



Introduction: The United Kingdom has played a leading role in developing parliamentary democracy in Europe and advancing political philosophies, literature and sciences. In the 19th century, the British Empire stretched over one fourth of the earth's surface. After second world war, the UK transformed the former Empire into the concept of the Commonwealth. Having been a member of the EU since 1973, the UK left it in 2020.

Cultural Practices: British are well known for their remarkable politeness. They wait politely and patiently anywhere without complaining, so try to adapt. Understatement in any area of life is a typical British trait and should not be mistaken. Directness is often softened by courtesy, and personal space is respected. Back slapping is considered offensive, as physical contact in general is untypical. While shaking hands for greeting may happen, it is very unusual when leaving.

Tipping Guidelines: In restaurants, a tip of around 10-15% is generally appreciated if a service charge is not included. For taxis, rounding up the fare or adding a tip is common.

Climate: A temperate maritime climate with mild winters and cool summers. Weather can be unpredictable, with rain frequent throughout the year, although regional variations exist.

Religion: Christian 59.5%, Muslim 5.3%, Hindu 1.5%, other 2.3%, none 31.4%

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General Facts:

Regional Division	Western Europe
Capital	London
Airport Code / Airport Name	LHR / Heathrow Airport
Country Code 2 digits / 3 digits	GB / GBR
Population	68,459,055
Language (Major Languages)	English

Travel Facts:

Telephone Code / Code Dial	44
Local Emergency Phone	112 + 999
International Driving Permit	Recommended
Road Driving Side	Left
Time Zone / Time Difference	UTC +00:00
Currency Code / Exchange Rate \$->£	Pound Sterling (GBP) / 1\$: 0.75 GBP
Electricity / Voltage / Plug Type(s)	230 V / 50 Hz / G
Passport / Visa Requirements	Yes / 90 days in 180 days
Working Permits for US Citizens	Necessary

Filming incentives:

Film Commission National	25% tax relief
Film Commission Federal	Yes
VFX Grant	Yes

Working conditions:

Working hours per day	11 + break
Working hours per week	55
Working days per week	5
Overtime	+25%, +50%, or +100%
Breaks	60 min
Turnaround	11 hours
Fringes / self-employed	+13,8% social benefits; + 10,77% holiday pay
Unions	common but not mandatory

Filming infrastructure:

Crews	internationally experienced, English speaking
Equipment	equipped with cutting-edge equipment
Studios in the following cities	London and surroundings
Themed backlot sets include	London Street
Specials	-

Landscape & Architecture: Historic, Metropolitan, majestic medieval Castles, Gothic Churches, Georgian buildings to contemporary structures, rugged Moors, wild Cliffs, Coastline (North Sea), rolling hills, mountainous regions in Scotland and Wales. Architecture ranges from medieval castles and Georgian buildings to contemporary structures.