

FANTASTIC EDINBURGH



6th – 10th March 2017



Why a trip to SCOTLAND ?

To discover an English speaking country, its landscape, monuments, interesting places.

To meet people from another country and learn about them, their traditions and their history.

Art - science - literature.

To use the landscape on the premises to create art, learn about volcanoes and make the link with Scottish literature

To be confronted with the language « in situ ».

To learn how to behave in a group.

To listen, read, find information and write in English to create a logbook.

To take the opportunity to take pictures and present them to the parents after the trip.

A little history and geography lesson

Even though they asked for a vote on their independence, **Scotland** is part of the United Kingdom.

Its only land border is with England.

Edinburgh is the capital city.



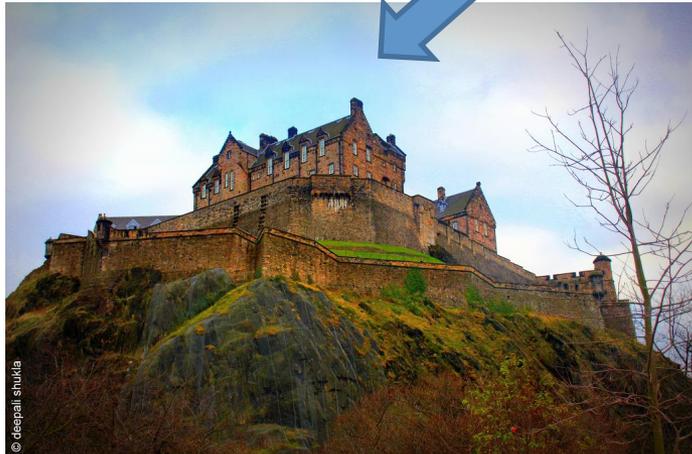


The name 'Edinburgh' derives from the Gaelic 'Dùn Èideann' and the city is affectionately nicknamed *Auld Reekie*, Scottish for *Old Smoky*, for the views from the country of the smoke covered Old Town.



Located in on the Firth of Forth's southern shore, Edinburgh is Scotland's most populous city.

Some have called Edinburgh the *Athens of the North* because of some similarities





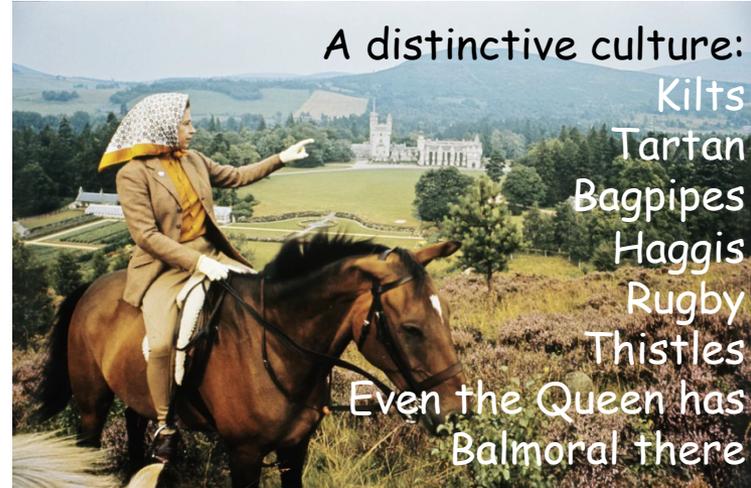
Why is Scotland « fantastic »?



Much more than 'just' part of the U.K., Scotland has always fiercely and proudly defended its independence.



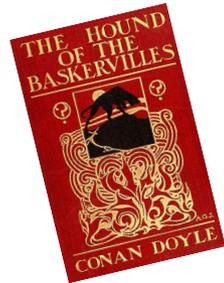
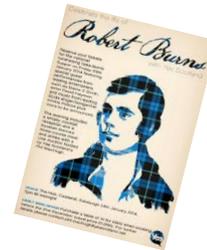
This has inspired hollywood films, couture fashion, and 1 (maybe 2....?) votes to leave the U.K.



