

THE SEPTEMBER EDITION



# THE MINI MAG

— MONTHLY —

FOCUS ON  
HALLOWEEN



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# *Rightly fun adventures* YOUR SPOOKY TRAVEL GUIDE

## Welcome to Your Haunted Holiday Guide!

Get ready to explore spine-tingling destinations, eerie events, and wickedly fun travel ideas. Whether you're chasing ghosts, pumpkins, or just unforgettable memories, this edition is packed with thrills and chills from around the globe. Dare to turn the page... if you're brave enough.

### Inside this Edition:

- The history of Halloween
- UK cities to visit
- Halloween deals
- European cities to visit
- American cities to visit
- Sail with Virgin Voyages Halloween cruises
- Sail with Disney for Halloween treats





The very name “Halloween” comes from the old European celebration of All Hallows’ Eve, which took place on the eve of the Christian feast of All Hallows’ Day (also known as All Saint’s Day).

During this festival, people celebrated the hallows - saints, not magical objects!

People would even dress up as saints and go door to door reciting songs, and asking for “soul cakes” – which was the origin of today’s Trick-or-Treating.



# *But why...* **SO SPOOKY**

When we think of Halloween today, we often picture quirky costumes, eerie decorations, and endless sweets. But the holiday's roots run much deeper than many realise.

Originally, people would don costumes and light bonfires to ward off wandering spirits. While the holiday has evolved into the festive occasion of trick-or-treating and costume parties we know now, its history is rich with ancient traditions.

## **Ancient customs**

Many of the customs we enjoy today, from dressing up to carving pumpkins, are rooted in the ancient Gaelic festival of Samhain. Marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter, Samhain was a time when people believed the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead was at its thinnest.

As these traditions crossed the Atlantic with Irish and Scottish immigrants, they evolved into the vibrant, light-hearted celebration that has become the global phenomenon that we all know and love, and celebrate annually.

## **Something different?**

But this year, why not experience Halloween in a whole new way? With destinations around the world embracing the Halloween spirit in their own unique ways, there's no better time to explore new traditions and hauntingly fun celebrations. From spine-tingling festivals to ghostly tours, the possibilities for a Halloween getaway are endless.

In this special edition, we'll take you on a tour of some of the most thrilling and spooky places to celebrate Halloween.

So, grab your costume and join us as we explore the world of Halloween like never before!



# HALLOWEEN CUSTOMS

Many of the Halloween traditions we celebrate today are deeply rooted in the ancient Gaelic festival of Samhain. This festival, held at the end of October, marked the transition from harvest season to winter, when the days grew shorter and darker. The ancient Celts believed that during this time, the veil between the living and the dead was at its thinnest, allowing spirits to cross over into the mortal world.

## Costumes

Samhain was a time for rituals that connected with the deceased, both to honour them, but also to ward off malevolent spirits. People would light bonfires and wear costumes, often animal skins or masks, to disguise themselves from any harmful ghosts that might wander through.

As centuries passed, the festival's somber and spiritual tone gradually transformed. When Irish and Scottish immigrants brought their traditions to North America, Samhain began to blend with local customs. By the early 20th century, it had evolved into the playful, family-friendly celebration we know today—filled with costume parties, pumpkin carving, and trick-or-treating.

## Mysticism

While Halloween may now be a night of fun and fantasy, its roots in Samhain remind us that it once carried deeper meanings, tied to the cycles of nature and the mystery of life and death. This ancient connection adds a sense of history and mysticism to a holiday that continues to enchant people of all ages.





*The Ultimate Halloween Destination*  
**DERRY, IRELAND**

When the leaves turn golden and a chill creeps into the air, few places embrace the spirit of Halloween quite like Derry, Ireland. Nestled in Northern Ireland along the River Foyle, this historic walled city transforms every October into a hauntingly magical place where ancient Celtic traditions meet spine-tingling fun.

Derry's cobbled streets, medieval walls, and centuries-old buildings provide the perfect gothic backdrop for Halloween festivities. With a history of sieges, rebellions, and ghost stories passed down through generations, Derry naturally oozes mystery and atmosphere. It's no wonder it's often ranked as one of the best Halloween destinations in the world, alongside Salem and Transylvania.

#### **THE DERRY HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL: WHERE SPIRITS COME TO LIFE**

The Derry Halloween Festival is a spectacle like no other. Held annually at the end of October, it draws visitors from across the globe who come to experience a celebration rooted in Samhain, the ancient Celtic festival marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the darker half of the year.

#### **EXPECT:**

- Parades of mythical creatures and fire jugglers winding through the streets
- Live music and street performances that bring Irish folklore to life
- Ghost tours through Derry's most haunted spots
- A costume carnival where creativity knows no bounds
- And the grand finale: an epic fireworks display over the River Foyle, illuminating the city in an eerie, beautiful glow

#### **MYTHS, MAGIC, AND CELTIC ROOTS**

Halloween, or Oíche Shamhna in Irish, originated from ancient Celtic traditions where it was believed that the boundary between the living and the dead blurred on October 31st. Derry honors this heritage by blending authentic folklore with modern Halloween theatrics, creating an immersive experience for all ages.

