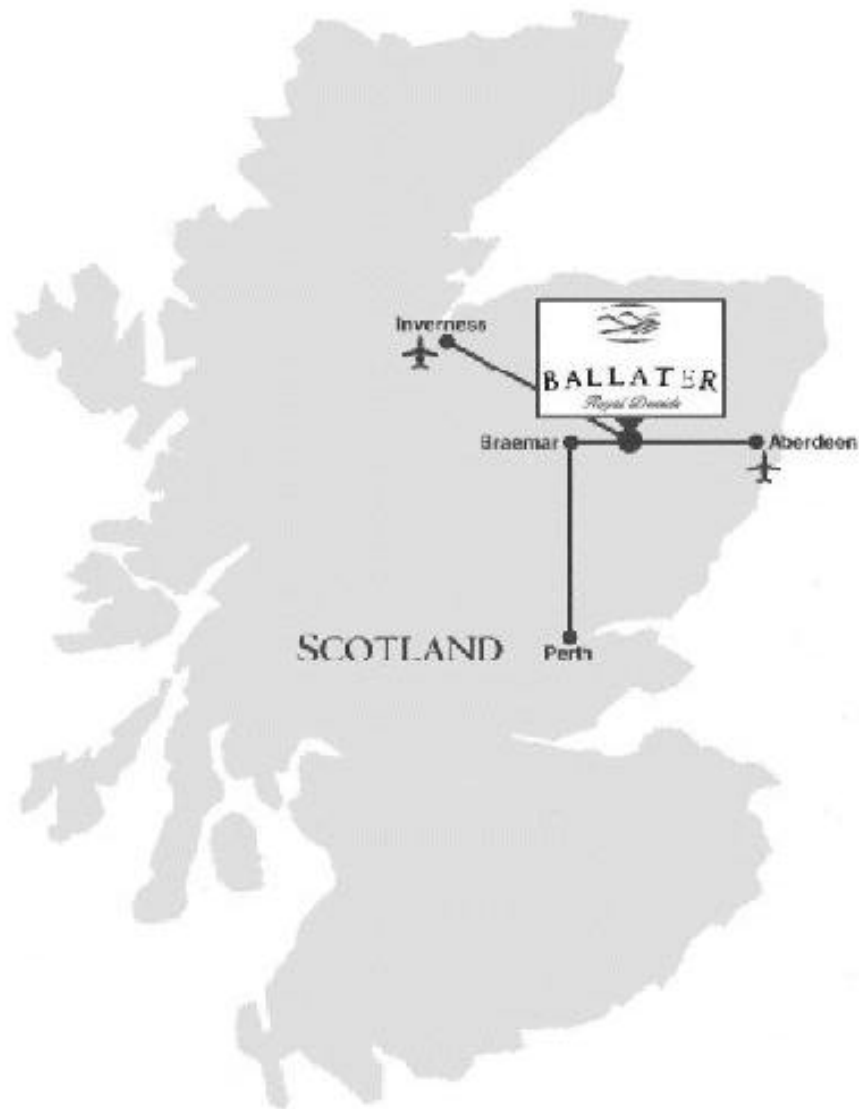


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"This is a green world, with animals comparatively few and small, and all dependent on the leaves. By leaves we live. Some people have strange ideas that they live by money. They think energy is generated by the circulation of coins. Whereas the world is mainly a vast leaf colony, growing on and forming a leafy soil, not a mere mineral mass: and we live not by the jingling of our coins, but by the fullness of our harvests" – Patrick Geddes

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Oban is No.3 in hit parade as webcam draws visitors from throughout the world

OBAN has been declared as the third most popular webcam location in Britain after clocking up almost 25million hits to its Internet sites in the last year.

CamVista Limited, which operates the country's main search engine for location sites, is currently listing Oban in third place to Edinburgh and Plymouth, with Southampton and Glasgow in fourth and fifth place respectively.

Charles Bickett, chief operations officers with Fife-based CamVista, said yesterday: "There are literally thousands of webcams out there, all of different standards, but the beauty of the Oban one is that it is such a dynamic image."

The popular webcam is centred on Oban Bay, which is renowned the world over for its beauty, and Mr Bickett said: "The view on the Oban webcam is always changing, with the MacBrayne ferries coming in, and you get some fantastic sunsets there."

He added that the Oban site had a lot of regular followers.

"I was listening to Radio Scotland this morning and the presenter said that he had just

been looking at the webcam in Oban," he said.

CamVista has recorded 20,859,274 hits for the Oban site in the last year, with Oban and Lorn Tourism Association, which arranged the CamVista link-up, clocking up a further 4million hits on its own more localised site, bringing the grand total of hits to just under 25million.

Colin Mossman, chairman of the tourism association, said: "CamVista have said that the success of our site is phenomenal and that it is one of the better sites, in terms of its views and activities.

"Our own site is full of messages from people from all over the world saying that it's a fantastic site. Many people put it on every day. A lot of people who have moved away from here go into it."

Mr Bickett said the site was especially popular with Americans who were five hours behind us, because, if they logged on to the site at lunchtime, they were regularly viewing marvellous sunsets.

The website can be found at www.camvista.com

