

**Great Britain**

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- Great Britain is an island in the Atlantic Ocean which is a part of the United Kingdom. It is situated at the north-west of continental Europe. Being the largest island in Europe, it's the ninth largest island in the world. According to the latest data, the population of Great Britain is above 60 million people. Approximately 80% of population is urban. The surface of the island greatly varies from part to part. While the northern and western part are mountainous (the Highlands), the southern, central and eastern parts are covered by a vast plain (the Lowlands). The deepest river on the island is the Thames, and the longest is the Severn.



# Buckingham Palace

- Buckingham Palace is the official residence of Queen Elizabeth. It is located near Green Park. When the Queen is in the residence, the Royal Standard flies over Buckingham Palace.
- There are 775 rooms where members of the Royal family and their servants live. There are also rooms for guests. There are offices, on-site post and even swimming pool in the palace.
- Throughout the year right in front of Buckingham Palace the ceremony of the Changing of the Guard takes place, attracting a lot of tourists.



# Big Ben

- Big Ben is the name of the Great bell of the clock at the Palace of Westminster. Nowadays this name mostly refers to the clock and the clock tower.
- In 2012 the tower was renamed to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen and is now officially known as the Elizabeth Tower.
- The height of the tower is 96,3 metres. Big Ben is one of the most prominent symbols of the United Kingdom.



# Edinburgh Castle

- Edinburgh Castle is an ancient fortress which is located right in the centre of Edinburgh.
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- Edinburgh Castle is located on the Castle Rock, at the top of the Royal Mile.
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- The castle has a very good strategic position and can only be easily approached from one side. Nowadays, Edinburgh Castle is one of Scotland's most popular tourist attractions.



# Westminster

- Westminster is a historical area of central London with several famous landmarks.
- Westminster Abbey, a Gothic church, is located there. The church is a traditional place of coronation and burial site for all British kings and queens.
- Not far from the church there is the Palace of Westminster which is the meeting place of the House of Commons and the House of Lords.



# Stonehenge

- Stonehenge is a well-known prehistoric monument which is located in Wiltshire, England. Huge standing stones which are 4,1 metres long and 2,1 metres wide make a ring.
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- The real purpose of this structure is still a subject of much controversy. It is believed that Stonehenge served as an ancient astronomical observatory.
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- Stonehenge is added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

