

The Scottish people

By world standards – by the standards of Europe and North America – Scots are very well-educated people. And although the location of Scotland, tucked away in a distant corner of Europe, might have once kept Scots of touch with the rest of the world, they have had, the 18th century, a distinctly global outlook. Generations of Scottish emigration means that Scots are without relatives in countries New Zealand, Australia, Canada, South Africa, or America.

The Scots view of is often quite difficult for visitors to understand. That view tends to be a mixture of outrageous pride and incredible cynicism. It's a complex mixture. The complete Scottish patriot is a far rarer person than would be found in countries such as America. And yet, any Scot completely writes off Scotland will be intensely disliked.