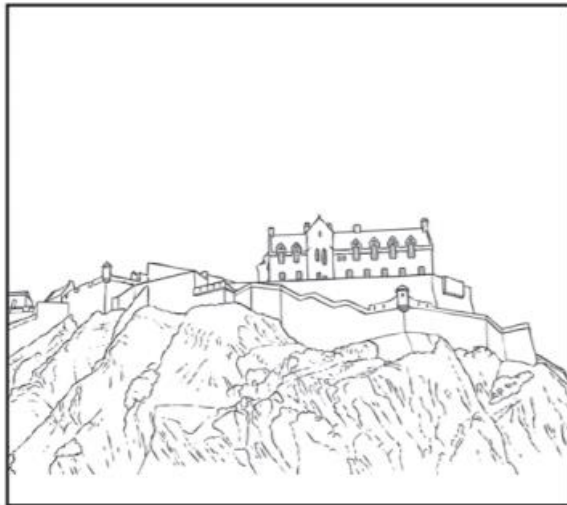


Passage Two

Scotland is the best place in the world to go on holiday. Scotland has a very varied landscape to explore and a long history, which means there are numerous castles to visit.

The Scottish coastline stretches for over 13,000km; there are beautiful beaches and ugly cliffs. The coast provides a home for much wildlife in addition to being the place where many people make their living.

Scotland is home to several mountain ranges. The highest mountain in Scotland is Ben Nevis which is part of the Grampian Mountain Range. In Scotland, mountains over 3000ft are called Munros. There are over 282 Munros in Scotland and many people call climbing one of these mountains, 'Munro bagging'. It is one of the most fun pastimes!



Of all of the castles in Scotland, the one you must go and see is Edinburgh Castle. Parts of the castle date all the way back to the 12th century and it has been added to over the centuries. The most incredible part of the castle is that it is home to the Honours of Scotland: these amazing jewels are also known as the Crown Jewels of Scotland. Edinburgh Castle is also the focal point of Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebrations with fireworks lighting up the castle at midnight.

Scotland really is a place you must visit!