, and financial stability.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



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| Country Name: | Gibralter |
| Continent: | Europe |
| Capital City: | |
| Boundary Countries: | Spain |
| Recommended Hospitals in Capital: | |
| Main Cities: | Gibralter |
| Country Size: | 6.4 sq km |
| Population: | 27,967 |

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Language: | English (used in schools and for official purposes), Spanish, Italian, Portuguese |
| Currency: | Gibraltar pound (GIP) |
| Predominant Religions: | Roman Catholic 78.1%, Church of England 7%, other Christian 3.2%, Muslim 4%, Jewish 2.1%, Hindu 1.8%, other or unspecified 0.9%, none 2.9% |
| National Holidays: | National Day, 10 September (1967); note - day of the national referendum to decide whether to remain with the UK or go with Spain |
| Economic Status: | Gibraltar is a United Kingdom Overseas Territory bordering Spain and located at the southernmost tip of Europe at the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea. It is one of thirteen former British colonies that have elected to continue their political links with London |
| Security: | Royal Gibraltar Regiment |
| US Presence: | None (overseas territory of the UK) |
| Major Airports: | Airports: 1, Airports w paved runways:1 |