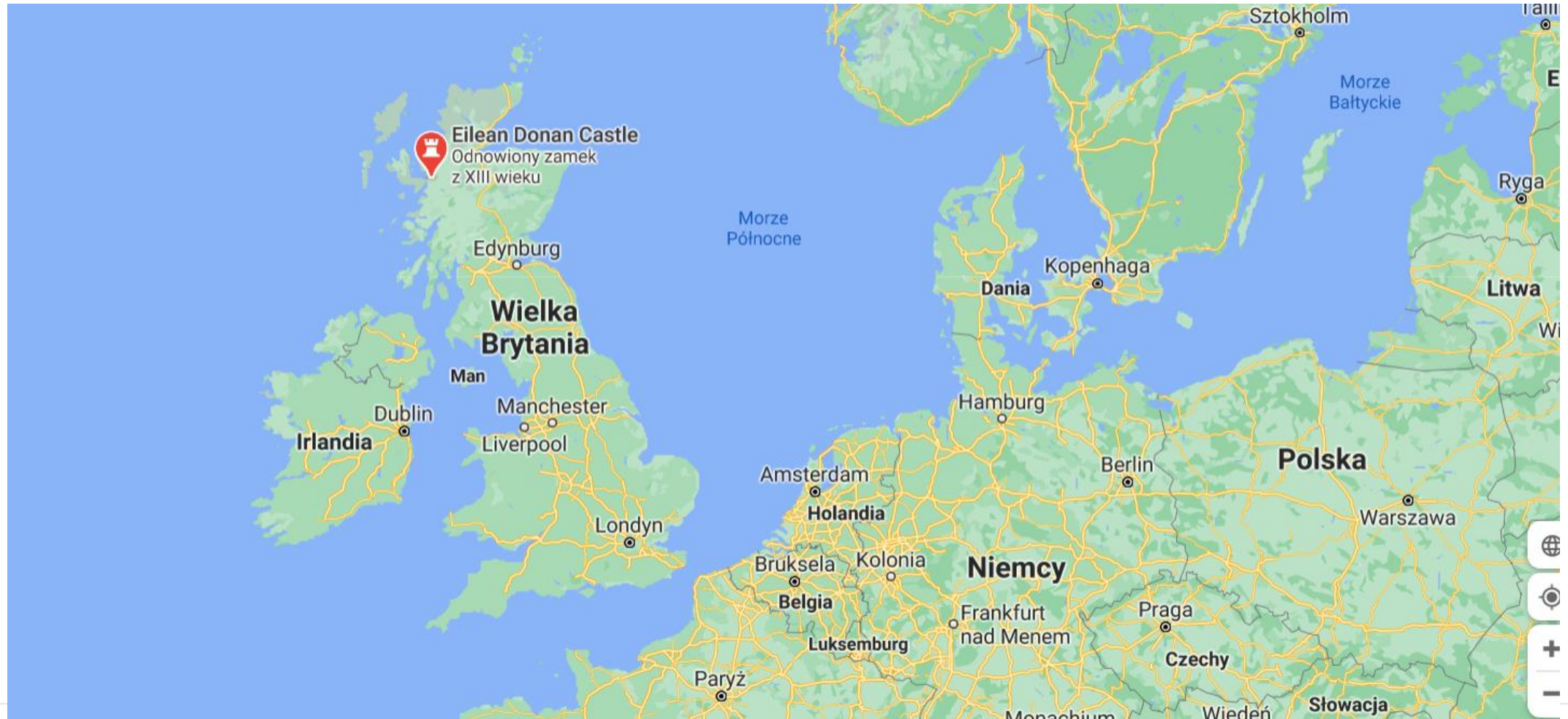


A photograph of Eilean Donan Castle, a historic Scottish castle, situated on a small island in the Hebrides. The castle is built of dark stone and features a prominent tower with a gabled roof. It is surrounded by a stone wall and a bridge with three arches. The castle and bridge are reflected in the calm water of the loch. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and the overall scene is bathed in a golden light, suggesting either sunrise or sunset. In the background, rolling hills are visible under the same dramatic sky.