Explore the Awakening the Walls trail, where the city's iconic walls come alive with light installations, spooky projections, and interactive storytelling that bring ancient Irish myths back from the grave.

*The Ultimate Halloween Destination*

# DERRY, IRELAND



## **FAMILY-FRIENDLY FRIGHTS & GROWN-UP GHOULISHNESS**

Derry Halloween isn't just for the brave-hearted. Families can enjoy pumpkin carving, street theatre, and magical children's events during the day, while adults can revel in haunted pubs, ghost walks, and late-night live music that keep the spooky vibes going well after dark.

## **WHERE TO STAY & WHAT TO EAT**

Derry's cozy hotels and charming B&Bs fill up fast in October, so booking early is a must. While you're in town, indulge in local fare—hearty Irish stews, spiced apple treats, and maybe even a barmbrack (a traditional Halloween fruitcake with hidden fortunes baked inside).

## **WHY YOU SHOULD VISIT DERRY THIS HALLOWEEN**

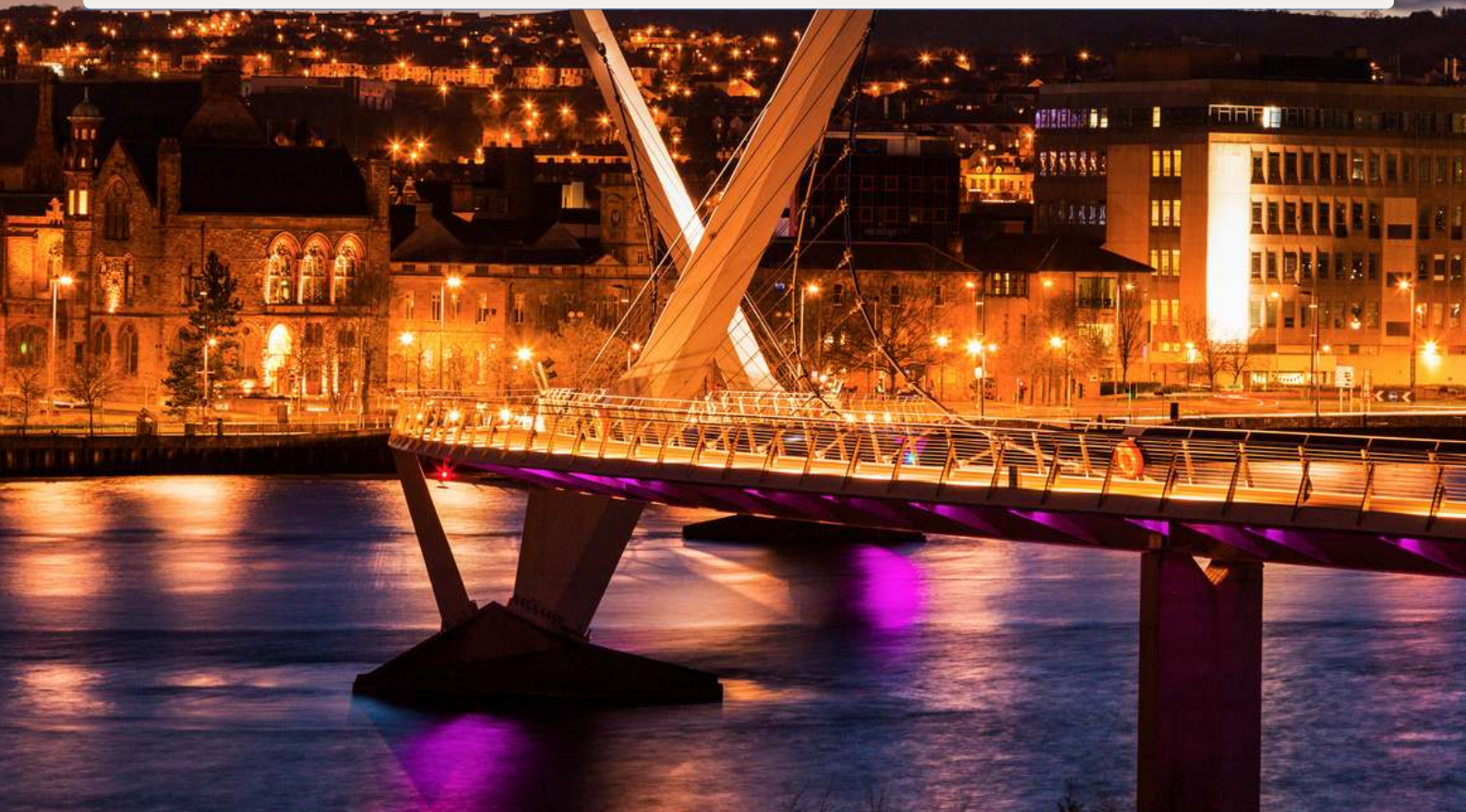
If you're looking for an unforgettable Halloween experience full of folklore, fun, and fright, Derry delivers in spades. It's not just a party—it's a pilgrimage to the true heart of Halloween. Where ancient spirits dance through the streets and every corner whispers a ghost story, Derry invites you to step into the shadows of history and celebrate the season where it all began.



