

# United Kingdom

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- The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland commonly known as the United Kingdom (UK) or Britain.
- The UK consists of : England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.



# Geography

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is situated off the north – west coast of Europe between the Atlantic Ocean in the north – west and the North Sea in the east.

The United Kingdom has an area of 244,000 square kilometers (94,249 square miles). The capital of the country is London.

English is an official language.



# Climate

The United Kingdom has a temperate climate, with plentiful rainfall all year round.

The temperature varies with the seasons seldom dropping below  $-11^{\circ}\text{C}$  or rising above  $35^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Summers are warmest in the south-east of England, being closest to the European mainland, and coolest in the north.

Atlantic currents, warmed by the Gulf Stream, bring mild winters; especially in the west where winters are wet and even more so over high ground.



# The longest river in the United Kingdom:

England – Thames



Scotland - Tay



## Northern Ireland - Bunn



## Wales - Towy



# The largest lakes in the UK:

Northern Ireland - Lough Neagh



Scotland - Loch Lomond



## England - Windermere



## Wales - Bala Lake





# The highest point in the United Kingdom:

Scotland - Ben Nevis



Wales - Snowdon



## England - Skayfel Pike



## Northern Ireland - Draining Donard



# Ridges and hills:

Scotland - Grampians

Kairgorm, Scottish  
Highlands, Southern  
Uplands

Wales - Cambrian  
Mountains, Snowdonia



England - Brecon  
Beacons, Exmoor, Lake  
District, Pennines



Northern Ireland -  
Mourne, the Antrim  
Plateau

