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Apartments in the UK and Russia

What is home? It's the place where you can feel yourself comfortable. We relax from our daily routine at home. It's very important to choose the right apartment. There are numerous different types of apartments to be found throughout the United Kingdom and Russia. However, not all may be suitable for unique requirements

Houses or flats?

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How people buy apartments?

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In this case, people, from both countries, buying their property almost always pay for it with a special loan called a mortgage, which they must repay, with interest, over a long period of time, usually 25 years. More people are buying their own home than in the past. About two thirds of the people in England and the rest of Britain either own, or are in the process of buying, their own home. Most others live in house or flats that they went from a private landlord, the local council, or housing association [3].

What material is used for apartments?

Most houses in England and flats in Russia are made of brick. Still, houses in England are made of stone or brick from the local area where the houses are built. The colors of the stones and bricks vary across the country [3]. There is no such distinctive feature in Russia.

Types of houses:

The main types of houses in England are [4]:

1. Detached Houses

As the name already suggests, detached houses do not share any walls with a separate structure. They also tend to have both front and back gardens.

2. Semi-Detached Houses

As the name suggests, the only major difference between a detached house and a semi-detached property is that semi-detached homes share at least one wall with an existing structure that is separately owned.

3. Terraced Housing

These are actually some of the most well-known and iconic housing types within the United Kingdom. Terraced houses are connected by a single wall on either side; leading to a literal "row" of structures that occupy a street. The main advantage here is that this type of construction saves a great deal of space. This is why they are quite popular within urban districts where land is at a premium.

4. End-of-Terrace Houses

The only main difference between end-of-terrace houses and the terraced counterparts mentioned previously is that these structures are found at the terminal of a row of homes. In other words, only one wall is shared with an adjacent structure.

5. Cottages

These traditional types of homes in the UK are often found throughout the more rural areas and some are hundreds of years old. Cottages are known for their sturdy construction, thick walls and traditional atmosphere. They can be one or two storeys high and the majority offer access to substantial gardens. Cottages are often used as holiday homes, as owners can easily rent them out on a seasonal basis.

6. Flats

Converted Flats

Converted flats are often houses that have been split into two sections; a top and bottom half. Either of these can be considered a flat while the other portion is normally where the owner resides.

Split-Level Flats

These types of homes in the UK are sometimes referred to as duplexes due to the fact that their area is segmented into an upper and lower half. A staircase normally separates these two areas; providing a number of options in terms of interior design and overall living arrangements. However, split-level flats are generally the same overall size as their standard counterparts.

Studio Flats

Studio flats are known for their open-air design and they are often chosen by individuals or young couples due to the fact that a limited amount of space might not be ideally suited for an entire family. These flats offer a kitchen, living room and bathroom with only a minimum number of walls separating each section.

The main types of houses in Russia [2]:

1. Monolithic

Monolith-brick houses combine the advantages of monolithic and brick buildings: sound and heat insulation, the variability of layouts.

2. Brick

3. Block

4. Panel

The panels that are assembled at home are the elements that are made at the factory and, roughly speaking, are the finished wall of the room. The window and door openings are already installed in the panels on a factoryю

Traditional room interior in the UK[6]:

In the dining room or kitchen (following the traditional style) there will always be an old-fashioned sideboard or a round single-leg table in a Victorian style in Great Britain. On the table one can find a bronze figure of a dog or a horse on a marble or granite basement, or a bunch of flowers in a vase. This can be complete with armchairs in a Victorian style and chairs with a high back (textured in flowers or strips). Here one can find Windsor chairs with a low back and artificially bended legs. On the pieces of furniture one can often find bone laces; vases with pressed flowers are also part of the interior. Brick or wooden floors are usually covered by braided or knitted mats. No vivid colors. The interior is in the autumn weather style – brown, cobaltic, dark-blue and dark-green colours) or early spring (cold and yellowish grey-blue tones with crème or beige spots.

Comparing the apartments, we can make the following conclusions: most people in England buy houses, respectively, there are more types of them. While Russians are buying more flats. The materials of houses in England are different. It depends on the location, whereas in Russia material is the same. In fact, it doesn't matter which houses we live. The main thing is comfortable life.

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