# DERRY

**2 NIGHT STAY IN DERRY  
FROM £415PP**

**30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER- DEPARTING FROM HEATHROW  
OTHER AIRPORTS AND DEPARTURE DATES AVAILABLE**



Enjoy everything Derry has to offer over Halloween on this 2 night stay (this can be extended at additional cost)

**What's Included:**

- Round trip flights from Heathrow
- 20kg baggage allowance
- 2 night stay at 4\* Everglades Hotel
- Executive room

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EXPLORING IRELANDS NORTH WEST

THE HOTEL HAS ITS OWN RESTAURANT AND BAR

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*Hauntingly Historic...*

# HALLOWEEN IN SCOTLAND

If you're seeking a spine-tingling experience this autumn, few places celebrate Halloween quite like Scotland—a country steeped in eerie legends, ancient traditions, and gothic charm.

Unlike the commercialized festivities elsewhere, Halloween in Scotland has deep Celtic roots. Known originally as Samhain, this ancient festival marked the end of the harvest and the beginning of the darker half of the year. The Celts believed the veil between the living and the dead was at its thinnest on October 31st, making it a time for both celebration and caution.

Today, echoes of Samhain can still be felt in Scottish Halloween customs. Guising, Scotland's answer to trick-or-treating, sees children dressed in spooky costumes, performing songs or jokes in exchange for sweets—an older tradition than the American version. Neep lanterns (carved turnips) light the windowsills in rural towns, a far more sinister-looking alternative to pumpkins.

For travellers, Scotland offers a haunting array of Halloween experiences. Wander the dark alleys of Edinburgh's Old Town on a ghost tour, visit the haunted halls of Glamis Castle, or attend the Samhuinn Fire Festival, a modern-day celebration of Celtic lore on Calton Hill.

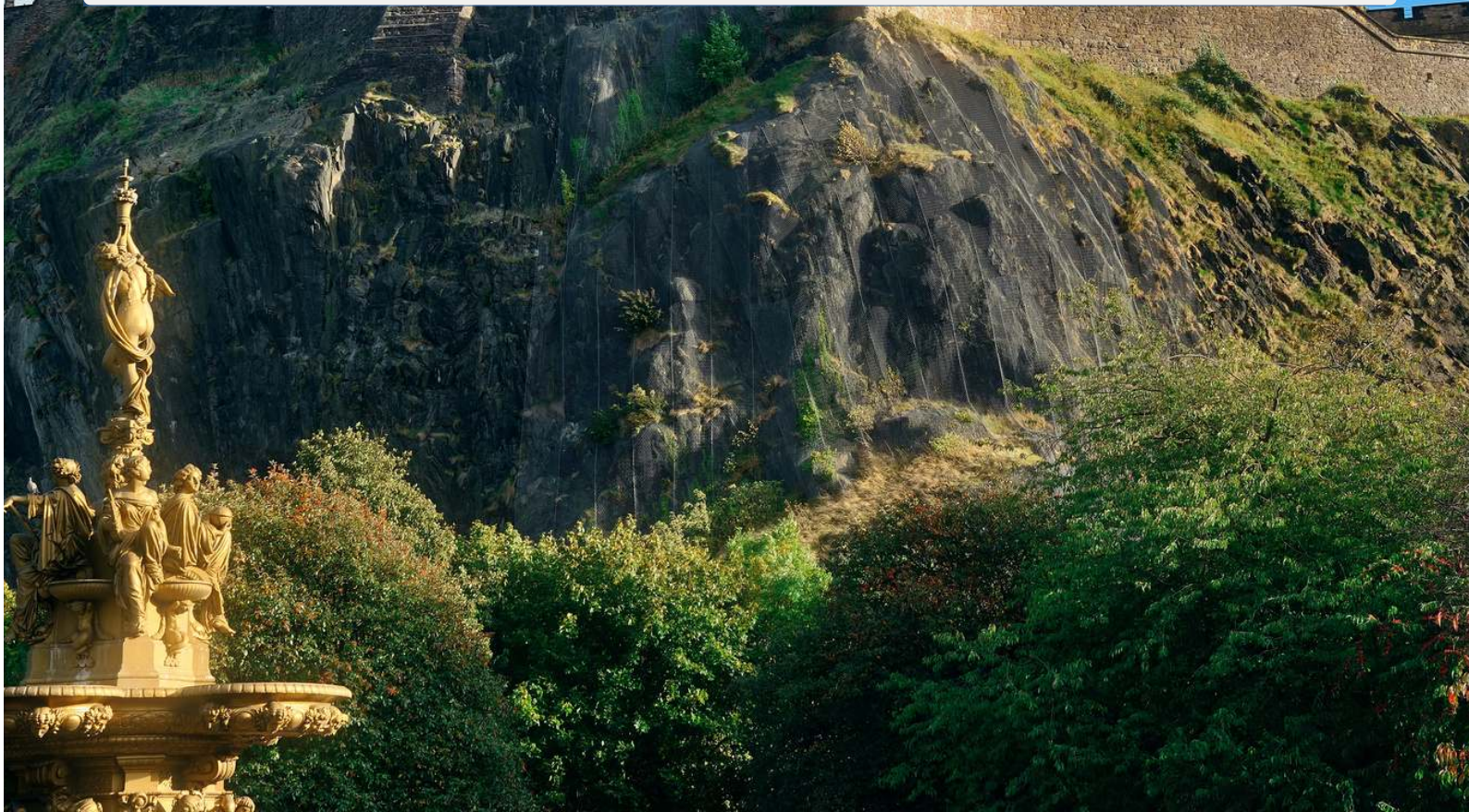
Whether you're drawn to its rich folklore or the promise of a good scare, Halloween in Scotland is more than a night of fun—it's a doorway into the country's mystical past.



