

UNITED KINGDOM

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - an island of Western European states, whose political system is a constitutional monarchy. Great Britain consists of several countries that have specific cultural and linguistic differences - England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.



The country occupies the whole island of Great Britain, the northern part of the island of Ireland and most of the rest of the British Isles and the Atlantic Ocean, the North and Irish Seas. Ireland, France, Belgium and the Netherlands are considered the closest neighbors of the United Kingdom. Isle of Man and the Channel Islands are a variety of "Crown lands" and associated with the United Kingdom various mutual obligations, not being a part of it (as well as part of the EU).

Today, Britain is a mixture of cultures of indigenous people and many immigrants -Pakistanis, Africans, Indians. The capital and largest city is London, which is a global financial, economic and cultural center with a population of over 8 million people.



Flag of the United Kingdom is better known as the "Union Jack» (Union Jack), but its official name is "Union Flag» (Union Flag). The flag is formed from overlapping flag of St George (England), the flag of St. Andrew (Scotland), also known as the St. Andrew's cross, and the cross of St. Patrick (Ireland). Also widespread flags of each state separately, for example, the flag of the Red Dragon in Wales.





