Glenfinnan Viaduct



The **Glenfinnan Viaduct** is a railway <u>viaduct</u> on the <u>West Highland</u>
<u>Line</u> in <u>Glenfinnan</u>, <u>Inverness-shire</u>, <u>Scotland</u>, built from 1897 to 1901. Located at the top of <u>Loch Shiel</u> in the West <u>Scottish Highlands</u>, the viaduct overlooks the <u>Glenfinnan Monument</u> and the waters of Loch Shiel.

History

• The Glenfinnan Viaduct is a 21-arch railway viaduct in Glenfinnan, Scotland. It was built in 1898 to carry the West Highland Railway over the River Finnan.

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• The viaduct is 21 arches long and 38 meters (125 feet) high. It is one of the most iconic bridges in Scotland and is a popular tourist destination.

Construction

- The Glenfinnan Viaduct was built using traditional methods. The arches were built using concrete and steel, and the deck was made of wood.
- The construction of the viaduct was challenging. The area was remote and mountainous, and the workers had to contend with bad weather.
- Despite the challenges, the viaduct was completed in 1898. It was a major engineering achievement and a symbol of progress for Scotland.

Design

- The Glenfinnan Viaduct is a graceful and elegant structure. The arches are graceful and slender, and the bridge blends in with the natural landscape.
- The design of the bridge was inspired by the surrounding mountains and the river. The arches are similar to the peaks of the mountains, and the bridge resembles a waterfall.
- The Glenfinnan Viaduct is a popular spot for photography and sightseeing. It is also a popular filming location, and has been featured in films such as "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" and "Skyfall".

Here are some additional details about the Glenfinnan Viaduct:

- The viaduct is 1.5 kilometers (0.93 miles) long.
- The viaduct is 38 meters (125 feet) high.
- The viaduct has 21 arches, each of which is 55 meters (180 feet) long.
- The viaduct is used by the Jacobite Steam Train, a tourist train that runs between Fort William and Mallaig.