



**The United  
Kingdom of Great  
Britain and  
Northern Ireland**

# Great Britain

**The UK-Russia Year of Culture 2014** will celebrate the rich and diverse cultural heritage of both countries. It aims to foster cultural exchange and the flow of ideas whilst developing stronger relations between people, institutions and governments.



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The scale of the programmes across arts, education, language and science is indicative of a huge

improvement in cultural relations.

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## АНГЛИЙСКИЙ ЯЗЫК И КУЛЬТУРА

Великобритания  
г. Лондон или г. Брайтон  
Языковая школа Сент Джэйлс

**Сроки обучения:** с 14 июля, с 21 июля, с 28 июля 2014 г.

**Средняя продолжительность курса:** 3 - 4 недели

### УСЛОВИЯ УЧАСТИЯ:

- Любой уровень знания иностранного языка (даже нулевой)
- Наличие действующего загранпаспорта
- Визовая поддержка и конс-ции РГУ имени С.А. Есенина — **3500 руб.**
- Страховка + Визовый сбор Консульства около **11 000** рублей
- Авиабилет до Лондона и обратно + поезд до Брайтона и обратно около **16 000** рублей
- Оплата обучения (**20 уроков** в неделю) около **38 000** рублей за 4 недели
- Проживание в семье для 2-х человек около **25 000** рублей **ИЛИ** проживание в студенческом общежитии **50 000** рублей
- Культурная программа (по выбору) оплачивается на месте.

**Подробности и запись  
в Международном отделе  
до 15 февраля 2014 г.**

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IN RYAZAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENTS CAN CHOOSE  
AMONG DIFFERENT PLACES TO  
GO STUDY ABROAD. FOR  
EXAMPLE, THE UNIVERSITY  
GIVES AN OPPORTUNITY OF  
TAKING SUMMER COURSES IN  
SOME CITIES OF GREAT  
BRITAIN.

# Scotland

## Saint Andrew's Cross

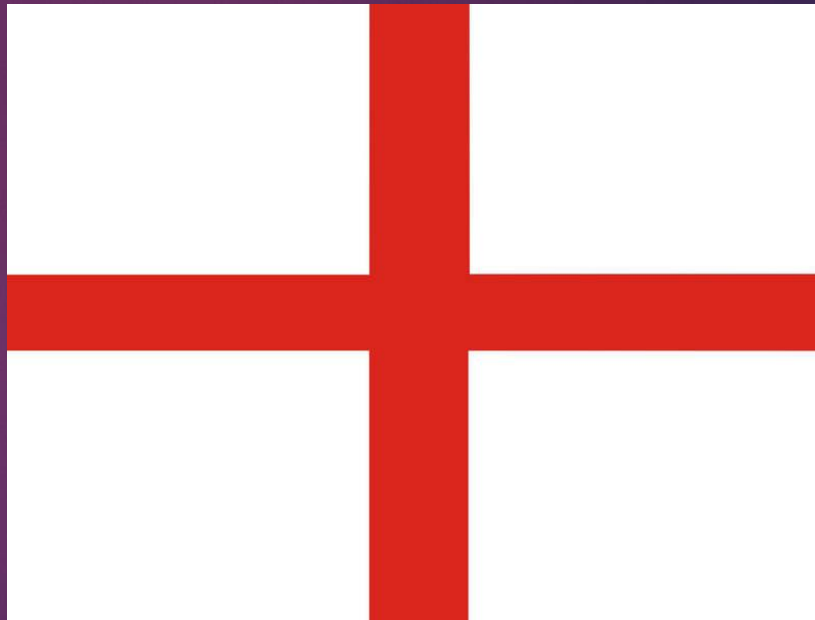
The national flag of Scotland is the Saltire. It is made up of a great white cross which spans diagonally across the flag on a blue background. This was the supposed shape of the cross that St. Andrew was put to death on and therefore the flag is also known as the 'Cross of St. Andrew'.



# England

## St. George's Cross

The national flag of England bears a red colored cross on a white background. The cross stretches from right to left and top to bottom, its intersection in the center of the rectangle, and is known as St. George's Cross.



# Wales

## The Red Dragon

The flag of Wales consists of two horizontal halves - the top half is white and the bottom half is green. In the center of the Welsh flag is a red dragon. The exact representation of the dragon is not standardized and many different interpretations exist.

