



Otázka: Over the map of Great Britain

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GEOGRAPHY

British Isles are group of islands located in the Atlantic Ocean. It consists of two large islands- **Great Britain** and **Ireland**. Other parts of the British Islands are the Isle of Man, the Hebrides, the Orkneys, the Shetlands or the Aran Islands.

British Isles are surrounded by the **North Sea** in the east, by **English Channel** in the south and by the **Atlantic Ocean** in the west. Between Great Britain and Ireland there is the **Irish Sea**.

MOUNTAINS

There are many mountain ranges in the British Isles. Great Britain can be divided into two main regions: Lowland Britain (in the south-east of England) and Highland Britain.

Highland Britain can be divided into Scottish Highlands (which consist of Grampians and the Northwest Highlands)

- The Cheviot Hills- border between England and Scotland
- The Pennines – the longest chain of mountains in England
- The Cambrian Mountains



The highest peaks:

- **Scotland:** Ben Nevis, (Grampian Mountains) 1,344 metres
- **Wales:** Snowdon (Cambrian Mountains), 1,085 metres
- **England:** Scafell Pike (Cumbrian Mountains), 978 metres
- **Northern Ireland:** Slieve Donard (Mourne Mountains), 852 metres

RIVERS

The longest river of the British Isles is the river **Shannon** located in Ireland. (360 km) The longest river of

The UK is the **Severn**. (350 km)

The longest rivers:

- **England:** River Severn (350km)
- **Scotland:** River Tay (188 km)
- **Northern Ireland:** River Bann (122 km)
- **Wales:** River Usk (136km)

LAKES

In England there is extensive area of lakes called the **Lake District**. It's also the biggest National Park in

England. The biggest lake in this area is Lake **Windermere**. Lakes in Scotland are called Lochs. The most

Famous lake in Scotland is **Loch Ness**.



The largest lakes:

- **Northern Ireland:** Lough Neagh (381.7 km²)
- **Scotland:** Loch Lomond (71.1 km²)
- **England:** Windermere (14.7 km²)
- **Wales:** Llyn Tegid (Bala Lake) (4.8 km²)

CLIMATE

The climate of the British Isles is **temperate** which means they have mild winters and not very hot summers with a lot of precipitation. British climate is influenced by the **Gulf Stream** which leads to frequent changes in weather. So if you want to visit England you should be prepared for everything.

POLITICAL SYSTEM

The British Isles are divided into two independent states: **The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** (commonly known as United Kingdom) and the **Republic of Ireland**.

The Republic of Ireland is an independent state with its own government. The capital is Dublin. The national currency is Euro. National anthem is „The Soldiers’ Song.

The UK consists of four countries: **England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland**. The UK covers the area of 243,610 km² and it has 64, 1 million inhabitants. The capital city of the UK is **London**, the official language is English and the national currency is Pound sterling. National anthem is God Save the Queen.

National flag is the **Union Jack**. It contains parts of each flag except of Wales. England has red cross on white fields, Scotland has white diagonal on blue field and Ireland has red diagonal on white field.



England: the capital city is London, national flower is red rose, patron is St. George

Wales: the capital is Cardiff, national flower is daffodil, patron is St. David

Scotland: capital Edinburg (the biggest is Glasgow), flower is thistle, St. Andrew

Northern Ireland: capital is Belfast, flower is shamrock, St. Patrick

The UK is a constitutional monarchy with the queen as the head of the state. Currently the head is **Queen Elizabeth II.** British parliament system is one of the oldest in the world. (It has been there since 1215). The parliament consists of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The head of the government is a Prime Minister- currently David Cameron.

ECONOMY

The UK has the 6th largest national economy in the world. The GDP (Gross domestic product) in UK is 39 350\$.

The most important products in agriculture are wool, beef cattle, potatoes, sugar beet, wheat, fishing

(Mostly in the North Sea)

In manufacturing we can name food&beverages, chemical&pharmaceuticals, electronics goods, motor vehicles.

There are many famous British companies for example British Airways, Rolls Royce, Shell, and Tesco.

INTERESTING PLACES

Canterbury- this place is known for Geoffrey Chaucers The Canterbury Tales.



Stonehenge- prehistoric monument, circle of huge stones

Plymouth- historic seaport, the departure point of the Mayflower, which carried the Pilgrims to Massachusetts in 1620

Bath- a health spa

Stratford upon Avon- place where Shakespeare was born

Oxford- the UK's oldest university

Cambridge- second oldest university

Liverpool- the home of Beatles

Edinburgh- there is one of the oldest castles

Loch Ness-legendary monster Nessie lives in the lake

Glasgow- biggest city in Scotland

Giant's Causeway- a natural wonder of the northern coast