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**MARY BERRY’S HIGHLAND CHRISTMAS**

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Join The Beloved Home Cook In Her Mother’s Homeland, Scotland,

As She Prepares Favorite Christmas Dishes with Scottish Friends

Andy Murray, Iain Stirling, and Emeli Sandé

ARLINGTON, VA – In her latest holiday special, Dame Mary Berry travels to her mother’s homeland, Scotland, for a magical winter adventure. Inspired by her own family holidays, Mary cooks up an array of sumptuous dishes, joined by three special friends: former world number one tennis player and US Open champion Andy Murray; BAFTA Award-winning comedian, writer and *Love Island* narrator Iain Stirling; and singer/songwriter Emeli Sandé. Together they’ll share stories, memories and indulgent Christmas dishes that can be enjoyed anytime during the holidays. **MARY BERRY’S HIGHLAND CHRISTMAS** premieres Monday, December 18, 2023, 9:00-10:00 pm ET ([check local listings](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules/)) on PBS, [PBS.org](http://www.pbs.org/) and the [PBS App.](https://www.pbs.org/pbs-video-app/)



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“I’ve always been incredibly proud of my Scottish heritage, so where better to get cozy and cook for the holidays than in the Scottish Highlands,” says Dame Mary. This new special finds Mary preparing favorite holiday dishes, many of which are inspired by her family’s roots in Scotland. On the menu is a spectacular Christmas Cranachan Pavlova Wreath, combining the traditional Scottish dessert made from oats, fruit and cream with a pavlova twist. And during a visit to tennis legend Andy Murray’s hotel in Dunblane, Mary, Andy and his grandmother cook up the classic breakfast dish Kedgeree.

The holidays are meant for entertaining and Mary shares her festive Smoked Salmon and Guacamole canape recipe, followed by a Fennel and Onion Tarte Tatin. Iain Stirling attempts to herd some reindeer while Mary rustles up an indulgent Christmas fondue with a surprising twist.

Mary shares her iconic ‘Highland Beef Pie,’ made with Aberdeen Angus beef and pickled walnuts, and then it’s off to a traditional Scottish celebration known as a *ceilidh*, where she makes her classic mulled wine for the revelers. Aberdeenshire-raised singer Emeli Sandé pops in to help Mary make her classic Bûche du Noël before surprising her with some special visitors — a choir of carolers performing outside the cottage in the snow. It’s the perfect end to a delightful Scottish holiday with the Queen of British cookery.

[Dame Mary Berry](https://www.maryberry.co.uk/about-mary-berry/)is the author of over 70 books, including the bestselling *Mary Berry Cooks*, *Mary Berry's Absolute Favorites*, *Mary Berry At Home,* and *Mary Berry's Baking Bible*. She was the much-loved judge on the BBC's *The Great British Bake Off* (which aired for five seasons on PBS as *The Great British Baking Show*) and has been teaching the world to cook for over four decades. Following her training at the Cordon Bleu in Paris, Mary began her career as a magazine cookery editor before publishing her first cookbook in 1966. In 2009, Mary was awarded the highly coveted Guild of Food Writers Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2012 she was made a CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

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