



Great Britain

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The official name of the country


The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

London is the capital of Great Britain one of the largest cities of Europe and financial centers in the world

Official languages: English , Wales Welsh.

The state is located in the British Isles (island of great Britain, the northeastern part of the island of Ireland, and a large number of smaller Islands and archipelagos, among which are the Hebrides, the Orkney and Shetland Islands, Anglesey, Arran, white) in the Atlantic ocean. Bordering the North, Irish, Celtic and Hebrides seas. The South-East coast is located only 35 km from the Northern coast of France, separated by the English channel.





The area of the UK is 243 809 km², of which land — 240 579 km², inland waters — 3230 km². According to the 1993 10 % of the land was forested, 46 % used for pastures and another 25% was used in agriculture .

The coastline is 17 820 km length .The South coast is connected to mainland Europe via the channel tunnel 50 km long (38 km under water). It is the longest underwater tunnel in the world. Northern Ireland has a 360-kilometer land border with the Republic of Ireland, and is the only land border the UK.

The population

According to the census 2011 the total population of the UK was 63 181 775 people. According to this indicator the country ranks 3rd place in the EU, 5th in the Commonwealth of Nations and 21st in the world. By the middle of 2011 it is estimated at 62 698 362. In 2008 the natural increase of the population has become more influence on population growth than migration for the first time since 1998.

From 2001 to 2008 the population grew at an average annual rate of 0.5 %, which is greater than 0.3 % in the period from 1991 to 2001 and 0.2% in the previous decade. Published in 2008, data on the population in mid-2007 indicate that for the first time in British history there were more people of retirement age than children under 16. According to some estimates, the number of people aged 100 years or more will increase to 626 000 by 2080.

Sights of great Britain

Big Ben— the name of the largest of the six bells of Westminster Palace in London, often the name refers to the clock and Clock tower as a whole, which since September 2012 was officially called "Elizabeth tower".

LONDON

An aerial photograph of London, England, showing the River Thames. The Tower Bridge, a suspension bridge with two towers, spans the river. To the left of the bridge is the Tower of London, a historic castle. The surrounding city is densely packed with buildings of various architectural styles. The text "The tower of London and tower bridge" is overlaid in white at the top of the image.

The tower of London and tower bridge

Tower bridge — a drawbridge in Central London on the river Thames, near the tower of London. Opened in 1894. Is also one of the symbols of London and Britain. In operation, the tower bridge was completed in 1894.

The London Eye



The London Eye— one of the largest Ferris wheel in the world, located in the London borough of Lambeth on the South Bank of the Thames. With a height of 135 meters (about 45 floors) have a view of almost the entire city. The Ferris wheel is a family project spouses architects David marks and Julia Barfield. The implementation of the project in life has taken six years.

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Tate Modern



Tate Modern — London gallery of modern and contemporary art, included in the group of Tate galleries, in which are exhibited the national collection of British art from 1500 horns today. Tate Modern houses a collection of works of world of art created from 1900 horn. In the ranking of museums with the highest attendance is in the 4th place (2012).

An aerial photograph of London, England, taken during the "golden hour" of sunset. The River Thames flows through the center of the frame. On the left bank, the Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben) is illuminated, showing its clock face. In the foreground, the intricate Gothic architecture of Westminster Abbey is visible. On the right bank, the London Eye Ferris wheel stands prominently, its white structure glowing against the sky. The city skyline is filled with various buildings, some lit up, and a few boats are visible on the river. The sky is a mix of soft orange, yellow, and blue tones, with wispy clouds.

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