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The official name is Great Britain this is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland - the official name of the Kingdom of Great Britain in 1801-1927. Great Britain is in an island country northwest of continental Europe. Great Britain includes:

- England;
- Scotland;
- Wales;
- Northern Ireland.

The latter occupies only the northern part of the island of Ireland. The Isle of Man is located in the Irish Sea. Territory - 244.820 thousand square meters.

The population is 65.6 million people. (for 2016). England (84%), Wales (4.8%), Scotland (8.3%) and Northern Ireland (2.9%). The capital of Great Britain is the city of London. Great Britain includes the island of Great Britain, the northeastern part of the island of Ireland and a number of nearby islands has an area of 243,809 km². Area of England - the largest country in the UK 130 395 km², the area of Scotland - 78 772 km². Wales and Northern Ireland are much smaller in size — 20,779 km² and 13,843 km², respectively. The largest river in the UK is the Severn (354 km long), flowing through England and Wales. The longest rivers in the UK: England - Thames (length 346 km) Scotland - They (length 188 km) Northern Ireland - Bann (length 122 km) Wales - Tau (length 103 km). The largest lakes in the UK by country:

Northern Ireland - Loch Noy (382 km²)

Scotland - Loch Lomond (71 km²)

England - Windermere (area 15 km²)

Wales - Lake Bala (5 km²).

The deepest lake in the UK is Loch Morar with a maximum depth of 309 m (in second place Loch Ness, a depth of 229 m).

Great Britain belongs to the region of the temperate continental climate of the marine type, which is characterized by warm winters and mild summers.

The average temperature in the UK is higher than in other places at the same latitude. This is due to the influence of the warm Gulf Stream. The southern part of the country is warmer and drier than the northern. Northwest winds prevailing from the North Atlantic Ocean. Cloudy days per year - more than 50%. Strong winds and floods are possible.

The average annual rainfall in the country varies from 3,000 mm in Highland to 553 mm in Cambridge. The driest place in the UK is Essex County, where an average of 600 mm of rain falls annually, although there are more than 100 rainy days in a year.

Extreme temperatures are recorded for the entire observation time:

- maximum - 38.5 ° C in Kent, August 10, 2003;
- the minimum temperature is -27.2 ° C in the Grampian Mountains on February 11, 1895 and in northern Scotland on December 30, 1995.