

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, or UK, is in Western Europe. It comprises the island of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and the northern one-sixth of the island of Ireland (Northern Ireland), together with many smaller islands.

The mainland areas lie between latitudes 49°N and 59°N (the shetland Islands reach to nearly 61°N), and longitudes 8°W to 2°E. The Royal Greenwich Observatory, near London, is the defining point of the Prime Meridian. The United Kingdom has a total area of approximately 245,000 km².

The UK lies between the North Atlantic and the North Sea, and comes within 35 km (22 mi) of the northwest coast of rance, from which it is separated by the English Channel.

shares a 499 km international land boundary with the epublic of Ireland. The Channel Tunnel bored beneath the nglish Channel, now links the UK with France.

ne physical geography of the UK varies greatly. England consists of mostly lowland terrain, with pland or mountainous terrain only found north-west of the Tees-Exe line. The upland areas include a Lake District, the Pennines, North York Moors, Exmoor and Dartmoor. The lowland areas are pically traversed by ranges of low hills, frequently composed of chalk, and flat plains.

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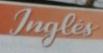
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ENGLAND NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM





The England national football team represents England (not the whole United Kingdom) in international football competitions such as the World Cup and the European Championships. It is controlled by The Football Association, the governing body for football in England.

Partly thanks to historical accident, and continuing national sentiment among them, each of the four Home Nations of the United Kingdom possesses its own separate football association, domestic league and national team. Because the IOC does not accept regional representative teams, England, like the other three, do not compete in Olympic football.

England are by far the most successful of the Home Nations, having won the 1966 World Cup and the British Home Championship outright thirty-four times, as many

Home Champ ther three nations have won outright altogether.

the first 80 years of its existence, the England team played its home matches at different venues all yound the country; for the first few years it used cricket grounds, before later moving on to football yound the country. England played their first match at Wembley Stadium in 1924, the year after it was ampleted, against Scotland, but for the next 27 years would only use Wembley as a venue for Scotland matches; other opposition were still entertained at club grounds around the country.

n May 1951, Argentina became the first team other than Scotland to be entertained at Wembley, and by 1960 nearly all of England's home matches were being played there. Between 1966 and 1995, and did not play a single home match anywhere else.

igland's last match at Wembley before its demolition and reconstruction was against Germany on tober 7, 2000, a game which England lost 1-0. Since then the team has played at 14 different version around the country, with Old Trafford having been the most often used. The FA have ruled that en the new Wembley is completed in mid-2006, England's travels will end, and the team will play of their home matches there until at least 2036. The main reason for this is financial. The FA did not the old Wembley stadium, but it does own the new one, and has taken on debts of hundreds ions of pounds to pay for it. Thus it needs to maximise the revenue from England matches, as not wish to share it with the owners of other grounds.

I. The Football Association is the governing body for football in England.



6. False

(a) We don't know

