

# DECEMBER



## All in all

This month not all that much has happened. It's really been a month of studying in the run up to exams. On the second of December I had my first try of Korean food 韩国菜 at a buffet then went skiing again the next weekend. Over the month I have been booking some flights and looking at places to travel over the winter holidays. On the 18th Colin and I, along with a Congolese friend, went to our teacher's child's school to teach them African and Scottish country dancing. On the 20th we had all the scholars in a room with friends to watch the grinch in the lead up to Christmas and it ended up being a really fun evening where we sang Christmas songs too! Next was of course Christmas and New year which was great and I'll explain more of...



## Festive Period

Christmas Eve I spent the afternoon at a new good friend's restaurant making dumpling 饺子 then headed home for a party Henry had organised. We made our own bar, played games and just had a good dance and chat together including others at the university. My mum and brother arrived on Christmas where I met them in Beijing after their flight. Both were tired and ready to go to sleep but when they arrived we swapped gifts and then they went off to bed. Once they had gone it was time for our Scottish Scholars Secret Santa and then to order food 外卖 to our building so we could eat together 一起吃. It was really nice as we could spend plenty of time together and see what everyone had got their Secret Santa. Amy has me and gave me a bag of gifts- notebook, marshmallows, soap, Starbucks key ring with keycard holder and the book The Little Prince. That night we spent just chatting away and enjoying it together including some of us making gingerbread houses! The 26th was quiet with nothing much going on apart from showing my mum and brother around Tianjin a little and then studying some more :(

