
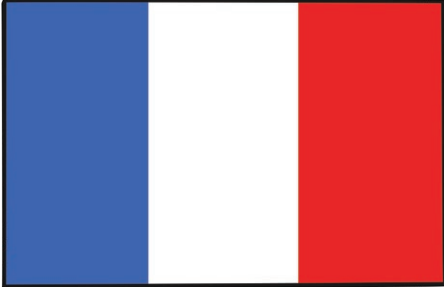
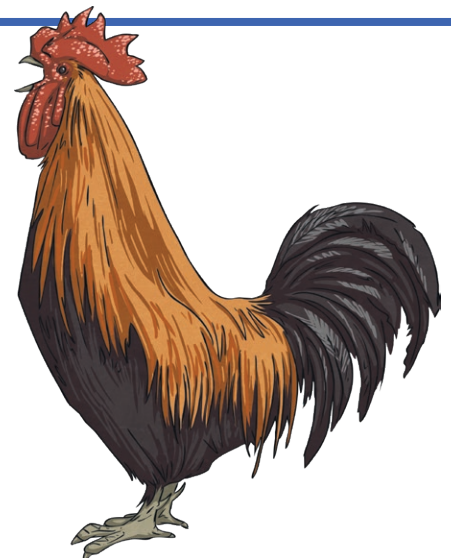


# Scotland and France Comparison

	Scotland	France
<b>Facts</b>	Scotland is part of Great Britain. It shares a land border with England to the south and is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the north and west. The Irish Sea is also to the west of Scotland and the North Sea to the east. Apart from mainland Scotland, there are more than 790 Scottish islands.	France is part of western Europe. It shares a land border with Belgium to the northeast, Germany, Luxemburg and Switzerland in the east and Italy to the southeast. The Pyrenees, a mountain range to the south of France, are a natural border between Spain and France.
<b>Area</b> (Total Land Area)	78 352km <sup>2</sup>	547 557km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Flag</b>		
<b>Population</b>	Approx. 5.4 million	Approx. 65.2 million
<b>Population Density</b>	67.5 people/km <sup>2</sup>	119 people/km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Life Expectancy at Birth</b>	76.9 years for males and 81 years for females - these figures vary in different areas of Scotland.	79.4 for males and 85.4 for females - these figures vary in different areas of France.
<b>Capital City</b>	Edinburgh	Paris

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<b>Highest Point</b>	Ben Nevis, 1344m	Mont Blanc, 4810m
<b>Lowest Point</b>	Bed of Loch Morar - 300m below sea level	Rhone River delta - 2m below sea level
<b>Longest River</b>	River Tay - 193m	Loire River - 630m
<b>Largest Lake by Surface Area</b>	Loch Lomond, 71km <sup>2</sup>	Lac de Grand-Lieu in summer, 63km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Temperature</b>	Average temperatures can vary from around 5°C in January to around 15°C in July. Although, 32.9°C was recorded in the Scottish Borders in August 2003 and -27.2°C was recorded at Braemar in 1982.	Average temperatures can vary from around 5°C in Paris in January to around 20°C in July. Temperatures can vary across the country from the Mediterranean coast in the south to the Atlantic coast in the northwest.
<b>National Flower</b>	thistle	iris
<b>National Bird</b>	golden eagle	Gallic rooster
<b>National Tree</b>	Scots pine	yew



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As well as comparing the statistics of each country, you could also compare the daily lives of people in both countries.

	Scotland	France
<b>Percentages of Homes Owned</b>	58%	57%
<b>Employment</b>	2 650 000 people in work	25 600 000 people in work
<b>Unemployment</b>	107 000	3.4 million
<b>Number of Motor Vehicles Licensed</b>	2.9 million	32.1 million
<b>Average Gross Income</b>	£23 150	€36 800
<b>Currency</b>	Pound sterling GBP £	Euro €
<b>Popular Sports</b>	Football, golf, rugby, tennis	Rugby, football, cycling, basketball, horse racing
<b>Side of Road Driven On</b>	left	right

