

## The Country

Great Britain is the official name given to the two Kingdoms of England and Scotland, and the Principality of Wales. It is an island lying off the Western coast of Europe, comprising the main territory of the United Kingdom. Great Britain and the United Kingdom refer to different areas, Great Britain is very often, but incorrectly used as a synonym of the sovereign state properly known as the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The United Kingdom includes Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Great Britain is a political term which describes the combination of England, Scotland and Wales, the three nations which together include all the land on the island. It is also a geographical term referring to the island on which the Greater parts of England, Wales and Scotland are situated.

Great Britain has an area of 229,850 km<sup>2</sup> and is the largest island of the British Isles.

***\*Great Britain and United Kingdom do not mean the same thing.***

***\*Great Britain is made up of Scotland, England and Wales.***



Figure 01: The United Kingdom map