

OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet



Country:

United Kingdom (UK)

Sex & Dating

- Brits have a laid-back approach, hesitant to use labels
 - Rarely show emotions, physical affection
- Most couples meet through friends and communication styles are similar to the U.S.
- Sex is considered a taboo topic

Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
 - Places serving alcohol will always check for ID given possible penalties for not doing so
- Cannabis (marijuana) is illegal
 - Possession can lead up to 5 years in prison with an additional fine

LGBTQIA+ Culture

- UK is increasingly more accepting of LGBTQ, gender expression, same-sex relationships
 - Was ranked most accepting European country for LGBTQ in 2015, but dropped to 9th due to anti-trans rhetoric
- Lively LGBTQ community in urban areas, particularly London and Brighton
- Resources
 - Rainbow SIG
 - OutRight Action International

Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 67.33 million
- Currency: British Pound
- Official Language: English
- Brits are friendly but can appear reserved
- Cars operate on the left-side of the road
- While urban cities tend to be diverse, many people of color report experiences of feeling "othered" and that race is not talked about/racism is ignored

Resources

999 General emergency number

+44 Country code

- [DU's Travel Assistance](#)
 - Phone: +1 443-569-8601 / Website: [dutravelassistanceprovider](#)
 - Please use DU credentials to sign in
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [travel.state.gov](#)



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