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Where to celebrate Burns Night in London

Gather your pals, dust off your tartans and raise a dram to Scotland's national poet Robert Burns, who turns 266 this year



How better to shake off the January Blues than with a knees-up Burns Night celebration, complete with whisky, haggis and bagpipes (if you're lucky)? On Sunday 25th January, London's finest restaurants and bars will pay tribute to the great Rabbin Burns, who sits proudly atop the pantheon of Scottish poets. Here, we've compiled a few suggestions for how to celebrate.

The Walmer Castle



There's nowhere better to ring in Burns Night than a proper pub lock-in, and this year the Walmer Castle in Notting Hill delivers. From 19 January, they will be running a week-long celebration of Robert Burns, featuring limited-edition Burns-themed cocktails, craft ales, and Scottish specials. Pair your obligatory whisky with traditional Cullen Skink, Aberdeen Angus beef brisket with crispy haggis, and of course a raspberry cranachan finished with a touch of Scotch whisky. To transform Notting Hill into the Scottish Highlands, expect the stirring sounds of Jamie Kelley on the bagpipes, with each evening kicking off with the traditional Address to the Haggis.