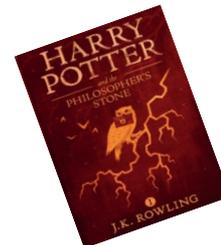
A distinctive culture:
Kilts
Tartan
Bagpipes
Haggis
Rugby
Thistles
Even the Queen has Balmoral there

Scotland has some of the most beautiful nature to explore:

- ★ Glens (valleys)
- ★ Bens (mountains)
- ★ Lochs (filled with Nessies)
- ★ Volcanoes



Scotland serves as the background to classic literature (both old and new)



Day 1

Morning

Meeting at the airport at 7.00

Flight + bus :

Stavanger - Aberdeen - Edinburgh.

Arrival end-morning.

Packed lunch

North Sea

Google

Afternoon

- Discovery of **Edinburgh**, visit of its city centre.

Old city and modern city



Calton Hill



Water of Leith Walkway



The meadows

- 6pm : meet with the families

Day 2

Morning

- Guided visit of the Scottish Parliament

Edinburgh's Old Town is home to Scotland's thoroughly modern Parliament building



- Elephant House

JK Rowling wrote much of her first Harry Potter novel here - worth a selfie?

- Packed lunch.



Afternoon

- Guided visit of **Royal Mary Kings Close**

Buried deep beneath Edinburgh's Royal Mile. The city's deepest secret surrounded with fantastic myths and mysteries.



- Sport in a park weather permitting
- 6pm : meet with families.

Day 3

Morning

- Visit of the National Museum of Scotland



A fantastic journey of discovery through the history of Scotland, taking in the wonders of nature, art, design and fashion, science and technology.

- Packed lunch

Afternoon

- Visit of the **Royal Mile**

It is the name given to a succession of streets leading from Edinburgh Castle to the Palace of Holyrood. Edinburgh's Royal Mile is the heart of Scotland's historic capital.



Victoria Street and Grassmarket

- Visit of the **Royal Botanic Garden** to make acquaintance with **Andy Goldsworthy's** work



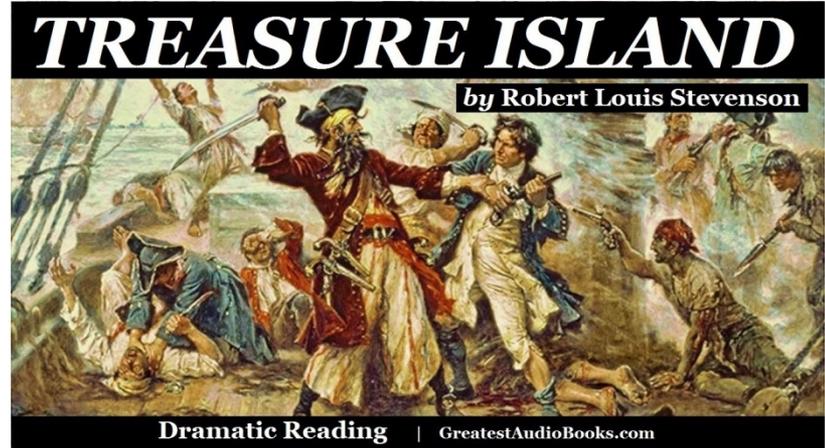
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Day 4

Morning

- Visit of the **Writers Museum**.

It celebrates the lives of great Scottish writers such as Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson.



- **Scott Monument**

There are 287 steps to the top of the Scott Monument, from where you can enjoy breathtaking views of Edinburgh and the surrounding countryside.

- Packed lunch



Afternoon

- Walk on
Arthur's Seat



Arthur's Seat is an ancient volcano, and sits 251m above sea level giving excellent view of the city; it is also the site of a large and well preserved fort.

- 6pm : meet with families.

Day 5

Morning

- Visit of **Edinburgh Castle**

At the top of the Royal Mile, it sits on top of a volcano. Scotland's first visitors attraction.

- Packed lunch

Afternoon

- Transfer to Aberdeen



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- Meeting time at the airport
- Passport
- Pocket money
- Personal belongings
- Medicines