# EDINBURGH

FROM £351PP

30 OCTOBER - 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 - DEPARTING FROM STANSEDE  
OTHER AIRPORTS AND DEPARTURE DATES AVAILABLE



Enjoy everything Edinburgh has to offer over Halloween on this 2 night stay (this can be extended at additional cost)

#### What's Included:

- Round trip flights from Heathrow
- 2 night stay at Raddison Blu Hotel
- Double room
- Free WI-FI

#### WHAT WE LOVE

- SWIMMING POOL & SPA IN HOTEL
- RESTAURANT & BAR WITHIN HOTEL
- CENTRAL LOCATION

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# EXPERIENCE HALLOWEEN MAGIC IN LONDON



London may be known for its royal landmarks and bustling streets, but come Halloween, the capital takes on a darker, eerier charm that's perfect for thrill-seeking travellers.

With its long and often bloody history—from the Tower of London's executions to the shadowy legacy of Jack the Ripper—London provides the ultimate backdrop for Halloween chills. The city's historic buildings and foggy alleyways set the stage for ghoulish fun and supernatural tales.

Modern Halloween in London blends traditional fright with theatrical flair. Haunted attractions like The London Dungeon and Ghost Bus Tours offer spine-tingling stories brought to life by actors. Brave souls can take part in late-night ghost walks through Highgate Cemetery or trace the steps of the Ripper in Whitechapel.

For those after more playful scares, there's no shortage of themed events—from spooky Thames cruises to costumed parties in Soho and family-friendly fun at places like the Harry Potter Studio Tour, which gets a Halloween makeover each year.

Whether you're in search of haunted history, creepy cocktails, or just a good ghost story, London's Halloween scene offers something for every kind of traveller—just don't be surprised if the city's shadows feel a little more alive this time of year.

## TOP 5 THINGS TO DO;

- **Take a Jack the Ripper Walking tour in Whitechapel** - follow in the footsteps of history's most infamous serial killer.
- **Visit the London Dungeons** - During Halloween, expect extra scares and darker stories.
- **Attend the Samhain Gathering at Queen of Hoxton** - The Shoreditch rooftop bar is known for its immersive themed pop-ups. Each Halloween, it transforms into a pagan-inspired wonderland celebrating Samhain—the ancient Celtic festival that inspired modern Halloween.
- **Explore Highgate Cemetery by Lantern Light** - one of London's most atmospheric cemeteries that is said to be haunted.
- **Go all Out at a London Halloween Party** - check out the Natural History Museum's 'Late' Halloween event, Ministry of Sounds costume rave or a haunted boat party along the Thames





Take Great Delight in a pre-show dinner at Gaucho Piccadilly, a renowned Argentine restaurant before witnessing Andrew Lloyd Webber's iconic and timeless musical, The Phantom of the Opera in London's West End with Band A tickets. Conclude your evening with a comfortable stay at the President Hotel, conveniently located near Oxford Street and London's Theatreland.

Your Break includes:

- Bed and breakfast
- 2 course pre-show dinner at Gaucho Piccadilly (worth £27 per person)
- 2 Band A tickets for The Phantom of the Opera (worth up to £95 per person)
- 2 complimentary one way river cruise tickets (worth £13.50 per person)
- Can be booked for multiple nights



Where better to celebrate Halloween than the home of the world's most famous vampire, Count Dracula?

