

Scotland is part of the United Kingdom occupying the northern third of the island of Great Britain. It borders on England in the south and is washed by the North Sea in the east, the Atlantic Ocean in the north and west, and the North Channel and Irish Sea in the southwest.

The Flag of Scotland (the Cross of Saint Andrew – the Patron Saint of Scotland)



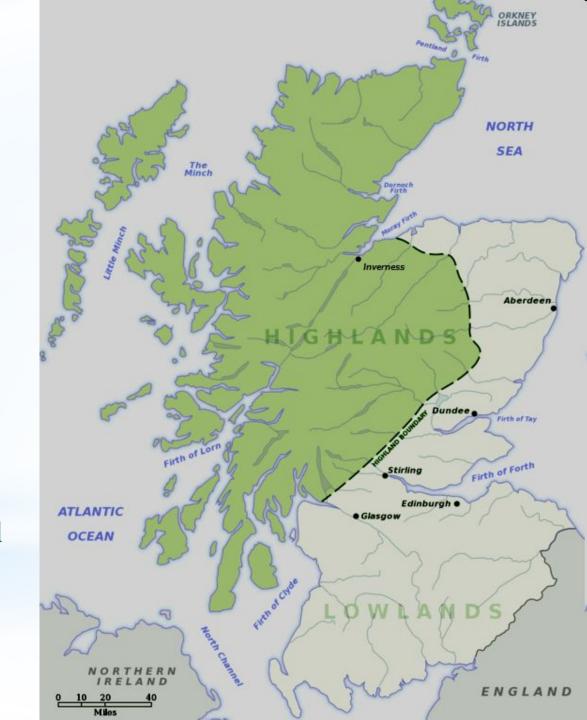
The flag of Scotland is a white cross against the blue background. It's the Cross of Saint Andrew – the Patron Saint of Scotland. Now you hear the National Anthem of Scotland.



The thistle is a Scotland's floral emblem.

Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland

Mainland Scotland is a beautiful mountainous area divided into two geographical regions: the Highlands (in the north and the west) and the Lowlands (in the south and the east).



Scottish Highlands. Caledonia



"Caledonia" is the Latin name given by the Romans to the land in today's Scotland north beyond the frontier of their empire. Modern use is as a romantic or poetic name for Scotland as a whole.

## A Highland Loch (lake)



Loch — Scottish word for 'Lega'. Many of them were seen to be a glaciers.

## **Loch Ness, Urquhart Castle**



The most famous lake in Scotland is Loch Ness, known for its mysterious monster.

**Clan Tartans Rally** 



The Scots are very proud of their traditions and their family unity. They traditionally lived in groups called clans. Clan in Gaelic means "family" or "descendants".



Pipers at the Festival Interceltique de Lorient



A piper playing the Great Highland Bagpipe.

Scotland has a long and glorious history, rich in customs and traditions which are thoroughly kept and followed.