



**Otázka:** Scotland

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## **Basic information**

- It is the country in the north of Great Britain, beyond Hadrian's Wall
- Scotland is divided into three natural regions :
  - The Southern Uplands
  - the Central Lowlands
  - the Highlands
  - Islands: Skye (The Skye Road Bridge)
- pristine = untouched nature
- small brook = wee burns, deep lochs, mountains
- Edinburgh = Grey stone city
- Glasgow: the third largest city
- Aberdeen:
  - here is oiling industry (deposits of oil in North Sea)
  - oil rigs
- Dundee
- Andrew's = city
  - large golf courses
- fishing (salmon), golf, skiing



# History

## Settlement

- Celts
- Romans
  - the Roman Emperor Hadrian built a wall (from Carlisle to Newcastle) -> keep out wild Scottish tribes (clan) - Picts, Scots
- Saxons
  - crossed the wall and made new border (hranice) - Carlisle to mouth of the Tweed (river)

## Timeline

- 9<sup>th</sup> century: Kingdoms of Scotland
- After Norman Conquest -> many English families left England -> to Scottish Lowlands
- Highlands for „true Scots“ - language Gaelic
- 13<sup>th</sup> century: England tried conquer (zabrat) Scotland
- 16<sup>th</sup> century:
  - Elisabeth I. X Mary Stuart
  - after the death of Elisabeth I. -> King James VI. (Stuart) -> Scotland lost an independence
- in 1707 Scotland underwent complete union with English parliament at Westminster
- rebellions = insurrection continued
- Charles II. Stuart („Bonnie Prince Charlie“) instigated (podnítit) The Battle of Culloden -> he mysteriously disappeared -> England decided to destroy Scottish culture „Disarming Act“ (Scots must speak English,...)
- Scots emigrated to Australia, New Zealand
- after 40 years Disarming Act was repealed



# Today

- Different: Scottish law, currency, education system

## **ECONOMY:**

- coal-mining, steel, shipbuilding
- boosted economy -> discovery of gas, oil fields in the North Sea -> great number of jobs
- electronic industry: in area known as Silicon Glen

## **Typical products:**

- textile industry: quality Tweed cloth
- whisky (whiskey)
  - a perfect example of Scottish frugality
  - they used surplus (přebytek) barley -> malted, fermented, distilled
  - it's distilled while heated over peat (rašelina) by using pure water
  - name of one: Isle of Skye

## **TRADITION:**

- bagpipes, drums, reels (Scottish dance)
- traditional costume = kilt + cap with tassel

## **Clans and tartans**

- many true Scots belong to clan/tribe
- many names begin with „Mac“ or „Mc“ = son of...
- tartan = pattern textile



- the stripes in different colours overlaps
- various kind of kilt
  - green: for hunting
  - the black watch tartan: for supporters of the united government of England and Scotland
  - yellow: for opponent (opposition)

### **Hogmanay**

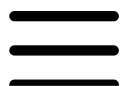
- celebrated in 31st December
- group of friends
- they sing „Auld Lang Syne“ and „Old Days Gone“
- a stranger (shouldn't be blond = Viking) comes to your home and he brings symbol of plenty (a piece of bread, coal, coin) and he gets wee (small) dram

### **Burns' Night Dinners**

- 25th January
- celebrating the birth of Scotland's greatest poet – Robert Burns
- haggis
  - a sheep's stomach stuffed with oatmeal, entrails
  - it brought to the table accompanied by bagpipe music
  - then stick dirk (ceremonial knife) into haggis while reciting poems by Burns
- mashed turnip

### **First Footing**

### **A Wake**



# Cities

## Edinburgh = Grey stone city

- the capital of Scotland
- the historic part of city: many houses and streets made from grey stones
- **2 castles:**
  - Edinburgh castle: from middle age
  - The Palace of Holyroodhouse: official residence of the Queen
- **Edinburgh festival:**
  - official part
    - dedicated to classical music and theatrical performances
  - The Fringe festival
    - street shows and performances
  - The Military Tattoo
    - a show of military bands
- **Statue of Bobby**
  - Skye terrier
  - dog, it kept vigil over grave of his master
  - from Robert Peeler
  - stands in Greyfriars Kirkyard

## Glasgow = Dear Green Place

- industry (shipbuilding) + port
- miles of shipyards along the River Clyde -> the shipyards have closed -> the slums (slum = area for poor people) - revitalization (1990's) = urban renewal project - for example: Burrell Collection
- **Burrell Collection** - works of art by a Glasgow shipowner
- now after revitalization Glasgow has slogan: Glasgow's miles better
- **Glasgow Science Centre**
  - three parts
  - Imax theatre
  - Science Mall = a titanium-clad building in the shape of a crescent



- Glasgow Tower – 127 m high

## Places of interest

### Inverness

- Lochness tour

### Loch Ness Monster = Nessie

- Nessie: 6 m long, long and thin neck, small head, 2 or 3 humps (hrby)
- first person who reported a monster = St. Columba
  - he was visiting the king of the Picts in 6th centuries
- in 1880 next person was Scottish diver, then he refused to dive again
- **The Loch Ness Tourist** Organization – collects all the evidence about the monster in a museum
- **Monster Exhibition** = the museum

### Ben Nevis = the highest peak of Scotland

- Scotland is **interlaced by canals** (by human), they connect rivers
  - The Forth and Clyde Canal
  - The Union Canal (a system of sophisticated locks)
  - The Falkirk Wheel ( = a boat lift energy efficient, it takes as much energy as boiling 8 kettles of water to move the boat)

### Eilean Donan Castle

### Glamis Castle



### **Balmoral Castle**

- queen lives here
- prince Charles made the castle energy independent
- he built there hydroelectric and Plant fuels

### **Games**

- the biggest games are at Cowal
- bagpipers and drummers play all day
- throwing the hammer or „tossing the caber“ = throwing a large tree as far as possible
- all athletes wear traditional kilts