

Scotland

- I am going to talk about Scotland and I am going to tell you about these things:
- Where it is and it's size.
- Its population and language.
- Its nice scenery.
- The weather in Scotland.
- Its history.
- The Highland Games.
- Other traditions associated with Scotland.

Where is Scotland?



- Scotland is part of Europe.
- Scotland is part of the United Kingdom.

Where is Scotland?

- Scotland is found in the North of the United Kingdom.
- To the West is the Atlantic Ocean and to the East the North Sea.



Scotland



- Scotland has an area of 78,772 km².
 It has a population of 5,168,500 people.
- The Capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh which is found in the South East of Scotland.



 The official language is English, but some people also speak Scottish Gaelic which sounds very different to English.



Scenery in Scotland

- Scotland is a very nice country.
- It has many beautiful sites to see.
- It has lakes, mountains, countryside and seaside.
- There are many monuments and historical buildings.
- One can find many beautiful towns and villages.







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The Weather in Scotland

- The weather in Scotland is usually wet.
- It rains in winter, it rains in spring, in summer and autumn.
- It is not sunny often.



Weather in Scotland

- Greenock in Scotland is the wettest town in Scotland with an average rainfall of 160 cm a year.
- High in the mountains of Glencoe the rain can reach 450cm a year. In Malta it only rains about 50cm a year.



History of Scotland

- Scotland has a long history.
- The history of Scotland began around 14000 years ago when humans first began to inhabit what is now Scotland after the end of the last ice age.
- The recorded history of Scotland begins in the 1st century AD, when the Romans invaded Britain.
- The Romans were unable to beat the fierce tribes in the north.

History of Scotland

 To keep these tribes from invading Britain in the South, Emperor Hadrian had a massive wall built across the island from sea to sea. Parts of Hadrian's Wall still stand on the Scottish border.



The History of Scotland

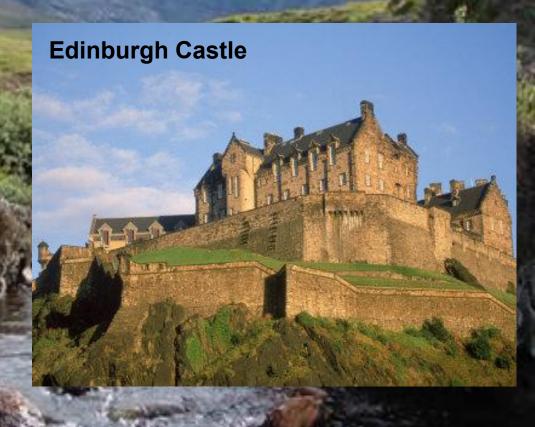
- In the 5th century Celtic immigrants from Ireland, called Scots, settled north of the river Clyde.
- In about the 10th century the land came to be known as Scotland with its own kings and queens.
- King Edward I of England crossed the border in 1296 and made Scotland part of England.
- However, the Scottish people didn't want to be part of England and fought many battles with the English for many centuries.

The History of Scotland

- The age-old rivalry between Scotland and England ended in 1707 when both nations agreed to merge the parliaments of the two nations and established the Kingdom of Great Britain.
- In the second half of the 20th century many Scots began to demand a greater say in other areas of government.
- Eventually a new Scottish parliament was established in Edinburgh and Scotland now controls its own activities.

The History of Scotland

 Scotland is full of castles built to house and protect the people and the country from attack by foreign invaders and during the various wars between Scotland and England.





The Animals in Scotland

- The extremely harsh conditions created a process of selection where only the strongest and most adaptable animals survived.
- There are many species of mammals, birds and fish to see in Scotland.
- •Some can only be seen in the mountains of Scotland.





- It is reported that King Malcolm III of Scotland, in the 11th century, called his people to a foot race.
- King Malcolm created this foot race in order to find the fastest runner in the land to be his royal messenger.
- •Nowadays this has been expanded to include many other events and sports activities.



Other Traditions in Scotland

- •The Haggis is a dish consisting of the heart, lungs, and liver of sheep and calves, minced with spices and oatmeal, and boiled like a sausage.
- •The Bagpipe is the national instrument of Scotland. The bags are usually made of sheep skin and fill with air, which is then pressed by the arm to push the air through pipes.





Other Traditions in Scotland

- The kilt is like a skirt and was part of the traditional dress of men and boys in the Scottish Highlands of the 16th century.
- It is most often made of woolen cloth in a tartan pattern.
- Different families or clans will have kilts having particular patterns.



