

A GERMAN vet who doubles as a mermaid performer made a splash yesterday as she arrived in Scotland for her first UK show.

Dr Daniela Rodler landed at Edinburgh Airport for a series of live shows at Deep Sea World, North Queensferry.

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She arrived on a flight from Paris in her mermaid outfit.

When she is not in character, mesmerising audiences around the world with her underwater shows, Dr Rodler is a qualified vet and university lecturer.

The former international swimmer and model is also a choir soprano and recently completed a fantasy film due to be released in Germany in September.

She is in Scotland for a series of shows, which will take place daily

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from 11am, until Saturday. Kimberley Hicks, from Deep Sea World, said: "You come across all kinds of interesting people at airports, but a life-size mermaid being carried in to a waiting aquarium van has surely to be among the most bizarre."

When she is not underwater, Dr Rodler will come up for air to attend a veterinary seminar in

Edinburgh.

Mermaids appear in the folklore of many cultures worldwide, including the Near East, Europe, Africa and Asia.

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At one time they were linked with disasters at sea but in modern times the mythical creatures have a much friendlier image.