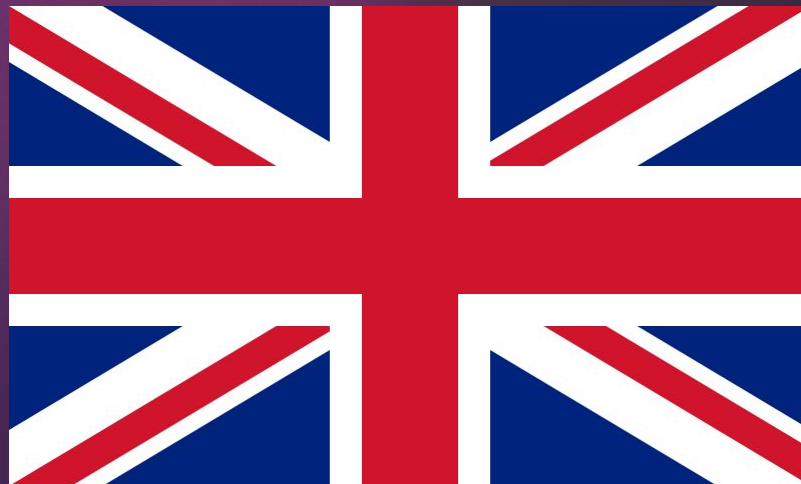


# Northern Ireland

## The Ulster Banner

This was a civil flag for Northern Ireland, but the status of this was abolished when the Belfast Stormont assembly was closed down in 1973. Thereafter, the Union Flag was made official for all purposes in Northern Ireland.

During official events, the British government uses the Union Flag, which is the official flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and is the only flag used by the government in Northern Ireland.





The image shows a close-up, slightly blurred view of the Union Jack flag, the national flag of the United Kingdom. The flag's characteristic red field with a white saltire (St. Andrew's Cross) and blue cantons containing white saltires (St. George's Cross and St. Patrick's Cross) is clearly visible. The flag appears to be waving, with soft shadows and highlights on the fabric. Centered over the flag is the text "The Union Jack" in a white, bold, serif font, underlined.

**The Union Jack**

# NATIONAL SYMBOLS OF THE UK

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Each country in Britain has its own patron saint and floral emblem:



# RED ROSE

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**The national flower of England is the rose.** The flower has been adopted as England's emblem since the time of the Wars of the Roses - civil wars (1455-1485) between the royal house of Lancaster (whose emblem was a red rose) and the royal house of York (whose emblem was a white rose).

# THISTLE

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The national flower of Scotland is the thistle, a prickly-leaved purple flower which was first used in the 15th century as a symbol of defence.

# SHAMROCK

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The national flower of Northern Ireland is the **shamrock**, a three-leaved plant similar to clover. An Irish tale tells of how Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day.

# LEEK and DAFFODIL

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The national flower of Wales is the daffodil, which is traditionally worn on St. David's Day. The vegetable called **leek** is also a traditional emblem of Wales.

# One of the most widespread languages on the planet

English today is probably the third largest language by number of native speakers, after Mandarin Chinese and Spanish



Approximately 375 million people speak English as their first language. English is the official language in 54 countries and 27 non-sovereign entities.

The countries with the highest populations of native English speakers are, in descending order: the United States (226 million), the United Kingdom (61 million), Canada (18.2 million), Australia (15.5 million), Nigeria (4 million), Ireland (3.8 million), South Africa (3.7 million), and New Zealand (3.6 million).





# English as a second language



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SPEAK ENGLISH**

The number of second language speakers vary greatly from 470 million to over a billion.

The number of non-native speakers is thrice more than the number of native speakers.

# The lingua franca

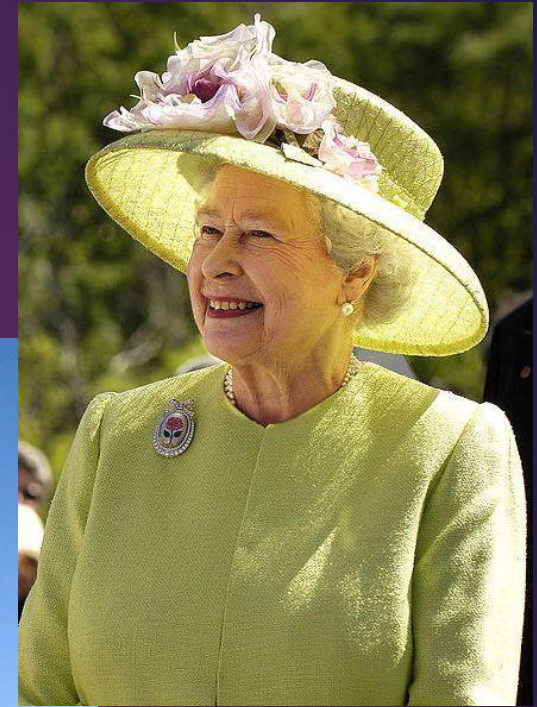
English is so widely spoken, so it has often been referred to as a "world language", and while it is not an official language in most countries, it is currently the language most often taught as a foreign language.

A lot of modern literature is in English, it is commonly used in the Internet and in press.



