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Happy New Year (in which we travel to Scotland!)

With the turn of the calendar we are now less than six months away from our Scotland adventure!

This is very exciting and it means the sharing of information will be ramping up.

Thank you for paying attention to every email, every reminder, and contacting us with any questions.

It's also January which means we officially kick-off our Scotland 2025 Tour with a very special event on Saturday, January 25. Please keep reading for all the details and don't forget to RSVP!

Burns Night & Ceilidh 2025

Saturday, January 25, 2025 | 6-8 PM at MYArts

On Saturday, January 25, in towns and cities all over the world, people will gather for a traditional <u>Burns Supper</u> to celebrate the birthday of Scotland's national poet, <u>Robert Burns</u> with eating, drinking, singing, and dancing.

You are enthusiastically invited to join MYC's celebration of this global event on Saturday, January 25, from 6-8PM on the Fourth Floor of MYArts. There will be snacks, Scottish desserts (prepared by you!), dancing, singing, and toasting! This is our official kick-off of the Scotland 2025 Tour and is open to all registered tour participants and their

families. There is no cost to attend but we will gladly accept donations that evening to help cover expenses.

We hope you will join us for this educational and festive event!

The Program

We will gather at 6 PM for snacks, dessert, and toasting followed by a brief Burns Night program (with a few surprises), followed by dancing! Come prepared to kick up your heels! Comfortable clothes (get out your plaid!) and shoes (or no shoes) are highly recommended. Scottish dancing queen and long-time friend of MYC, Rebecca Winnie, will be teaching and leading us in our very own Scottish *ceilidh* (dance party!). The evening will close with the always memorable, *Auld Lang Syne--*you'll want to stay until the end!

The Tasty Treats Potluck

When you click the RSVP you'll have the opportunity to sign up to bring a platter of cheese and crackers, fruit, a dessert, or cider to share. Our desserts are traditional Scottish shortbread and tablet. You are probably familiar with shortbread—the miracle that happens when you combine butter, flour, and sugar. Tablet is likely new to you unless you have traveled to the UK. It's a delight but can be somewhat of an adventure to prepare. Use the recipes linked above, your own, or search online for a version that appeals to you!

Whatever you decide to bring, thank you for bringing a quantity to serve 10-15 people, plated and ready to serve. This is a finger food only event--no utensils will be needed (or provided).

The Great (MYC) Scottish Bake-Off

NEW this year: Let's have a bake-off!

If you decide to bring shortbread or tablet, you are also invited to enter your item in the Great (MYC) Scottish Bake-Off. You'll have the opportunity to indicate your intent to enter on the RSVP form. We'll have a process for reserving a few pieces of your recipe

for our illustrious judging panel and the winners will be announced at the end of the night.

Is there a prize? Perhaps? Bragging rights for certain, and a lot of fun!

Get creative, find your winning recipe, and enter!

Reservation Required by Thursday, January 23

So we know who is joining us, a reservation to attend Burns Night 2025 is required by Thursday, January 23.

We will sing, dance, eat, and make merry on a cold winter's night while celebrating all things Scottish. Please join us!

RSVP