

## British Hills Knowledge Base: England

In this video, we will be discussing England, with a brief overview of the country's history and a short quiz.



*England in the UK*

England is a country in the United Kingdom, a nation in north-western Europe. The capital city of both the United Kingdom and England is London. England also has the largest population of the four countries that make up the UK, of about 56 million people.



*The English Flag*

The history of the British Isles of course extends back into prehistory. The region was an important province of the Roman Empire 2000 years ago, and large parts were once controlled by Denmark. However, in the year 927 the Danish were forced out and the Kingdom of England was formed.

For centuries after this, the Kingdom of England existed alongside the Kingdom of Scotland, and the two countries were often at war. However, in 1603 the Scottish King James was named King of England, and in 1707 the two countries were joined into the Kingdom of Great Britain.

In 1801, Ireland was united with the Kingdom of Great Britain and the United Kingdom was born. England has since then been the largest, and arguably most powerful, of the countries of the United Kingdom.

Each of the countries of the UK have a national flower. The national flower of England is the rose – specifically, the Tudor Rose. This was the symbol of the Tudor family – a family of Welsh origin who ruled England from 1485 to 1603.



*The Tudor Rose*

The modern English language developed from the language of England, and English is by far the most spoken language today, though some regional languages such as Cornish do survive.

England was also the birthplace of many of the most popular modern international sports, including tennis, football, rugby, boxing, table tennis, billiards, and many more.

The country is a great place to explore, and you will find some of the world's best museums, art galleries, and architecture.