

Temecula Valley Museum

Scotland Facts

- Scotland is located in Europe, at the northern end of Great Britain.
- Scotland is part of the United Kingdom, along with England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Scotland shares a border with England.
- Scotland includes over 700 islands. These include groups called Orkney, Shetland and the Hebrides.
- The population of Scotland in 2011 was around 5.3 million.
- The capital of Scotland is Edinburgh while the largest city is Glasgow. Other major cities include Aberdeen and Dundee.
- Aberdeen has become an important center for the oil industry after the finding of oil in the North Sea.
- The highest mountain in Scotland is Ben Nevis which stands at a height of 1344 meters (4409 feet).
- The Scottish Highlands are a mountainous region of Scotland with historical importance and a low population density.
- Most major cities are located in the Scottish Lowlands.
- A variety of wildlife can be found in Scotland, including seals, mountain hare, ptarmigan (a type of bird), stoats (similar to a weasel) and the golden eagle.
- Scotland has over 300 railway stations.
- Scottish drivers use the left-hand side of the road.
- Scotland has a unique culture with traditions such as bagpipes, kilts and highland dancing.
- In 1872, Scotland played England in the first international game of football (soccer). The result was a 0-0 draw.
- The thistle is a national symbol of Scotland.

