

# Robert Burns

Robert Burns was a Scottish poet and lyricist and is known as the national poet of Scotland. His work is very well known and celebrated worldwide. He wrote his works in both the Scots language and Standard English and he sometimes liked to voice his political views through them. He also wrote folk songs which are still enjoyed by many people today.

## Burns Night

The Scottish and many other people celebrate Robert's life every year on his birthday, 25th January by having a Burns Supper on Burns Night.

A traditional Burns supper will include a serving of haggis, a Scottish favourite that is a savoury pudding made with sheep's stomach stuffed with minced sheep's liver, heart, lungs, oatmeal, onion and suet. Scotch Whisky will also be served. On a Burns night, bagpipes will usually be played.

## A National Figure

The Scottish are immensely proud of Robert Burn's achievements and regard him as a national treasure. The Robert Burn's Birthplace Museum is situated in the location of Robert's first ever home built by his father, William Burness. It is located on Murdoch's Lone in Alloway, South Ayrshire, Scotland.

### Date of Birth

25<sup>th</sup> January 1759

### Date of Death

21st July 1796

### Children

He had 12 children altogether, resulting in 600 living descendants today.

