

## Burns Night

**January 25**

January 2009 marks the 250th anniversary of Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns. Burns Suppers, a traditional dinner including haggis, neeps and tatties, are shared annually in his honour across the country and around the UK in homes, pub and bars. Special events are scheduled across Scotland to mark the anniversary.

[www.homecomingscotland2009.com](http://www.homecomingscotland2009.com)

## Ceilidh Culture

**March-April**

Edinburgh's annual showcase of traditional arts, including performances from the best of Scotland's home-grown talent alongside international artists.

[www.ceilidhculture.co.uk](http://www.ceilidhculture.co.uk)

## Edinburgh Spring Festival

**Easter holidays**

A three-day festival including Britain's largest Easter event – ideal for family fun, the majority of events are also free of charge.

[www.edinburgheaster.co.uk](http://www.edinburgheaster.co.uk)

## Edinburgh International Science Festival

**April**

Meet real life scientists and explore everything from the Milky Way to cyberspace, engineering to human health at this festival that celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2008.

[www.sciencefestival.co.uk](http://www.sciencefestival.co.uk)

## Bank of Scotland Children's International Theatre Festival

**End of May**

The UK's largest festival for children and young people, described by *The Herald* as a "treasure trove of imaginative surprises." Children as young as six months can enjoy the performances and many of the acts are also on tour.

[www.imaginate.org.uk](http://www.imaginate.org.uk)

## Edinburgh International Film Festival

**June**

Home of innovative and exciting cinema, the EIFF is the longest continuously running film festival in the world and has presented some of cinema's most important and exciting moments and played host to the world's greatest filmmakers.

[www.edfilmfest.org.uk](http://www.edfilmfest.org.uk)

## Royal Highland Show

**July**

Held over four days the Royal Highland Show is Scotland's premier agricultural show, showcasing all aspects of farming and rural life. Situated right next to Edinburgh airport, 2008's event attracted 1,700 exhibitors and over 161,000 visitors.

[www.royalhighlandshow.org](http://www.royalhighlandshow.org)

## Edinburgh Art Festival

**July – September**

The festival showcases some of the best international and Scottish visual arts, from blockbuster exhibitions to grassroots, artist-led projects and takes place right in the heart of festival season.

[www.edinburghartfestival.org](http://www.edinburghartfestival.org)



Film Festival



Science Festival

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