

# The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

England		
Capital: Patron: Flag : National emblems: Saint's day	London St. George St. George's Cross red rose 23 April	<b>Major industrial cities:</b> Birmingham, Manchester <b>Tourist attractions:</b> <u>Stratford-upon-Avon</u> (where Shakespeare was born) ; <u>Stonehenge</u> (Druids' shrine - stone circle) ; <u>Oxford &amp; Cambridge</u> (universities); <u>Football and rugby</u> were born in England ; <b>Legends:</b> <u>Robin Hood</u> from Sherwood Forest near Nottingham ; <u>King Arthur</u> and his knights ; <u>Lady Godiva</u> from Coventry
Scotland		
Capital: Patron: Flags :  National emblems: Instrument: Saint's day	Edinburgh St. Andrew 1) St. Andrew's Cross (white& blue) 2) „Lion Rampant“ (red lion on the yellow background) thistle , heather bag-pipe 30 November	=>There're <b>the highest mountains</b> in the UK and a lake called Loch Ness , famous for a monster (Nessie) =>there're hundreds <b>castles</b> all over Scotland - in one of them ( Balmoral) the Queen spends time in autumn => in <b>St. Andrews</b> there's the oldest university - Prince William studied there => <b>golf</b> was invented in Scotland - the most famous <u>golf courses</u> ( tzn. <i>polo golfowe</i> ) are around St. Andrews. => Scottish <b>cows</b> have long , thick, brown fur & very long horns =>Glasgow is the biggest city; men wear <b>tartan kilts</b> ( every <b>clan</b> has a different pattern)
Wales		
Capital: Patron: Flag :  National emblems: National sport Saint's day	Cardiff St. David Dragon of Cadwallader (red dragon on white & green background) leek , daffodil rugby 1 March	Wales is famous for mountains, valleys and cliffs. There're a lot of <b>sheep</b> everywhere. Welsh <b>men choirs</b> are the best in the world. The tradition is that <u>the heir to the throne</u> ( <i>tzn. następcą tronu</i> ) becomes <b>The Prince of Wales</b> (it is Prince Charles now) and must learn and speak Welsh . In the past there were a lot of <b>coal mines</b> ( <i>kopalnie węgla</i> ) but they're closed down .
Northern Ireland		
Capital: Patron: Flag : National emblems: Instrument Saint's day	Belfast St. Patrick St. Patrick's Cross shamrock harp 17 March	There aren't any old forests as they've been cut down to make pastures for sheep. It is the poorest part of the UK . =>The Irish people drink a lot of beer (Guinness ) and whisky and they love dancing. => That is the place where catholics fight against protestants because they want the country to be independent of London. => The legend says that St. Patrick sent away all the snakes from Ireland and ... there aren't any of them.

**The Republic of Ireland** - the same patron , instruments , emblems and drinks as in Northern Ireland.  
Capital: Dublin  
Flag : orange , white , green.

**LONDON** cosmopolitan city on the River Thames ; population - about 10 mln. Some famous places:

- The Houses of Parliament and Big Ben;
- Buckingham Palace (Queen's home );
- „The Globe“ (Shakespeare's theatre from XVI century) ;
- The Tower of London (a fortress, Crown Jewels are kept there ) and Tower Bridge
- Westminster Abbey (where the kings and famous people are buried /=*pochowani*/ )
- 10, Downing Street (Prime Minister's home and his place of work )

- prime minister - David Cameron (from 2010 to 13.07.2016) → Theresa May (from 13.07.2016)

The Union Jack - the flag of the UK

## House of Windsor

(rules since 6.II.1952) Queen Elizabeth II + Prince Philip (Duke of Edinburgh)  
(born 21 April 1926) (born 10 June 1921)

(Prince of Wales) Prince Charles + Lady Diana Spencer (1 July 1961 - 31 August 1997)  
(born 1948) + (second wife) Camilla Parker Bowles

Kate Middleton + William (born 1982) Harry (born 1984)  
(Duchess of Cambridge) (Duke of Cambridge)

George (born 2013)  
Charlotte (born 2015)

*Anne, Princess Royal*

*Prince Andrew, Duke of York + Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York (divorced)*

*Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex + Sophie, Countess of Wessex*

## National anthem - "God save the Queen"

God save our gracious Queen Long live our noble Queen, God save the Queen: Send her victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us: God save the Queen.	Thy choicest gifts in store, On her be pleased to pour; Long may she reign: May she defend our laws, And ever give us cause To sing with heart and voice God save the Queen.
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