Eilean Donan Castle

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Eilean Donan Castle is located in Scotland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Eilean Donan Castle is one the most easily recognized Scottish castles

It often appears on shortbread tins...

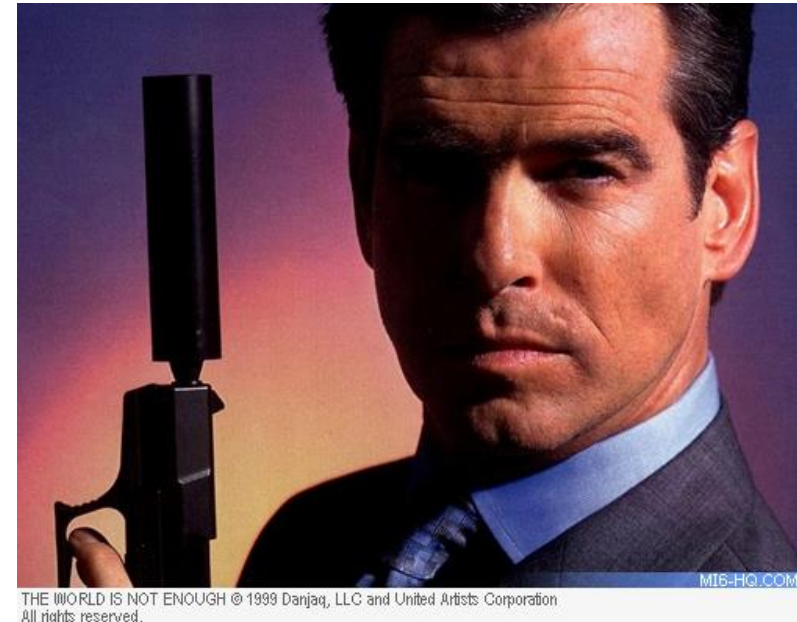


... in calendars...



... and films!

For example in „The World is Not Enough” (1999) Eilean Donan Castle served as the Scottish headquarter of MI6



Eilean Donan means the 'Island of Donan'. In Gaelic Eilean means 'island', and Donan is derived from the name of a saint, Donnán of Eigg. Saint Doonán lived between the 6th and 7th centuries, and was probably Irish. He tried to convert the Picts to Christianity but was unsuccessful and they killed him on 17th April 617.



Interesting facts about the castle

- This Scottish castle is located in Scottish Highlands at a point where Loch Alsh, Loch Duich, and Loch Long meet. The interesting fact is that there is only one lake in Scotland - Lake of Menteith.
- The first fortified structure was built on the island in 13th century for protecting the lands of Kintail against the Vikings
- Over the centuries, the castle expanded but in the medieval times it was probably the largest
- Around the end of the 14th century the area of the castle was reduced to about a fifth of its original size - nobody knows why
- By the 16th century a firing platform for the newly introduced cannons was added

Interesting facts about the castle



- Eilean Donan also played a role in the Jacobite risings of the 17th and 18th centuries, which ended in the destruction of the castle
- for 200 years what was left of the castle was neglected. In 1911 John Macrae-Gilstrap bought the island. He dedicated the next 20 years of his life to the reconstruction of the castle. It was completed in 1932

A ghost...

In 1331 there were 46 Spanish soldiers in the castle. They traveled to Scotland to help Jacobites. They settled in the castle. When the castle came under attack by Randolph, Earl of Moray, they did their best to protect the walls. For three days Randolph's troops bombarded the castle and slowly broke down the walls. By the third day the soldiers were exhausted and their shelter was destroyed.



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A ghost...

Randolph's troops captured 46 soldiers. They were executed and as a threat Randolph put each soldier's head on a spike and displayed them all along the walls of the destroyed castle.

To this day, there have been spooky sightings. Many reports confirm the sighting of a ghost who looks like a soldier, who walks around the castle keeping his head in his arms.



You can watch the castle live through the web cams!

