



Castles in the UK

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The oldest – Bamburgh Castle

The Bamburgh Castle is located on the shore of the North Sea in England in Northumberland. The first information about this castle comes from around 547. It says that the castle was already powerful then. Built on a dolerite outcrop, the location was previously home to a fort of the indigenous Celtic Britons known as Din Guarie and may have been the capital of the kingdom of Bernicia, the kingdom of the Gododdin people. Also in 547 the citadel was captured by the Anglo-Saxon ruler Ida of Bernicia (Beornice) and became Ida's seat. In 590 Bamburgh was recaptured from the hands of Ida's son, but the Anglo-Saxons managed to retrieve it the same year. The vikings destroyed the castle in 993. After that the Normans built a new castle on the site, which forms the core of the present one. In the 19th century, Bamburgh Castle was bought by Victorian industrialist William Armstrong and restored. His descendants are still the owners of the fortress.



Bamburgh castle now

Currently, the castle is in private hands, but still it's interiors are open to visitors. There is also a museum within the fortress walls.



Real Hogwarts – Alnwick Castle

The Alnwick Castle is located in England around 8 km from the shores of the North Sea in Northumberland. It is residence descended from the Percy family, the princes of Northumberland. The original stone stronghold was erected in the 13th century. The task of the new castle was to protect the then northern outskirts of England from Scottish invasions. Over the centuries, the stronghold was expanded many times.



Real Hogwarts – Alnwick Castle

In the Alnwick Castle was filming many movies for example „Harry Potter”.



Haunted – Glamis Castle

The Glamis Castle is located in Eastern Scotland in Angus. Its origins date back to the turn of the 9th and 10th centuries. The oldest part of the castle is an 11th-century residential tower that served as a hunting lodge for the then kings. This is where the former king of Scotland was hidden after he killed his cousin. The murderer was killed by the rebels in 1034 and he became famous, leaving a stain of blood that cannot be washed away on the floor in the central room. The present appearance of the castle is the result of the last major reconstruction that took place in the 18th century.



Haunted – Glamis Castle

There are many legends with Alnwick Castle and it is also considered haunted. It's ghost is the famous Grey Lady. She likes to visit the castle chapel.



Harlech Castle

Harlech Castle is located in Wales on the bay of Tremadoc. The castle was built in the 13th century at the behest of King Edward I. Welsh campaign caused a conflict between England and Wales in 1282. In 1283 England achieved Harlech. Harlech Castle participated in later uprisings against England in 1294. After further rebellions in the 15th century, the castle was Glyndŵr's residence for 4 years.



Harlech Castle

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Thank you!

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