

The background is a collage of British landmarks. At the top, a large Union Jack flag is draped across the frame. Below it, a red horizontal band contains the text. The bottom half of the image shows a night view of the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben on the left, and a stone bridge with arches on the right, all reflected in water. The entire scene is overlaid with the Union Jack's red and white diagonal stripes.

*The United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland*

HISTORY OF THE NAME



The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is an insular country situated on the British Isles, lying off the north-west coast of the continent of Europe. The British Isles are composed of about 4000 islands of different size. The largest of the British Isles is Great Britain which contains England, Scotland, and Wales. The second largest of the British Isles is Ireland. It is shared by two independent states.



The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a highly centralized and unitary state – the country which has acquired this official name since 1922. The United Kingdom is an entity of more than 300 years old – the state which emerged from the union of the ancient separate kingdoms of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.



The formation of the United Kingdom took centuries and involved a lot of armed struggle and blood shedding.



The union of England with Wales dates from 1301, Henry VIII who formally incorporated Wales in 1535 ("Great Britain" was first officially used in 1604) England and Scotland joined in the Act of Union in 1707.

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