



Otázka: The United Kingdom

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The United Kingdom => Great Britain + Northern Ireland

The British Isles => everything + 600 islands

Great Britain => England, Scotland, Wales

I would like to speak about Great Britain. At first I would like to tell you something about geography and population. The second part will be about history, political system and Flag and the third part about sport and interesting places in the UK.

Geography

The United Kingdom is located in north-west Europe on the island of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The UK is separated from France by English Channel. It consists of 4 countries (ENGLAND - London, WALES - Cardiff, SCOTLAND - Edinburgh, and N. IRELAND - Belfast). UK neighbors are Ireland to west and France to south-east. The geography is varied. There are mountain and lakes on the west part. There are Highlands with highest point is Ben Nevis (1343m) and the largest lakes are Loch Ness and Lough Neagh. The landscape (very green) and rivers are on the south part. The longest rivers are the Severn and the Thames which flows through London. There is a mild climate. In UK are often rainfalls.



Population

Population is above 60,000,000 inhabitants. We can find there the following ethnic groups: English, Scottish, Irish, and Welsh. The official language is English.

History

In Britain were 2 invasions. The first invasion was in 43 AD, when Romans invaded to England.

The second invasion was in 1066 by William the Conqueror, Duke of Normandy. He beat the English King Harold at Hastings and invaded Britain. Britain was under the influence by French to 1485, when a new dynasty was gained the throne.

Under Queen Elizabeth I (second half of 16. century) Britain became a major sea power. Large parts of Africa and Asia were added to the empire during the reign of Queen Victoria (second half of the last century).

Political System

Great Britain is a constitutional monarchy and it has a parliamentary democracy with the Queen as the head of state. The Parliament is consisted of elected (volený) House of Commons (Lower house) and unelected House of Lords (Upper house). The Prime Minister is David Cameron. There are two main political parties: the Labour Party (left) and the Conservative Party (right).

BREXIT: this word is formed of two words – BRITAIN and EXIT, which means that the U.K. has left the European Union on 1st January 2021.

Flag

The British flag known as the Union Jack represents three kingdoms of the UK: England and Wales (the red cross of St. George), Scotland (the diagonal white cross St. Andrew) and Northern Ireland (the diagonal red cross of St. Patrick)



Sports in UK

The national sport in UK is Football. Football is the most common sport in the UK. The second main sport is Rugby; it is a national sport in Wales. Other most common sport in UK is Cricket, Golf, and Box...

Interesting places

We can visit a lot of tourist's sights and interesting places in London:

The Tower Bridge – the most famous bridge in London which is raised in the middle to allow ships to pass up the river

The city of Westminster – political, administrative centre of London

The Houses of Parliament – political centre of U. K., the home of British Parliament

Big Ben – clock tower, the strike is used by the BBC as a time signal

Downing Street 10 – has been the home of the Prime Minister since 1735

Buckingham Palace – the London home of the kings and queens of G. B., outside the Changing of the Guard

Stratford-upon-Avon is the birthplace of William Shakespeare...

Canterbury is an ancient city with a majestic cathedral.

Stonehenge is a circle of stones which is 5000 years old

Hyde Park is one of the largest parks in London, where they have Speakers' Corner, where everybody can speak, debate and discussion about anything. One topics is banned and is it Royal family



Symbols

Double Deck Buses, Red Post Boxes, Telephone Kiosks, The Royal Family, Buckingham Palace, Houses Of Parliament, St Paul's Cathedral, Policemen, The London Eye, Pub Signs and Tea.

British celebrities

Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, William Shakespeare, Sherlock Holmes, Harry Potter the famous boy wizard, James Bond and then.

Famous universities

Oxford is the oldest university town, which lies on the river Thames.

Cambridge is a famous and old university town as well and it is situated on both banks of the river Cam.