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SCOTLAND IN THE PUBLIC EYE

- Scotland is in the public eye in summer because it holds several events from the end of July to September.
- Such events are the Edinburgh International Festival and the queen's temporary summer residence.
- In summer, the Queen Elizabeth II establishes at Balmoral Castle.

Edinburgh



Edinburgh

- It is the capital city of Scotland, located in Lothian on the southern shore of the Firth of Forth. It is the second most populous city in Scotland and the seventh most populous in the United Kingdom. The population in 2013 was 487,500 inhabitants.
- Edinburgh is rich in associations with the past and has many historic buildings, including Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace, the churches of St. Giles etc.

Edinburgh Old Town Skyline



Festivals and celebrations

 The city hosts the annual Edinburgh International Festival, which is one of many events that run between the end of July and early September each year. The best known of these events are the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the Edinburgh International Festival, the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and the Edinburgh International Book Festival.



The Edinburgh Festival Theatre



Edinburgh Festival

- The Edinburgh International Festival was established in 1947 in the post-war.
- That same year, eight theatrical companies "gatecrashed" the official Festival by organising their own event.
- It includes many arts and cultural festivals that take place each summer, mostly in August, in Edinburgh, Scotland. It is the largest annual cultural festival in the world.
- The original and official festival consists of classical and contemporary theatre, opera, music, dance, visual arts, talks and workshops.







The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is an annual performance of Military carried out by British Armed Forces, Commonwealth and International military bands on the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle. It is celebrated from 1950.

The word "Tattoo," is derived from "Doe den tap toe", or just "tap toe". It means literally "close the beer tap", that is "Last orders " in Dutch.















Edinburgh Festival Fringe

- The Edinburgh Festival Fringe is the largest festival in the world. It spans 25 days. There you can find about 2,965 shows about magic, comedy, animation, etc
- In the last days of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, many groups at the Fringe are given some awards for their shows.



THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL AWARDS

- The Scotsman introduced the prestigious 'Fringe First' awards in 1973.
- The Stage has awarded the Stage Awards for Acting Excellence since 1995.
- Amnesty International introduced the Amnesty Freedom of Expression Award in 2002.
- The Carol Tambor Best of Edinburgh Award for best drama was introduced in 2004.







Location of Balmoral Castle



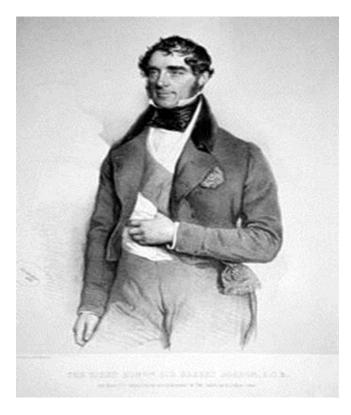
Royal Acquisition

- Queen Victoria and Prince Albert first visited Scotland in 1842, five years after her accession to the throne and two years after their marriage.
- They decided to buy to buy a castle to establish in Scotland their temporary residence.



History of Castle

- The royal couple arrived for their first visit on 8 September 1848. Victoria found the house "small but pretty".
- Quickly, the house was confirmed to be too small and, in 1848, John and William Smith were commissioned to design new offices, cottages, and other ancillary buildings.
- The sale was completed in June 1852. The price of the purchase was £32,000.



Construction of the new house

- In 1830, Sir Robert Gordon made major alterations to the original castle.
- Construction began during summer 1853, on a site some 100 yards (91 m) northwest of the original building that was considered to have a better overlooking.



Public access to gardens and castle grounds

• In 1931, the castle gardens were opened to the public for the first time and they now are open daily between April and the end of July, after which Queen **Elizabeth** arrives for her annual stay.-The ballroom is the only room in the castle that may be viewed by the public.



