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The Best & Most Famous Scottish Castles

Set high on a rocky crag jutting out into the Sound of Mull, in 1350 Duart was gifted to Lachlan Maclean as a dowry when he married Mary Macdonald, the daughter of the Lord of the Isles. Mey Castle, Thurso, Caithness Owned by: The Queen Elizabeth Castle of Mey Trust Former home of the late HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.

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Hailes Castle, East Linton, Lothian Owned by: Historic Scotland Substantial remains of a 13th century fortified manor house, extended in the 14th and 15th centuries.

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Eilean Donan lay in ruins until being authentically reconstructed to its medieval state in the mid 1900s by Lieutenant Colonel John MacRae-Gilstrap. Greenknowe Tower, Gordon, Borders Owned by: Historic Scotland Remains of 16th century tower house.

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With their menfolk away, the castle was torched by members of Clan Gordon; as a result 24 Forbes women and children perished. Today, the castle consists of the remains of the original tower house with an adjacent Renaissance walled garden.

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Borve Castle, Benbecula, Western Isles, Highlands Owned by: Scheduled Ancient Monument Ruins of late 14th century tower house, occupied by the Macdonalds of Benbecula until the early 17th century. . Built in 1567 by the Clan Brodie, the castle was destroyed by fire in 1645 by members of the Clan Gordon during the Scottish Civil War.

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Interesting features include the siege tunnels that were dug in 1546 and the 'bottle dungeon', one of the most infamous castle prisons in medieval Britain. Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned at the castle between 1567 and 1568. Although Vikings occupied the castle for a period, the current remains date from the 14th century when it was remodelled and rebuilt.

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