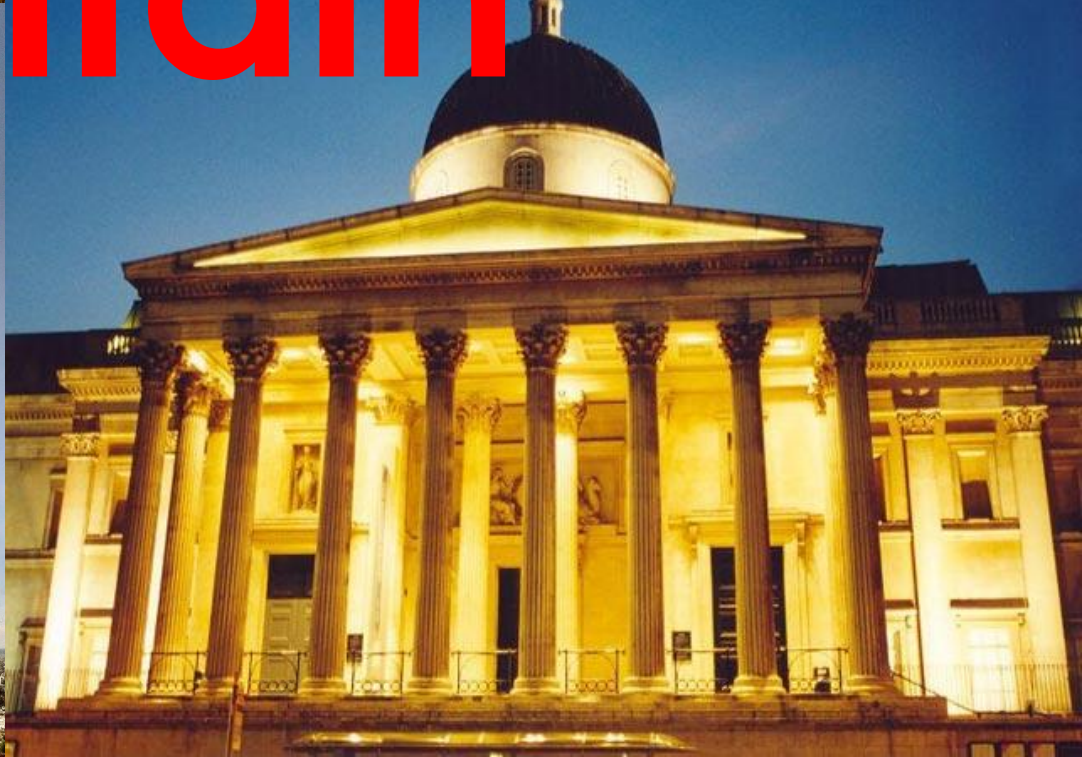




Great Britain



The Geographical Position of Great Britain

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is situated on the British Isles. The British Isles are separated from Europe by the English Channel. The British Isles are washed by the North Sea in the East and the Atlantic Ocean in the West. The population of Great Britain is over 56 million. The largest cities of the country are London, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh.



Ben Nevis



The territory of Great Britain is divided into four parts: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

England is the richest, the most populated part in the country. There are mountains in the north and in the west of England, but all the rest of the territory is a plain.

Scotland is a land of mountains. Its highest peak is Ben Nevis.

The British Isles have many rivers. The longest of them is the Severn. It flows into the Irish Sea. The Thames is over 200 miles long. London, the capital of Great Britain, stands on it.

Geographical position of Great Britain is rather good as the country lies on the crossways of the sea routes from Europe to other parts of the world.

THE CLIMATE OF GREAT BRITAIN

- GREAT BRITAIN IS SITUATED ON THE ISLANDS.
- IT IS WASHED BY SEAS FROM ALL THE SIDES.
- THAT'S WHY THE CLIMATE AND THE NATURE OF GREAT BRITAIN ARE VERY SPECIFIC.
- IT IS NOT VERY COLD IN WINTER AND NEVER VERY HOT IN SUMMER.
- THERE IS NO ICE ON THE LAKES AND RIVERS IN WINTER.
- IT RAINS VERY OFTEN IN ALL THE SEASONS.
- THE WEATHER CHANGES VERY OFTEN.
- BESIDES, BRITAIN IS FAMOUS FOR ITS FOGS.
- SOMETIMES FOGS ARE SO THICK THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE ANYTHING WITHIN 2 OR 3 METERS.

Flag of the United Kingdom

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE UNION JACK OR UNION FLAG, IS THE NATIONAL FLAG OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND .

THE CURRENT DESIGN OF THE UNION JACK DATES FROM THE UNION OF IRELAND AND GREAT BRITAIN IN 1801 . IT CONSISTS OF THE RED CROSS OF SAINT GEORGE (PATRON SAINT OF ENGLAND), EDGED IN WHITE, SUPERIMPOSED ON THE CROSS OF ST PATRICK (PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND), WHICH ARE SUPERIMPOSED ON THE SALTIRE OF SAINT ANDREW (PATRON SAINT OF SCOTLAND). WALES, HOWEVER, IS NOT REPRESENTED IN THE UNION FLAG BY WALES'S PATRON SAINT, SAINT DAVID, AS AT THE TIME THE FLAG WAS DESIGNED WALES WAS PART OF THE KINGDOM OF ENGLAND.

Royal coat of arms of the United Kingdom

The Royal coat of arms of the United Kingdom, or the Royal Arms for short, is the official coat of arms of the British monarch, currently Queen Elizabeth II. These arms are used by the Queen in her official capacity as monarch of the United Kingdom. Variants of the Royal Arms are used by other members of the Royal Family; and by the British government in connection with the administration and government of the country. In Scotland, the Queen has a separate version of the Royal Arms, a variant of which is used by the Scotland office.

