

The UK

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Britain	north	populous	Cardiff	Crown	Great
capital	densely	Glasgow	Man	monarchy	western
border	Atlantic	democracy	Ireland	North	Channel
Brexit	monarch	Irish			

The United Kingdom of Great 1) _____ and Northern Ireland, commonly known as the United Kingdom (UK) and colloquially Great Britain (GB) or simply Britain, is a sovereign country in 2) _____ Europe. Lying off the 3) _____-western coast of the European mainland, the United Kingdom includes the island of 4) _____ Britain, the north-eastern part of the island of 5) _____ and many smaller islands. Northern Ireland is the only part of the United Kingdom that shares a land 6) _____ with another sovereign state - the Republic of Ireland.

Apart from this land border, the United Kingdom is surrounded by the 7) _____ Ocean, with the 8) _____ Sea to its east, the English 9) _____ to its south and the Celtic Sea to its south-south-west, giving it the 12th-longest coastline in the world. The 10) _____ Sea lies between Great Britain and Ireland. With an area of 242,500 square kilometres (93,600 sq mi), the United Kingdom is the 78th-largest sovereign state in the world and the 11th-largest in Europe. It is also the 21st-most _____ country, with an estimated 65.1 million inhabitants. Even though it was the fourth-most _____ populated country in the European Union (EU), it left it (so called _____) on 1st January 2021.

The United Kingdom is a constitutional _____ with a parliamentary _____. The _____ is Queen Elizabeth II, who has reigned since 6 February 1952. The _____ of the United Kingdom and its largest city is London, a global city and financial centre with an urban area population of 10.3 million, the fourth-largest in Europe. Other major urban areas in the United Kingdom include the conurbations centred on Birmingham, Leeds, _____, Liverpool and Manchester.

The United Kingdom consists of four countries - England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The last three have devolved administrations, each with varying powers, based in their capitals, Edinburgh, _____ and Belfast, respectively. The nearby Isle of _____, Bailiwick of Guernsey and Bailiwick of Jersey are not part of the United Kingdom, being _____ dependencies with the British Government responsible for defence and international representation.