If you're looking for a truly spooky Halloween, join the hordes of tourists who flock to Transylvania to celebrate Halloween in the shadow of Bran Castle (the real Dracula's Castle). The dense forest setting on the high mountains of Transylvania set the right mood for Halloween naturally.

Besides this, the beautiful region of Romania also offers various other spooky castles, ruins and numerous events in the capital, Bucharest. Romanians also celebrate the "Day of the Dead" on 1 November, and the Feast of St. Andrew on 30 November which has many customs similar to the traditional All Hollow's Eve.

Top Recommendations: Dracula Film Festival, Halloween dinner at Bran Castle

# DRACULA'S PLAYGROUND

If there's one place in Europe that feels tailor-made for Halloween, it's Romania—and Bucharest, its lively capital, offers a thrilling mix of gothic lore, modern revelry, and spine-tingling experiences.

While the city itself isn't home to Count Dracula, it's the gateway to Transylvania—the legendary land of vampires and haunted castles. Halloween in Bucharest often kicks off with themed events, costume parties, and eerie tours that lean into the Dracula mythos and Romania's deep-rooted folklore.

The city comes alive with haunted house pop-ups, horror film festivals, and gothic club nights in hidden bars and abandoned buildings. For a truly unforgettable Halloween, many travellers use Bucharest as their base to attend the famous Halloween party at Bran Castle (a few hours' drive away), where you can celebrate inside the castle often linked to the Dracula legend.



During the season, don't miss a ghost tour of Bucharest's Old Town, exploring eerie alleys, abandoned churches, and legends of the city's haunted past. Or, take a day trip to Snagov Monastery, where Vlad the Impaler is said to be buried.

Whether you're drawn by folklore, architecture, or the thrill of the unknown, Halloween in Bucharest offers a darkly magical escape—and a unique way to walk the line between history and horror.



# BUCHAREST

FROM £285PP

29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 - DEPARTING FROM STANSTED  
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The perfect destination for Halloween for anyone who loves a mix of history, mystery and nightlife.

#### What's Included:

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#### DESTINATIONS

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# A SPOOKY ESCAPE IN EUROPE'S MOST ENCHANTED CITY



When autumn's golden leaves scatter across the Danube and the city's grand architecture is cloaked in mist, Budapest takes on an otherworldly charm. With its Gothic buildings, underground labyrinths, and tales of restless spirits, Hungary's capital is the perfect destination for a Halloween getaway that blends eerie atmosphere with unforgettable beauty.

## The Haunted Side of Budapest

Budapest's history stretches back centuries, and with it come legends of haunted castles, creepy cellars, and ghostly encounters.

- Buda Castle Labyrinth – Beneath the castle district lies a maze of tunnels once used as a military hideout, prison, and even a torture chamber. Dimly lit passages and eerie echoes make it feel like stepping into a real-life horror story.
- Vajdahunyad Castle – With its turrets, ivy-covered walls, and shadowy corners, this fairytale-like castle looks straight out of a vampire legend, especially when wrapped in autumn fog.
- The House of Terror Museum – While more sobering than supernatural, its dark history and chilling exhibits about Hungary's past create an atmosphere that lingers long after you leave.

## HALLOWEEN EVENTS & FESTIVITIES

While Hungary doesn't traditionally celebrate Halloween in the same way as the UK or US, the city has embraced the fun in recent years:

- The Halloween Budapest Boat Party: Dance under the city lights on the Danube, often with costumes, DJs, and themed cocktails.
- Escape Rooms: Budapest is famous for its escape rooms — many offer special Halloween scenarios with creepy storylines.
- Pumpkin Festivals: Around late October, farmers' markets and public squares feature pumpkin displays and seasonal treats.



# THRILLING HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES IN AMSTERDAM!



Although Halloween isn't traditionally Dutch, it's widely celebrated in Amsterdam by locals, students, and expats alike. The city comes alive with trick-or-treaters, spooky parties, and candle-lit pumpkins on doorsteps. This year, Halloween falls on a Friday, but 'killer' events will continue through the weekend.

For partygoers, Amsterdam's clubs and bars will be packed with costumed revelers. Top pick: Belushi's, near the Red Light District, hosts Halloween parties on the 31<sup>st</sup> where it will morph into the Inner Sanctum of Hell, a spine-chilling realm where you can unleash your darkest desires and hidden demons!

For horror fans, catch terrifying films at the Pathe Tuschinski Theater during the Mr. Horror's Halloween Horror Show, or enjoy the Rocky Horror Picture Show with live actors at the Q-Factory for just €10.

# AMSTERDAM

4 NIGHT STAY IN AMSTERDAM  
FROM £435

29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2025- DEPARTING FROM LUTON  
OTHER AIRPORTS AND DEPARTURE DATES AVAILABLE



Amsterdam embraces Halloween with a mix of traditional Dutch celebrations and modern, party orientated festivities.

