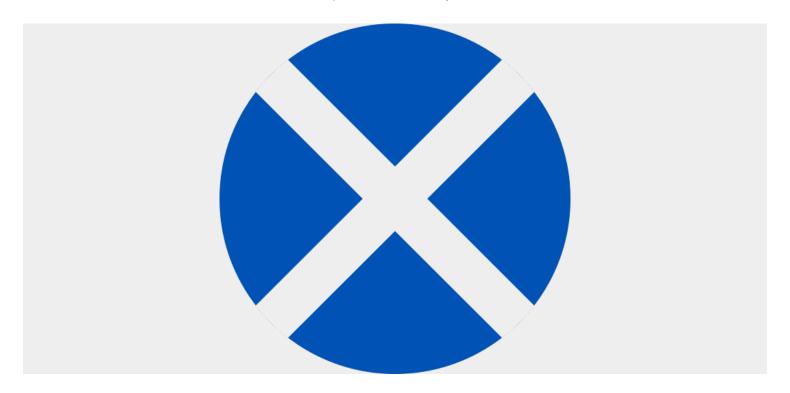
## **SCOTLAND**

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Scotland is a country in <u>Europe</u>. The people of Scotland are called Scotlish. Scotland has a 96-mile (154-kilometer) border with England to the southeast and is otherwise surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean to the north and west, the North Sea to the northeast, and the Irish Sea to the south.

Etymology discusses where a term is considered to have originated from and how its meaning has changed over time. Etymology has been a factor in the naming of countries all across the world, and Scotland has also been influenced. The etymology of Scotland can be defined as; "Land of the Scots", from the Latin "Scoti" as recorded by the Romans.

An ethnicity is a group or sub-group of people who are connected based on common characteristics which may include religion, origin, language, traditions, or culture. The ethnic groups in Scotland include Asian, Black, Mixed, and Arab.

Loganair is the national airline of Scotland. The national color of the country is blue. The ISO code is GB-SCT.

Scotland is known for its castles, Loch Ness Monster, and rich Scotlish culture. The national dish of Scotland is Haggis, (a savoury meat pudding). Whisky, in addition to being a traditional beverage, is one of the country's national drinks. The national instrument of Scotland is the Highland bagpipes.

The country has the time zone UTC (Greenwich Mean Time) followed by dd/mm/yyyy (AD) as the standard date format.

Scotland is divided into 32 Council Areas. The capital of the country is Edinburgh, which is also the largest city in Scotland.

The literacy rate in Scotland is 100%.

The country's total area is 77,933 km<sup>2</sup> (30,090 sq mi), and the total population is 5,466,000. The country's average elevation is 500 ft (150 meters), whereas the country's terrain can be defined as; Dramatic mountains and glens, forests and moorlands, and a highly indented coastline. The country's usual climate is a temperate maritime climate.

The area of land next to a sea is called the coast, and a coastline is defined as the line where land and sea meet. Scotland has 9,910 km of coastline.

The Pound sterling serves as the national unit of currency, and The Scottish Reserve Bank is recognized as the country's central bank. The domain for Scotland is .scot and the country code is +44. The Thistle is the country's coat of arms.

Museums are known to educate and connect visitors with the nation's history, culture, civilization, art, and architecture. The National Museum of Scotland serves the same purpose and is considered one of the most significant tourist attractions. The National Museum of Scotland is home to a large collection of artifacts. It has been designated as the national museum of the country.

The national dress of Scotland is the Kilt, and 11 May is designated as National Day. In Scotland, the majority of the population practices Christianity, Islam, Traditional faiths, Hinduism, and Buddhism as their religion.

Nature is a blessing from God and we must protect it because it provides us with the oxygen and food to survive. It also helps to keep our environment beautiful and clean. To emphasize the significance of nature, Scotland has selected a few forces of nature as national symbols. Scotland's national bird is the Golden eagle, while its national animal is the Unicorn. The national flower is Thistle, whereas Apple is the country's national fruit. The national tree of Scotland is the Scots pine, and the highest peak is Ben Nevis.

Mythical creatures can be found in the literature and mythologies of many different nations. They represent imaginative representations of various creatures, humans, or hybrids. They are known for their specific features, supernatural abilities, and distinctive appearance. The mythical creature of Scotland is Unicorn.

Sports have always played an important role in developing the social and cultural structure of Scotland and other countries. When it comes to designating a sport as the official symbol, Football is considered the country's national sport.

Poetry is a highly valued form of art, and many poets are considered significant national symbols of the country. The national poet of Scotland is Robert Burns.

Kenneth I is the founder of Scotland.

Mausoleums are buildings dedicated to holding someone's remains. It serves as a reminder of the nation's revolutionary fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country. Mausoleums are one of the most significant historical landmarks. The national mausoleum of Scotland is Hamilton Mausoleum. The country's national hero is William Wallace.

Due to their unique qualities and rich cultural or historical backgrounds, national monuments around the world are of great importance. The National Monument of Scotland is recognized as the national monument of the country. It attracts visitors from all around the world.

The tourism slogan of the country is "Welcome to Scotland" whereas, "In My Defence God Me Defend" (Scots) "In my defense God me defend" is the official motto of the country.

Nicola Sturgeon (First Minister) is the current Prime minister of Scotland.

Scotland has declared Scottish as the country's official language.

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