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Why Go?

Britain, which includes England, Wales and Scotland, can be traversed from tip to toe in around half a day. However, you could spend a lifetime exploring this historic and beautiful island – from ancient Stonehenge and the great medieval cathedrals of Westminster, Canterbury and York, to the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge and the castles and magnificent scenery of Wales and Scotland.

West across the Irish Sea, lies Ireland, made up of the Republic and the British province of Northern Ireland. The Ireland of postcards very much exists. You'll find it along the peninsulas of the southwest, in the brooding loneliness of Connemara and the dramatic wildness of the Causeway Coast. This is also a very modern country, but some things endure. Linger in the yard of a thatched-cottage pub on a warm evening and you'll experience a country that has changed little in generations.

Fast Facts

Capitals London (England), Cardiff (Wales), Edinburgh (Scotland), Belfast (Northern Ireland), Dublin (Republic of Ireland)

Emergency ☎999 (Great Britain and Northern Ireland); ☎999 or ☎112 (Republic of Ireland)

Currency Pound £ (Great Britain and Northern Ireland); Euro € (Republic of Ireland)

Languages English, Scottish Gaelic, Welsh (Great Britain); English, Irish (Ireland)

Visas Not required for most EU citizens, Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada

Mobile Phones Most foreign phones work in Great Britain and Ireland (beware roaming charges). Local SIMs and basic handsets available.

Great Britain & Ireland Highlights

1 London

Experience the many delights of one of the world's greatest capital cities. (p60)

2 Oxford Get lost among the dreaming spires of this ancient university town. (p77)

3 Bath Visit Roman baths and admire grand Georgian architecture. (p75)

4 Snowdonia National Park Climb or ride the train up the 1085m mountain. (p88)

5 Manchester Dive into the northern powerhouse's wealth of cultural institutions and cracking nightlife scene. (p85)



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Head north through the Scottish Highlands to experience the epic scenery of this island. (p104)

