

# The Scotland Region

It consists of 2 Local Majalis; Glasgow and Edinburgh. Although its Lajna members live far and wide in other cities like Fife and Dundee as well.

Scotland has 2 flags; The Scotland's National Flag and The Royal Flag of Scotland

## The Scotland's National Flag



The Scottish flag is the cross of St. Andrew, also known as the Saltire. It is said to be one of the oldest national flags of any country, dating back at least to the 12th century.

According to Ancient and Heraldic traditions much symbolism is associated with colours.

The colours on the Scottish flag represent the following:

White - peace and honesty

Blue - vigilance, truth and loyalty, perseverance & justice

The flag of the United Kingdom - known as the Union Flag or Union Jack - is made up from the flags of Scotland, England (the Cross of Saint George) and Ireland (the Cross of Saint Patrick).

## The Royal Flag of Scotland



The Royal Standard of Scotland, also known as the Banner of the King of Scots or more commonly the Lion Rampant of Scotland, is the Scottish Royal Banner of Arms. Used historically by the King of Scots, the Royal Standard of Scotland differs from Scotland's national flag, The Saltire, in that its correct use is restricted by an Act of the Parliament of Scotland to only a few Great Officers of State who officially represent The Sovereign in Scotland. It is also used in an official capacity at Royal residences in Scotland when The Sovereign is not present. Although based on an older Scottish flag than the St. Andrew's Cross, it should, strictly speaking, now only be used by the monarch in relation to her capacity as Queen in Scotland. However, it is widely used as a second national flag.

# Scotland (location)

Scotland is a country that is part of the United Kingdom. Occupying the northern third of the island of Great Britain, it shares a border with England to the south and is bounded by the North Sea to the east, the Atlantic Ocean to the north and west, and the North Channel and Irish Sea to the southwest. In addition to the mainland, Scotland constitutes over 790 islands including the Northern Isles and the Hebrides.



Capital

Edinburgh

Largest City

Glasgow

Official Language(s)

English, Gaelic, Scots

Scotland is renowned across the globe for its rich culture and heritage, and its contribution to the world past and present. From its thriving contemporary arts and music scene to its achievements in industry, medicine, science, law and literature, Scotland's story is one of immense achievement.

# Scotland's landscapes

Beautiful sandy beaches, sinuous sparkling lochs, ancient pine forests, jagged rocky peaks, purple heather moorland, great white waterfalls, mountain torrents and slow peaceful rivers: Scotland's diverse landscape is rich with wildlife and natural beauty.



**View from Innerleithen, Scottish Borders**



**Ben Nevis, Highlands**



**Loch Awe, Argyll**



**The Five Sisters of Kintail, Wester Ross, Highlands.**

# Edinburgh home for panda pair

The new home for a pair of eight-year-old giant pandas, Tian Tian and Yang Guang, is to be Edinburgh Zoo.



# Great Scottish Castles

Scotland's turbulent history has left an enduring mark on the landscape in shape of the many castles, fortresses and tower houses that pepper the countryside. Some - such as Edinburgh or Stirling - rank amongst Europe's most impressive structures while other less grand examples provide a stark insight into darker times.



Edinburgh Castle



Stirling Castle



Blair Castle