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England

England is a country that is part of the United Kingdom. It shares land borders with Wales to its west and Scotland to its north. The Irish Sea lies northwest of England and the Celtic Sea to the southwest. England is separated from continental Europe by the North Sea to the east and the English Channel to the south. The country covers five-eighths of the island of Great Britain, which lies in the North Atlantic, and includes over 100 smaller islands, such as the Isles of Scilly and the Isle of Wight.



England is a country well known for its dramatic scenery of countryside, rolling hills, green fields and forests, and rugged coastline. Historic country manor houses and and elegant landscape gardens are dotted around the country. Gothic cathedrals and university colleges stand tall after thousands of years. The Houses of Parliament and Palace of Westminster is referred to as the Mother of all Parliaments. Their geological composition includes, among others, sandstone and limestone, and also coal. There are karst landscapes in calcite areas such as parts of Yorkshire and Derbyshire. The Pennine landscape is high moorland in upland areas, indented by fertile valleys of the region's rivers. They contain two national parks, the Yorkshire Dales and the Peak District. In the West Country, Dartmoor and Exmoor of the Southwest Peninsula include upland moorland supported by granite, and enjoy a mild climate; both are national parks.

The English Lowlands are in the central and southern regions of the country, consisting of green rolling hills, including the Cotswold Hills, Chiltern Hills, North and South Downs; where they meet the sea they form white rock exposures such as the cliffs of Dover. This also includes relatively flat plains such as the Salisbury Plain, Somerset Levels, South Coast Plain and The Fens. The country has many outstanding areas of natural beauty and vibrant historic and modern cities rich in history and culture. Many of the world's acclaimed scientists, inventors, writers, and intellects were English. The English have played an important role in the development of science and engineering. England's rich landscape has witnessed periods of great change and evolution; the Industrial Revolution began in England throughout the 18th and 19th centuries and English entrepreneurship influenced much of the modern world.

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London is already the most touristy city in the whole world, however there are other cities to visit rich in culture and history. Listed below are nine of the most popular:

The beautifully preserved medieval streets in the ancient city of York

Birmingham — the UK's second largest city (by population) in the industrial heartland.

Bristol — vibrant music and art scene, lovely historic buildings, an attractive waterfront and a laid back, friendly, amiable, mellow atmosphere in the West Country's largest city.

Brighton — regency seaside resort and university town with quirky shopping, good eating, rich culture and vibrant gay nightlife.

Liverpool — "The home of the Beatles", a booming cosmopolitan city famous for its vibrant nightlife, rich cultural heritage, magnificent waterfront, superb architecture, and excellence in music and sport.

Manchester — third most visited city in the UK, a cultural, sporting, entertainment, shopping and media hub.

Nottingham — "Queen of the Midlands", home of Robin Hood, Sherwood Forest and Nottingham Castle.

Newcastle upon Tyne — a thriving northern city with world-famous nightlife.

York — ancient capital of Yorkshire, with Roman, Viking and Medieval remains.

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