#### What's Included:

- Round trip flights from Luton
- 4 night stay at 4 \* Hotel Pontsteiger
- Twin or double room

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# WHERE HISTORY MEETS MAGIC



*Salem*

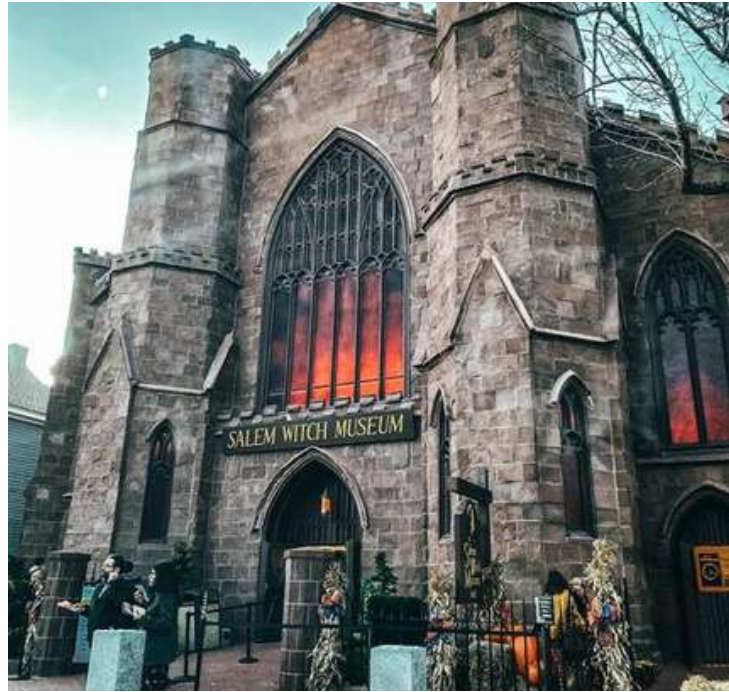
Few places capture the spirit of Halloween quite like Salem, Massachusetts. Famous for the infamous 1692 witch trials, Salem has embraced its haunted history to become one of the most magical—and spine-chilling—Halloween destinations on the planet.

Throughout October, the city transforms into a full-blown festival of the strange and supernatural. The Haunted Happenings celebration draws visitors from around the world, offering everything from witch tours and ghost walks to costume balls, parades, and psychic fairs.

Explore eerie sites like the Salem Witch Museum, Old Burying Point Cemetery, or the House of the Seven Gables. During Halloween week, the town's cobblestone streets fill with costumed crowds, street performers, candlelit vigils, and live reenactments of Salem's chilling past.

Salem masterfully blends real history with theatrical fun. Whether you're drawn by curiosity, love all things spooky, or simply want to experience Halloween in its most iconic setting, Salem offers a once-in-a-lifetime October experience.

Just be sure to book early—hotels fill fast, and the witches won't wait!



*History meets Magic*

## SALEM

The Salem Witch Museum, for example, offers powerful exhibits detailing the witch trials and their impact on the community. Visitors can explore the eerie grounds and learn about the lives of those who suffered during this tumultuous period.

Throughout October, the town hosts a range of events designed to delight both the young and the young-at-heart. Everything from Carnival rides and paranormal tours that delve into Salem's haunted past to exquisite balls that transport attendees back in time, there's no shortage of activities.

The famous Witches' Halloween Ball, held annually, is a highlight, where revellers don their most elaborate costumes and dance the night away in a celebration of all things witchy.

### Hocus Pocus

Salem's unique history and Halloween festivities have inspired countless films, books, and television shows.

The 1993 Disney classic Hocus Pocus has become a cult favourite, depicting a comedic tale of three witch sisters who return to Salem on Halloween night. The film has sparked a resurgence of interest in the town, with fans flocking to experience the locations featured in the movie.

Top three recommendations:

1. Festival of the Dead: Celebrate the lives lost to the witch trials with art, music, and more.
2. Witches' Halloween Ball: A highlight of Salem's Halloween.
3. Paranormal Tours: Experience spine-tingling stories on guided tours of Salem's haunted sites.



# MULTI CITY TRIP

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**27TH OCTOBER - LONDON HEATHROW - £1666PP**

**OTHER AIRPORTS AND DEPARTURE DATES AVAILABLE**



Experience true chills with a journey through 2 of Americas most haunted cities. Explore New York's shadowy catacombs and Ghostly Greenwich Village, then head to Boston and sail to Salem on All Hallow's Eve. Walk the eerie streets where witch trials once ruled, visiting haunted sites like the Witch House and Witchcraft memorial

#### **What's Included:**

- Round flights from Heathrow
- 3 nights at 4\* Hotel Edison in a standard room with breakfast
- New York Catacombs by Candlelight tour
- Ghost tour round Greenwich Village
- Business class rail to Boston
- 3 nights at 4\* Hilton Boston Park
- Salem high speed ferry return & witch trials walking tour
- Naples, Ital

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## *Spirits & Spells* **HALLOWEEN IN NEW ORLEANS**

When it comes to celebrating the eerie, the mystical, and the extravagant, New Orleans knows how to do Halloween like no other city. With its deep-rooted voodoo culture, haunted history, and a flair for the dramatic, the Crescent City offers a Halloween experience that's both spooky and spectacular.

