

Famous British Landmarks:

Big Ben, London



Stonehenge, Wiltshire



The Roman Baths, Bath



Edinburgh Castle, Edinburgh



The UK

The UK is made up of 4 countries: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



The capital is **London**, which is among the world's leading commercial, financial, and cultural centres. Other major cities include **Birmingham**, **Liverpool**, and **Manchester** in England, **Belfast** and **Londonderry** in Northern Ireland, **Edinburgh** and **Glasgow** in Scotland, and **Swansea** and **Cardiff** in Wales.



PEOPLE & CULTURE

The British are the creation of waves of invaders and migrants, including Celts, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, and Normans. In the 1950s and 1960s, people from former colonies in the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia came to the United Kingdom to work.

Sports and literature are among the United Kingdom's cultural claims to fame. Soccer, rugby, cricket, boxing, and golf were all invented in Britain. And the U.K. has produced many great writers, including William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, and Robert Burns. J.K. Rowling, the writer of the Harry Potter books, is British.



FAST FACTS

- **OFFICIAL NAME:** United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- **FORM OF GOVERNMENT:** Constitutional monarchy with parliamentary government
- **CAPITAL:** London
- **POPULATION:** 65,105,246
- **OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:** English
- **MONEY:** Pound sterling
- **AREA:** 93,635 square miles (242,514 square kilometers)
- **MAJOR RIVERS:** Thames, Severn, Tyne