



The UK Landscape & Choice of Living

A handy guide to the UK landscape and choice of living.

The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is an island nation in north-western Europe, formed of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The UK is made up of Great Britain (the formerly separate realms of England and Scotland, and the principality of Wales), Northern Ireland and numerous smaller islands including the Isle of Wight, Anglesey, and the Scilly, Orkney, Shetland, and Hebridean archipelagos. The UK is a sovereign state, but the nations that make it up are also countries in their own right.

Landscape

The UK is a diverse place to live with a rich heritage and culture. The landscape is diverse too, with a variety of areas to choose; from grassy fields and countryside, to rolling hills and cities of all scales and eras. Despite being a relatively small island, there is a variety of cultures, landscapes and population densities to choose from.

Scotland and Wales are the most mountainous parts of the UK. A ridge of hills, the Pennines, runs down the centre of northern England. Many coastal areas are low-lying, especially in the east and south of England. These include the wetlands of the Somerset levels that regularly flood during heavy rain.

Being a relatively small Island, the UK's rivers are not very long. The Severn, its longest river, is just 338 km in length, beginning in Wales and entering the Atlantic Ocean near Bristol in England. Other major rivers include the Thames, which flows through Oxford and London, and the Trent and Mersey rivers, which drain rainfall from large areas of central England.

England

England – the birthplace of Shakespeare and The Beatles – covers 50,000 square miles, and the capital city is London; a globally influential centre of finance and culture. No place in England is more than 75 miles away from the sea, and famous landmarks include Stonehenge, Bath's Roman spa and centuries-old universities at Oxford and Cambridge.

Choice of Living

Many hospitals in towns have a busy and urban culture to live and work in, but benefit from the countryside being only a short drive or bus ride away. This means you can experience restaurants and culture, as well as country pubs, walks and tourist pursuits at the weekend.

There are many smaller cities/large towns to choose from including Brighton, Nottingham, Newcastle, Oxford, Torquay, Leamington Spa, St Albans, Colchester, Milton Keynes, Cambridge and Lincoln.

Your recruitment consultant can help advise of areas that may suit your preferences.

Countryside

The UK boasts areas of outstanding natural beauty, from coastlines to lakes, mountains to rivers. Huge rural areas are within easy reach wherever you are in the UK, providing easy access to fresh air and vast open space. Hospitals in these areas serve a wider radius of patients, and the area itself tends to be quieter.

The countryside is ideal for family living and outside pursuits. The UK has excellent transport links so cities are easy to get to.