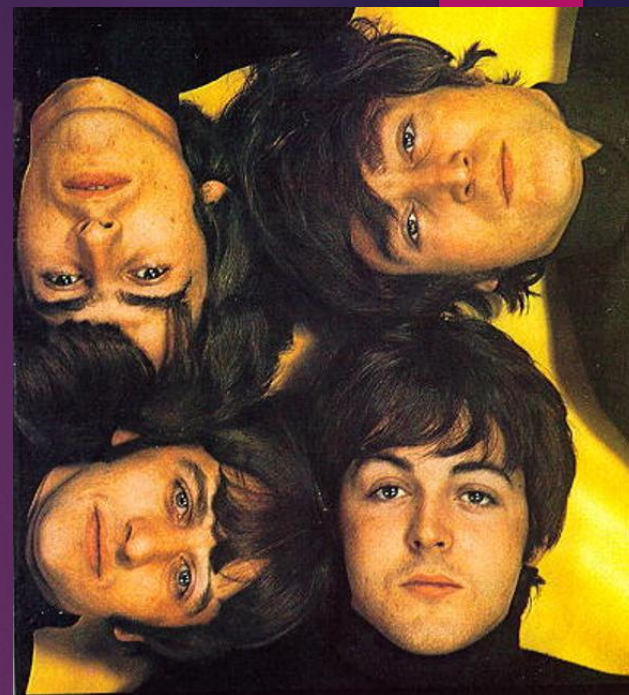
# Ассоциации

- ▶ Великобританию россияне ассоциируют с **королевой** и **монархией**.
- ▶ Второе место поделили между собой столица Британии **Лондон** и его главный символ - **Биг-Бен**.





- ▶ Существуют и такие варианты ответов, как **Березовский**, **Шерлок Холмс**, **Черчилль**, **принцесса Диана**, «**Битлз**».



- ▶ А также Гарри Поттер и правостороннее автомобильное движение.



A close-up photograph of a musical staff with a treble clef. The staff is white with black lines and contains several musical notes. The notes are rendered in a 3D, metallic style. One note is silver and is positioned on the second line. Another note is gold and is positioned on the first space. Both notes have a large, clear, faceted gemstone set into their heads. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

**Musical  
Britain**

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# The North of England



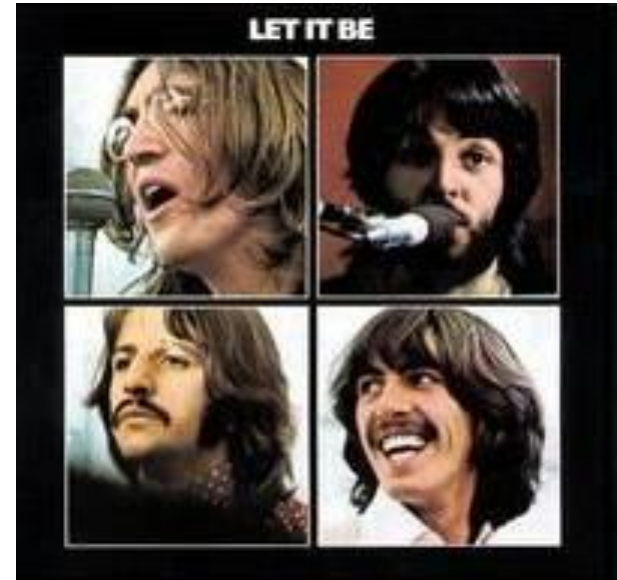
England is the  
musical centre of  
Great Britain.



- In England there are strong local traditions of music, the North of Britain has a deep custom of **brass band** music.



# Beatles fans queue outside the HMV music store in Liverpool



“The Beatles” is internationally well-known musical group.



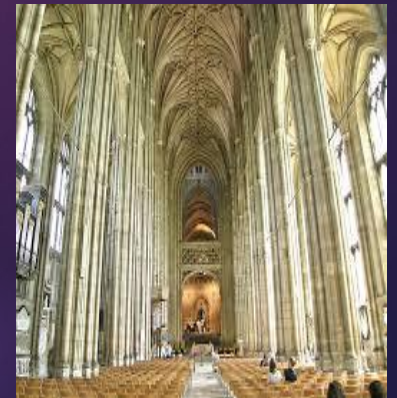
# English church choirs



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# Canterbury cathedral





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# Buckingham Palace





# English pubs



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# The Great **North** Country and Western Festival is the oldest Country **Music**

- The Great North Country and Western Festival is the oldest Country Music Festival in the North of England
- There is a huge marquee with a professionally built stage, lighting and sound system, Seating at the front of the stage is for those who wish to simply sit and listen to the music, and behind it are table and chairs for those who wish to 'do their own thing' and at the back a spacious dance floor surrounded by circular tables and chairs for those who wish to dance.





# Sights



✓ *The Tower Bridge was opened in 1893. Its towers are 65 metres.*



✓ *The Tower of London is famous for its ravens, they've lived here for 900 years. The Crown will fall, if the ravens leave the Tower.*

# London Eye

A modern but already very popular tourist attraction is the London Eye, a giant observation wheel.



# Trafalgar Square

Trafalgar Square, the largest square in London, is often considered the heart of the city.



# Big Ben



# Piccadilly Circus

