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Lists for everything from bars to wildlife – to make sure you don't miss out



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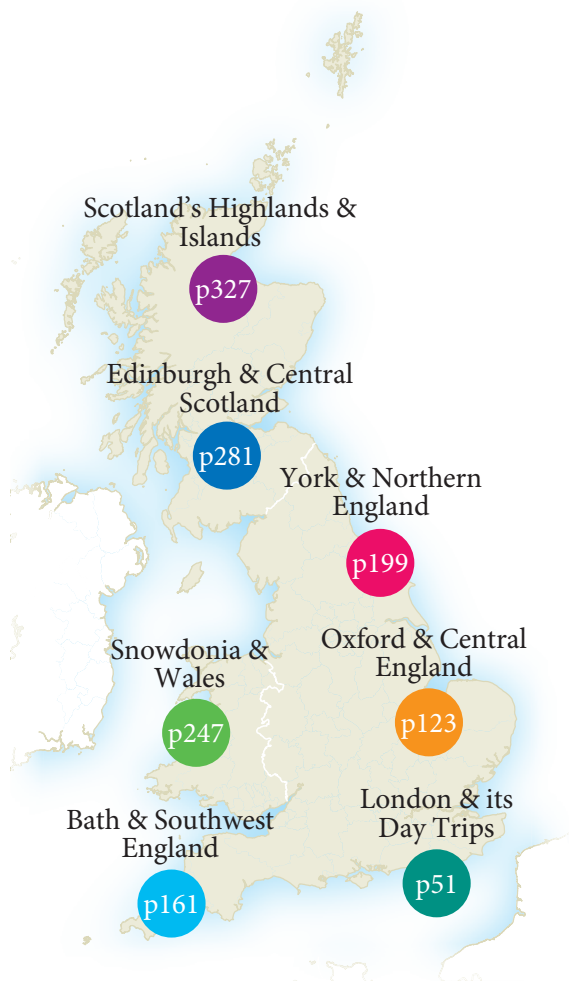


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This Is Great Britain

Icons – Britain is full of them: the Tower of London, Edinburgh Castle, Buckingham Palace, Manchester United, The Beatles. And alongside these big names, Britain boasts many more delights that'll soon become your own personal favourites.

Britain's astounding variety is a major reason to travel here. In cities such as Bath and York, the streets buzz day and night, with tempting shops and restaurants, and some of the finest museums in the world. Next day, you're deep in the Cotswolds countryside, climbing mountains in Snowdonia, enjoying the coast at Brighton or sailing across to the Isle of Skye.

A journey through Britain is a journey through history. You can walk beside the ancient megaliths of Stonehenge, stroll around the masterpiece of Canterbury Cathedral or explore the ancient colleges of Oxford and Cambridge. Then fast forward to the future and you're admiring 21st-century architecture in Manchester or the space-age domes of Cornwall's Eden Project.

Britain boasts a rich and complex culture, but it's familiar to many visitors. This is all thanks to a vast catalogue of British film and TV exports. The same applies when it comes to communication; this is home turf for the English language, so many visitors don't need to carry a phrasebook. Of course Wales and Scotland have their own languages, but everyone speaks English too.

Finally, travel in Britain is a breeze. Granted, it may not be totally effortless, but it's easy compared with many other parts of the world. Although the locals may grumble (in fact, it's a national pastime) public transport is pretty good, and a train ride through the British landscape can be a highlight in itself. For drivers road distances are short, and in this compact country you're never far from the next scenic town, the next welcoming pub, the next national park or the next impressive castle on your hit-list of highlights.

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