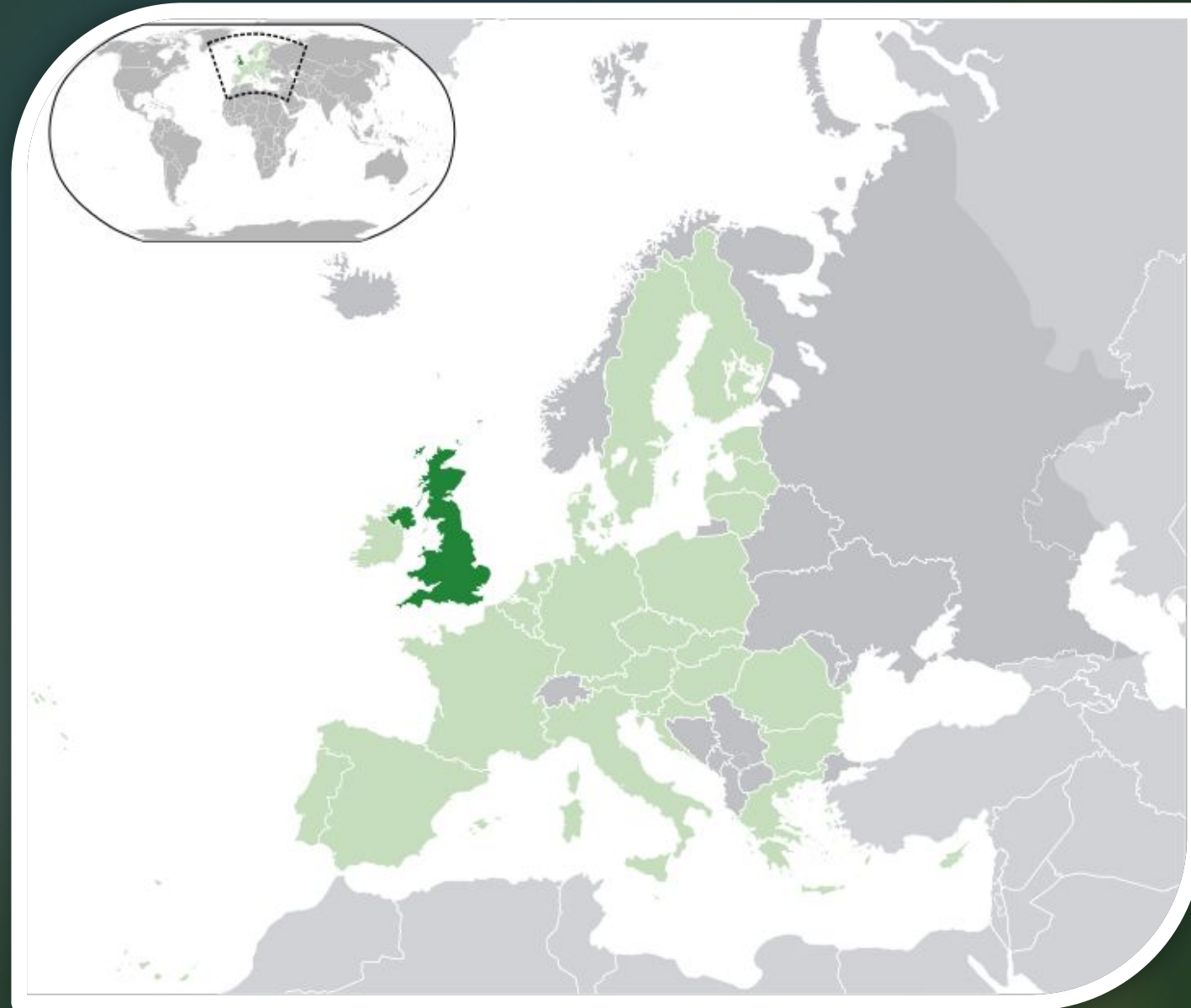


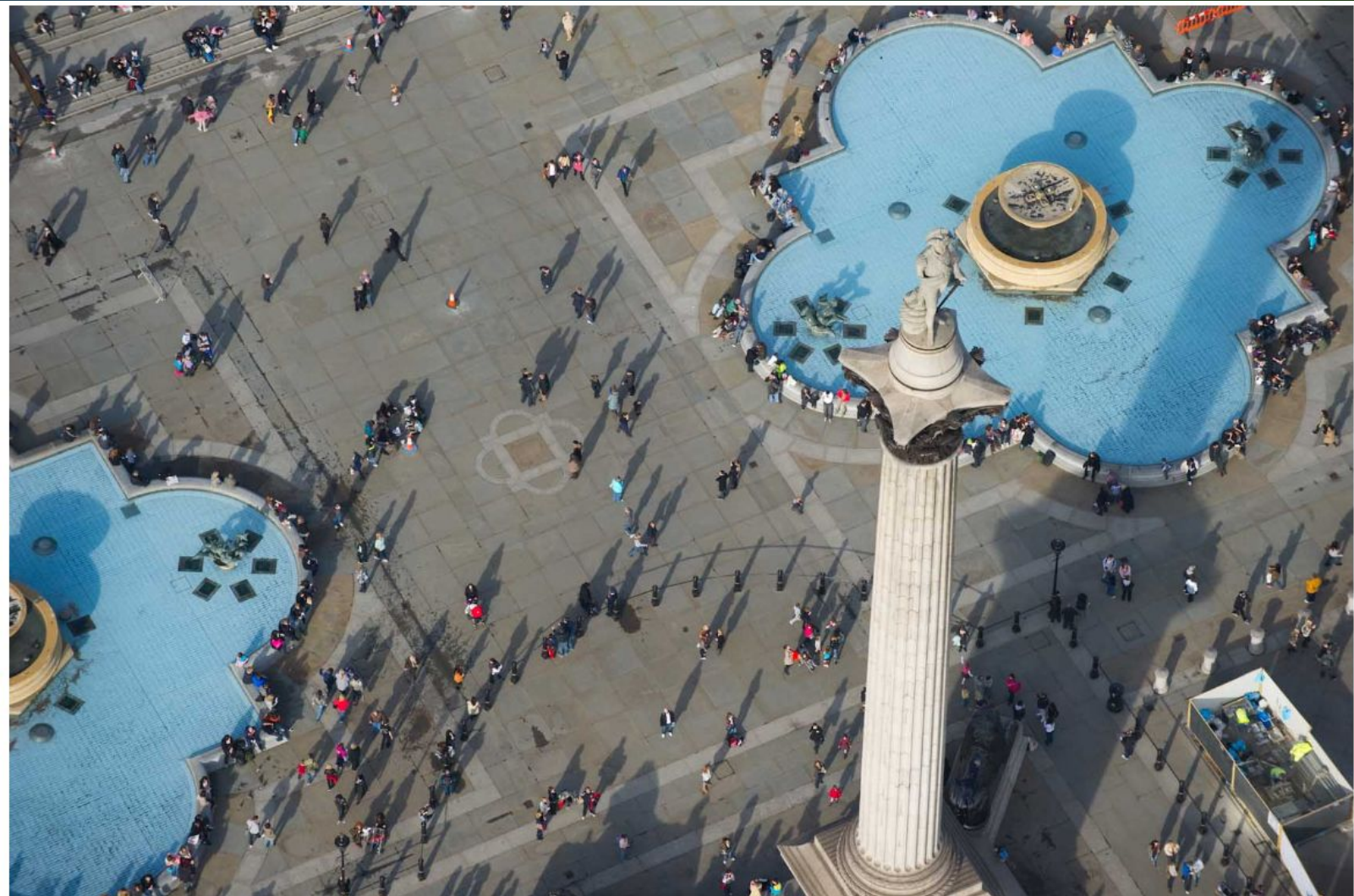


***United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland***

Geographical location



- ▶ The country area: 243 809 km². Of 1.34% water. By area, Britain is the world's 78th.
- ▶ According to the 2013 population of the UK 63.395.574 people. The population density is 246 people/ Km²



Capital - the city of London, one of the largest cities in Europe and the most important global financial center. Official language - English.



Geography of Britain

The state is located in the British Isles. Bordering the North, Irish, Celtic Sea and the Hebrides. Slightly more than half of Britain is England - most of it consists of lowlands. The length of the rivers are the Thames, Severn and the Humber.



Population

Ethnic group	Population	% of total*
White British	50,366,497	86%
White (other)	3,096,169	5.3%
Indian	1,053,411	1.8%
Pakistani	977,285	1.6%
White Irish	691,232	1.2%
British Mixed	677,117	1.2%
Black Caribbean	565,876	1.0%
Black African	485,277	0.8%
Bangladeshi	283,063	0.5%
Other Asian (non-Chinese)	247,644	0.4%
Chinese	247,403	0.4%
Other	230,615	0.4%
Black (others)	97,585	0.2%

Climate

The UK has a temperate oceanic climate with more rainfall throughout the year. Temperatures vary according to the season, but rarely fall below -11°C or rise above 35°C . Major wind coming from the southwest and often bring cold and wet weather from the Atlantic Ocean, but the eastern part of the country largely protected from these winds, and because most of the rainfall in the western regions, east are the driest. Atlantic currents, warmed by the Gulf Stream, bring mild winters, sometimes in the winter and early spring are snow, although the snow is usually short-lived.



Polity

United Kingdom - a unitary state with a parliamentary monarchy. The monarch is symbolic rather than political role and only has "the right to consultation, the right to the approval of and the right to prevent." Britain has no constitution as a single document.



International relations

Britain is a permanent member of the UN Security Council, a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. Is a "special relationship" with the United States and a close partnership with France, "Heart's agreement", and has a total nuclear weapons program with the two countries. Other close allies include other members of the EU and NATO and the countries of the Commonwealth, as well as Japan. Global presence and influence of Britain are also being strengthened through trade relations, foreign investments, official development assistance and military forces.