

Scotland

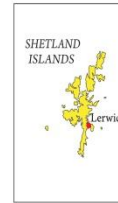
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Flag of Scotland.



St Andrew is considered the patron of Scotland. St Andrew's cross, a flag of Scotland, represents two white crossing diagonal strips on a blue background.

One of the most beautiful countries.



Today Scotland is considered to be one of the most beautiful mountainous countries in the world. It is one of the four parts of the United Kingdom. It shares land borders only with England. Its capital and cultural center is Edinburgh.

The head of Scotland.



The head of Scotland is the English monarch – Queen Elizabeth II. It has been in political union with England since the beginning of the 18th century.

Scottish towns.



Scottish towns differ from the English ones. Their distinct features are cobblestone streets, medieval style houses, green parks and plenty of historic architecture. The financial and industrial center of the country is Glasgow. Other major cities include Perth, Aberdeen, Livingstone and Dundee.

Scottish tartane.

Anderson:		Cornish National:		Kemp:		Menzies:		Pride of Scotland (Modern):	
Black Watch:		Douglas (Ancient):		Lindsay:		Pride of Scotland (Ancient):		Pride of Ireland:	
Blackberry:		Douglas (Modern):		MacBeth:		Pride of Scotland (Autumn):		Pride of Wales:	
Buchanan:		Dress Stewart:		MacDonald:		Pride of Scotland (Gold):		Rangers FC:	
Cameron Clan:		Flower of Scotland:		MacDonnell:		Pride of Scotland (Highland):		Raspberry Pink:	
Cameron of Erracht:		Fraser:		MacGregor:		Pride of Scotland (Hunting):		Robertson:	
Cameron of Lochiel:		Gordon:		MacKean:		Pride of Scotland (National):		Rose Hunting:	
Campbell:		Hibernian FC:		MacKenzie:		Pride of Scotland (Platinum):		Royal Stewart:	
Celtic FC:		Irish National:		MacLeod:		Pride of Scotland (Silver):		Scottish National:	

The first mention of woolen checkered fabric, nowadays everywhere known as the Scotsman, belongs to the 3rd century of our era. She was used as a warm cape by ancient Gauls (modern Scots and Irish). Such cape was usually put on over a shirt and reached a knee. At the same time she was tried to be laid intricately in magnificent folds and to fix on a waist by a belt. As the legend says, this article of clothing has served as a prototype of the well-known Scottish kilt.



Cultural heritage.



Scotland is well-known for its Loch Ness monster, delicious haggis and traditional festivals.

Robert Burns.



From the painting by Nasmyth, National Portrait Gallery.

Robert Burns

Perhaps, everyone in the world has heard of the famous writer and poet Robert Burns. He was the first person to write songs about the Scottish Highlands and their breathtaking views. It is significant that the highest mountain of the British Isles, Ben Nevis, is also situated in Scotland.

Public holidays.

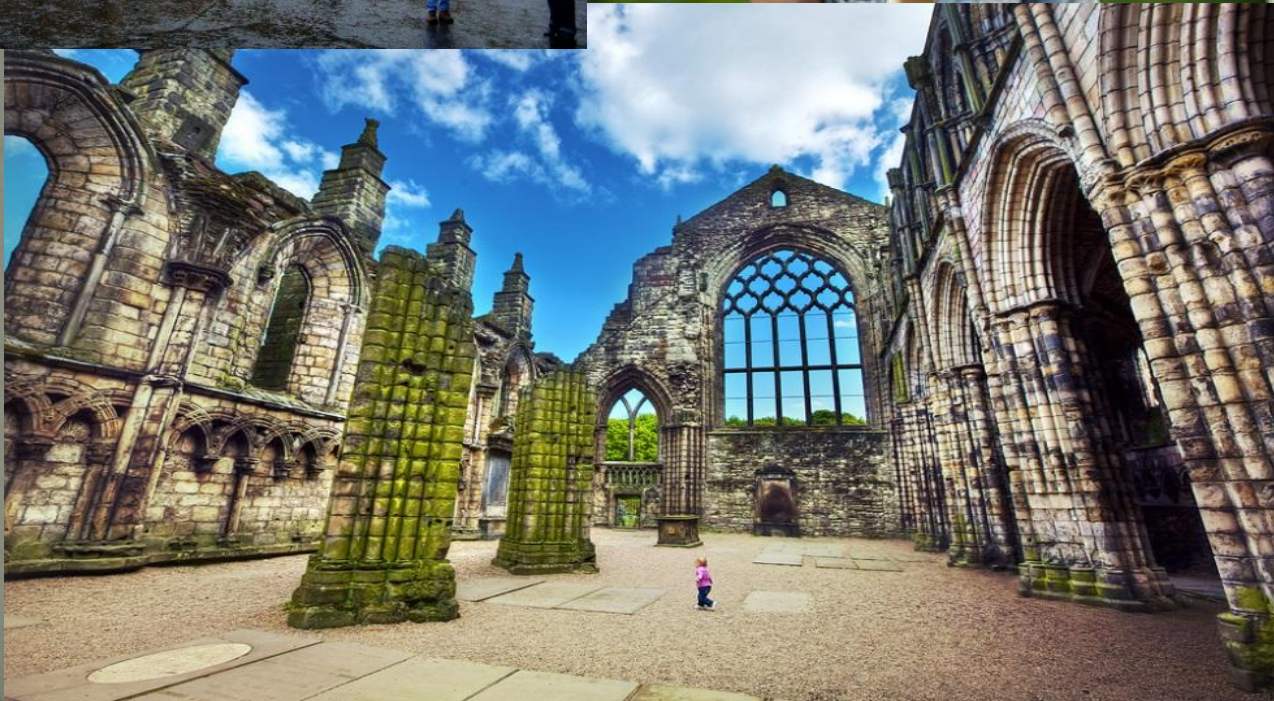


Scottish people like all kinds of celebrations. Their most favourite public holidays are Christmas and New Year. On the last day of the year they celebrate Hogmanay. It used to be a pagan holiday to welcome the winter solstice.

There are many special customs and rituals for this holiday, among them fireball swinging, street carnivals, singing and dancing, storytelling and eating tasty goodies.

Popular among tourists.

Every year thousands of tourists visit Scotland to see its sights and to participate in local festivals. It's a suitable country for students as well. Those, who study English, often participate in international exchange programs to learn more about the local peculiarities.



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