Unlike anywhere else, Halloween in New Orleans is equal parts parade, party, and paranormal. The famous French Quarter becomes a costumed wonderland filled with live music, late-night revelry, and centuries-old ghost stories echoing through its narrow streets. Locals and visitors alike don elaborate costumes that rival Mardi Gras, making it one of the most visually stunning places to be in late October.

Don't miss the Krewe of Boo, New Orleans' official Halloween parade, featuring extravagant floats, marching bands, and ghoulish fun. Dive into the city's mystical side with a visit to the Voodoo Museum, attend a cemetery tour through St. Louis No. 1, or get a tarot reading in Jackson Square.

For the bravest, explore the city's haunted mansions, join a ghost or vampire tour, or dance the night away at a masquerade ball in a historic mansion.

With its unique blend of Southern Gothic, supernatural legends, and nonstop celebration, Halloween in New Orleans isn't just a holiday—it's an unforgettable adventure into the weird, wild, and wonderfully wicked.



# NEW ORLEANS

## FROM £1,199PP

30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 - DEPARTING FROM LONDON HEATHROW  
OTHER AIRPORTS AND DEPARTURE DATES AVAILABLE



Do you agree to stay in one of New Orleans' most haunted hotels this Halloween?

This Halloween, step into the heart of New Orleans, where this air is thick with mystery and the streets echo centuries of stories.

#### What's Included

- Return flights with 23kg baggage
- Return airport transfers
- 5 nights at 4\* Le Pavillion Hotel in a traditional room, room only
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- New Orleans Premier Ghost, Voodoo & Vampire walking tour
- Cemetery bus tour after dark

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- Consider your destination when packing and prepare for the weather
- Pack appropriate outfits for excursions, including footwear
- Download the cruise line app to view activities and create reservations
- Depending on your destination, check your passport expiry dates, visas etc
- Complete your online check-in three days prior to departure
- Your travel documentation and passport – safes are in every cabin for safe keeping
- Pack essential items, such as medication, in a carry-on for easy accessibility
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# *Sin city in costume* **HALLOWEEN IN VEGAS**

When it comes to Halloween, no city does “dress to impress” quite like Las Vegas. By day, the Strip’s dazzling lights and larger-than-life attractions lure visitors from all over the world. By night on October 31st, those same streets transform into a living, breathing costume party—equal parts spooky, seductive, and over-the-top.

## **The Strip: A Parade of Characters**

Forget trick-or-treating—on Halloween, the Las Vegas Strip becomes an open-air catwalk where vampires mingle with superheroes, zombies share drinks with Elvis impersonators, and creativity reigns supreme. Many hotels and casinos host themed events, so you can jump from one party to the next without missing a beat. Fremont Street’s free entertainment is also a must-see, featuring live music, light shows, and some of the wildest costumes in the city.

## **World-Class Halloween Parties**

Vegas is famous for its nightlife, and Halloween is when the clubs take it to another level. Top spots like Omnia, Hakkasan, and Marquee pull out all the stops with celebrity DJs, elaborate décor, and massive costume contests with cash prizes. If you prefer something more intimate, smaller lounges and bars across town also host themed nights with their own brand of spooky charm.

## **Haunted Attractions with a Vegas Twist**

Beyond the parties, thrill seekers can get their scare fix at haunted houses and immersive horror experiences. Popular picks include Fright Dome, Asylum & Hotel Fear, and escape rooms that trade puzzles for pulse-pounding fear. Even seasonal shows get a dark makeover—think magic acts with a sinister edge or burlesque with a gothic twist





# *Fright & fun* IN THE SUNSHINE STATE

Orlando may be famous for its sunny skies and theme parks, but come October, the city takes a thrilling turn into the spooky season. From world-class haunted events to family-friendly trick-or-treat trails, Halloween here is a perfect mix of fright and delight.

## Theme Parks Go All Out

Orlando's theme parks are the epicenter of its Halloween magic. Universal Orlando's Halloween Horror Nights is a must for thrill-seekers, featuring terrifying haunted houses, scare zones, and live entertainment that will have your heart racing. For something a little tamer, Disney's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party at Magic Kingdom offers a family-friendly celebration with parades, fireworks, and exclusive character meet-and-greets—yes, even Mickey dresses up.

