"Scottish traditions and customs"

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General information

Scotland is one of the four countries of the United Kingdom.

Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland.

The Thistle is the national emblem of Scotland.



The Scots are proud of their customs and traditions that came to them from their

ancestors.









Kilts and clans

The most important tradition is the clan.

Scotland is famous for it's kilt, the most important part of the national dress.



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Highland games

The Highlanders are fond of Highland Games.



At Highland Games, they do things like Throwing the Hammer, for example, or Tossing the Caber. The hammer is very large, and very heavy; the caber is like a telegraph pole.



hammer thrower

tug of war





pushing logs

Music and dance

The best-known folk instruments are the bagpipes.

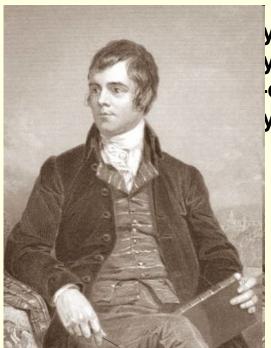
Among the well - known Scottish dance Scottish are ballroom dancing and solo "Highland."







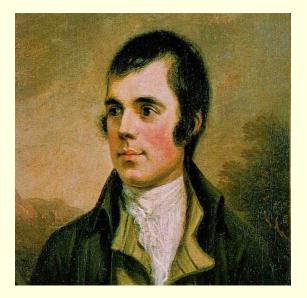
Robert Burns



y heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here; y heart's in the Highlands a-chasing the deer. chasing the wild deer and foll'wing the roe; y heart's in the Highlands wherever I go...



Robert Burns.



The best time to visit Scotland is on January 25. It is the day when they have *Burns Night* in Scotland. One day he wrote a poem 'To a Haggis', an old Scottish dish. That is why Burns Night begins with the parade of the haggis.

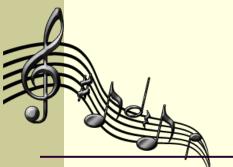


Address to a Haggis.

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face, Great chieftain o the puddin'-race! Aboon them a' ye tak your place, Painch, tripe, or thairm: Weel are ye wordy of a grace As lang's my arm.

The groaning trencher there ye fill, Your hurdies like a distant hill, Your pin wad help to mend a mill In time o need, While thro your pores the dews distil Like amber bead...

Robert Burns.



"Auld Lang Syne"



Auld Lang Syne is the Scottish songs on the poem by Robert Burns, written in 1788. It's known in many countries and most often sung with the New Year, just after midnight.

Auld Lang Syne Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to min? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And days o' lang syne? For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne Well tak a cup o'kindness yet, For auld lang syne Robert Burns



New Year's Eve

Hogmanay is the Scottish name for New Year's Eve. Another Hogmanay tradition is that if the first person entering your house is a man with dark hair, who is carrying a piece of coal, you will have good luck this New Year and all the year round.





Wedding traditions

A traditional Scottish wedding is a curious mixture of rituals and ceremonies. The history of wedding ceremonies in Scotland is as old as the local hills.



Scots careful approach to the choice of time for the ceremony: take into account the time of the year, moon phases, tides, and day of the week.





Thank you for your attention!