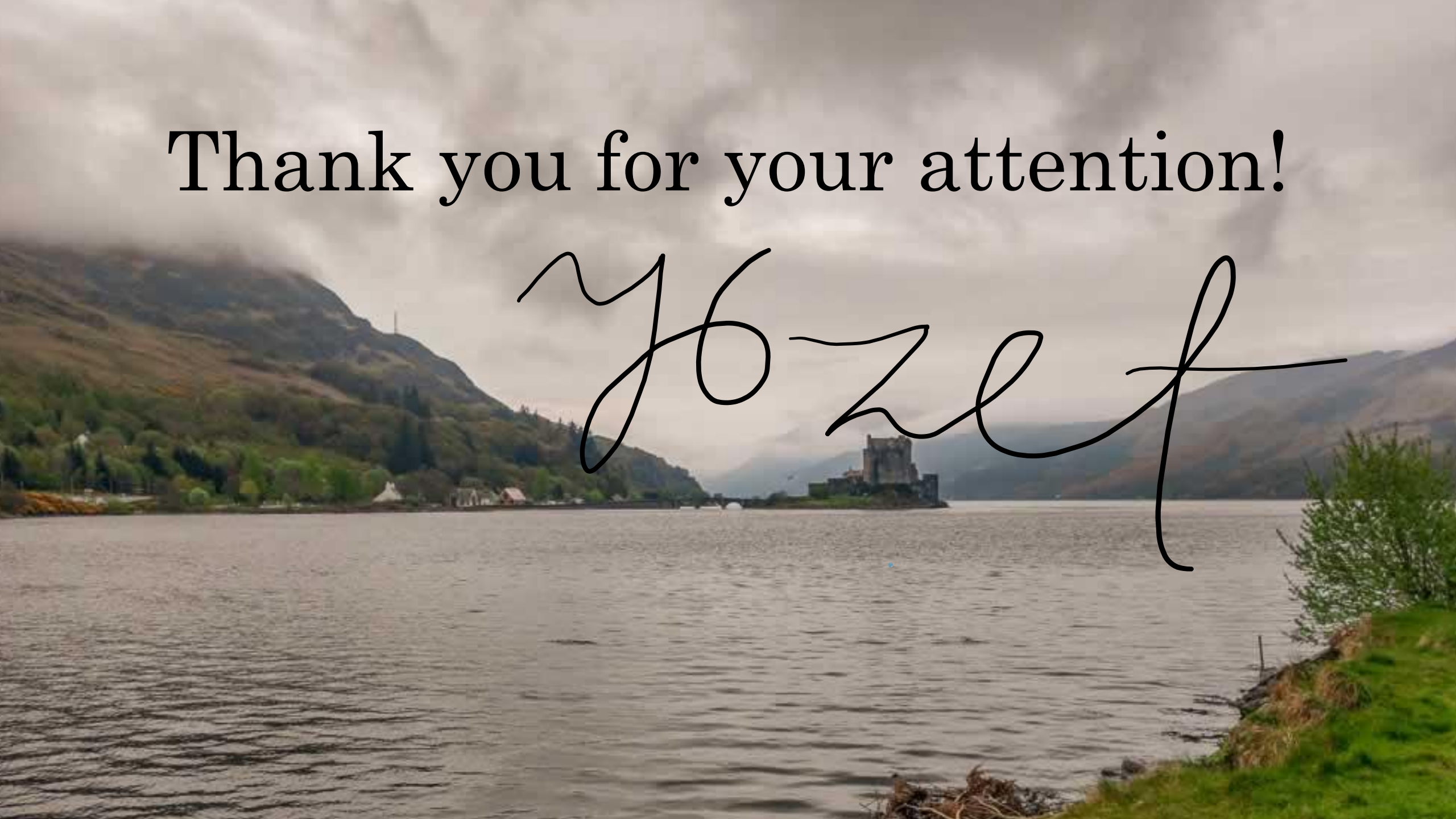
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But remember about the ghost!



Thank you for your attention!

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