## Beyond the Parks

The Halloween spirit isn't confined to the big attractions. Local neighborhoods and venues host ghost tours, outdoor movie nights, and immersive haunted mazes. The Orlando Science Center puts on a spooky science night, while smaller farms and pumpkin patches deliver the perfect fall vibe for those wanting a break from the adrenaline.

Tips for a Spooktacular Orlando Halloween;

- Plan ahead: Major events sell out weeks in advance.
- Stay flexible: Afternoon rain showers are common—keep costumes weather-friendly.
- Mix it up: Balance high-energy nights with daytime pumpkin patches or themed brunches.



# *Mickey's not so* **SCARY HALLOWEEN PARTY**

At Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom, Halloween isn't about scares—it's about enchantment. Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party is a limited-capacity, after-hours event that transforms the park into a whimsical wonderland filled with costumes, candy, and just the right amount of spooky fun for all ages.

## **Trick-or-Treating Disney Style**

Grab your complimentary treat bag and follow the glowing candy markers to collect sweets from around the park. Even adults get in on the fun, and you'll leave with enough candy to fill your suitcase.

Exclusive Entertainment;

- Mickey's Boo-To-You Halloween Parade — A fan favorite featuring Disney characters in Halloween costumes, plus the eerie Headless Horseman leading the procession.
- Disney's Not-So-Spooky Spectacular — A jaw-dropping fireworks show hosted by Jack Skellington himself, with projections, music, and special effects that light up the castle.
- Hocus Pocus Villain Spelltacular — The Sanderson Sisters brew up trouble on the castle stage with help from Disney's most mischievous villains.

## **Rare Character Meet-and-Greets**

From Jack and Sally to all Seven Dwarfs together, the party is one of the best chances to meet rare Disney characters—often in special Halloween costumes you won't see any other time of year.

. Event Tips;

- Arrive early: Your party ticket lets you enter Magic Kingdom as early as 4 PM, even though the event starts at 7 PM.
- Prioritize entertainment: Some shows and parades only happen once per night—plan your candy stops around them.
- Dress smart: Florida nights are warm, so lightweight costumes are your friend.

Whether you're there for the sweet treats, the rare character sightings, or the unforgettable fireworks, Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party delivers a uniquely magical Halloween celebration you'll want to experience again and again.



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**31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2025 - DEPARTING FROM LONDON HEATHROW**

**OTHER AIRPORTS AND DEPARTURE DATES AVAILABLE**



**Take on Universal's Halloween Horror Nights on this trip. These feature haunted houses, scare zones, live entertainment and selected rides.**

#### **What's Included**

- Return flights with 23kg baggage
- 7 nights at Universal Terra Luna Resort
- Includes Early park access - must have separate park tickets

#### **WHAT WE LOVE**

UNIVERSAL TERRA LUNA RESORT IS ADJACENT TO THE NEW UNIVERSAL EPIC UNIVERSE THEME PARK. ALL PARKS ARE ACCESSIBLE VIA CONVENIENT AND COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLES

THE HOTEL IS THE PERFECT LANDING ZONE FOR RELAXING AND RECHARGING BETWEEN THE FUN.

**LIMITED AVAILABILITY -  
CONTACT YOUR AGENT TODAY**

\*BASED ON 2 PEOPLE SHARING

# Halloween

## ON THE HIGH SEAS

### DISNEY CRUISE LINE

“Halloween on the High Seas” is Disney Cruise Line’s spirited autumn event that transforms its voyages into festive celebrations full of Halloween-themed magic. Guests can enjoy immersive décor, character encounters, themed activities, and delicious seasonal fare throughout their journey.

### ITINERARIES FOR 2025

These hauntingly fun cruises are available from mid-September through October - November 2025, offering voyages of 3-7 nights across the Caribbean and Bahamas from multiple ports: Port Canaveral, Fort Lauderdale and San Juan.

### ATMOSPHERE & DECOR

Step into the grand atrium to discover ships dressed up for spook-season. You’ll find garlands, jack-o-lanterns, themed window overlays, and a signature Pumpkin Tree at the heart of the décor on every ship.



### WHY IT'S SPECIAL

- **Full cruise immersion** - not just a one-night party, but a journey filled with seasonal delights from start to finish.
- **Family-friendly fun** - perfect for all ages with character interactions, playful décor, and mild thrills.
- **Festive atmosphere** - breathtaking adornments, lively entertainment, and joyful traditions.
- **Ship variety** - each vessel and itinerary offers a different spin, from warm Caribbean breezes to the charm of themed show lounges.

Embarking on a Halloween on the High Seas cruise in 2025 with Disney means setting sail into a world of spirited decorations, beloved character fun, themed dining, and playful celebration. Choose from diverse itineraries aboard ships like Disney Magic, Disney Dream, Disney Treasure, or Disney Wish — each offering its own slice of Halloween magic on the ocean.



*Trick Or treat?*

YOU DECIDE

