

WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL

October 2025

THE GLOW

October's Haunted Harvest



A MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

As October's crisp chill settles in and jack-o'-lanterns cast their eerie glow, Halloween's enchanting spirit invites us to revel in the season's magic. The rustle of fallen leaves and the flicker of candlelight in the twilight inspire us to let go of lingering worries and embrace the playful mysteries of the night. Picture cozy corners lit by pumpkins and the thrill of spooky tales shared with friends. The Water Lantern Festival wishes you a bewitching October brimming with warmth, wonder, and the delight of autumn's haunted charm. Let's light up the season together!

Warm Wishes,

Water Lantern Festival



OCTOBER EVENTS



MYRTLE BEACH, SC
OCTOBER 4, 2025



TUCSON, AZ
OCTOBER 4, 2025



OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
OCTOBER 4, 2025



EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND
OCTOBER 4, 2025



AURORA, IL
OCTOBER 11, 2025



SAN FRANCISCO, CA
OCTOBER 11, 2025



TRI-CITIES, WA
OCTOBER 11, 2025



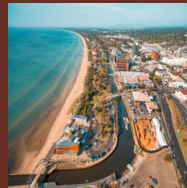
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LONDON, ENGLAND
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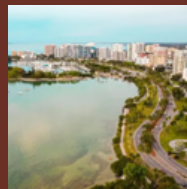
BOSTON, MA
OCTOBER 18, 2025



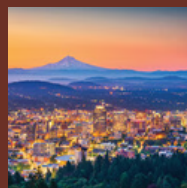
FRANKSTON, VICTORIA
OCTOBER 18, 2025



BAKERSFIELD, CA
OCTOBER 24, 2025



SARASOTA, FL
OCTOBER 25, 2025



PORTLAND, OR
OCTOBER 25, 2025



DALLAS, TX
OCTOBER 25, 2025



HALLOWEEN HISTORY



ORIGIN

HALLOWEEN STARTED AS SAMHAIN, A CELTIC FESTIVAL IN IRELAND AROUND 2,000 YEARS AGO, CELEBRATING THE HARVEST'S END AND WINTER'S START, WHEN SPIRITS WERE THOUGHT TO ROAM. EARLY CHRISTIANS BLENDED IT WITH ALL SAINTS' DAY, NAMING IT ALL HALLOWS' EVE BY THE 8TH CENTURY.

TRADITIONS

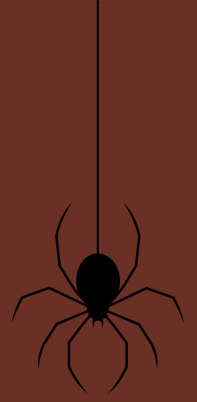
CELTS LIT BONFIRES AND CARVED TURNIPS TO SCARE OFF EVIL SPIRITS DURING SAMHAIN. TODAY, WE CARVE PUMPKINS, DECORATE WITH SPOOKY THEMES, AND ENJOY HAUNTED HOUSES OR STORYTELLING, BLENDING ANCIENT AND MODERN FUN.

TRICK OR TREAT

MEDIEVAL "SOULING" HAD PEOPLE PRAYING FOR THE DEAD IN EXCHANGE FOR FOOD. IN 1930S AMERICA, KIDS BEGAN GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR SAYING "TRICK OR TREAT" TO GET CANDY OR PLAYFULLY THREATEN HARMLESS PRANKS.

COSTUMES

DURING SAMHAIN, CELTS WORE DISGUISES TO HIDE FROM WANDERING SPIRITS. NOW, KIDS AND ADULTS DRESS IN COSTUMES—SCARY, FUNNY, OR POP CULTURE-INSPIRED—FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING AND HALLOWEEN PARTIES.



SPOOKY SELF-CARE

LIGHT A PUMPKIN-SCENTED CANDLE AND MEDITATE FOR 10 MINUTES TO CALM YOUR MIND.

SIP A WARM SPOOKY CHAI OR HOT COCOA WHILE JOURNALING YOUR OCTOBER GOALS.

TAKE A TWILIGHT WALK TO ENJOY THE CRISP FALL AIR AND SPOOKY NEIGHBORHOOD VIBES

CARVE A MINI PUMPKIN OR DECORATE YOUR SPACE WITH HALLOWEEN-THEMED CRAFTS.

READ A CREEPY SHORT STORY OR WATCH A CLASSIC HALLOWEEN MOVIE TO UNWIND.

SOAK IN A RELAXING BATH WITH EERIE BATH BOMBS OR ORANGE-SCENTED BUBBLES.

WRITE A GRATITUDE LIST FOR THINGS THAT SPARK JOY THIS HALLOWEEN SEASON.

HALLOWEEN BOOKCLUB

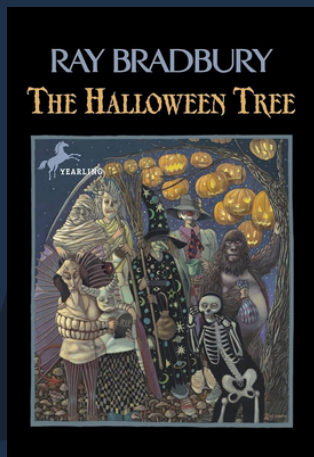


LITTLE BLUE TRUCK'S HALLOWEEN

ALICE SCHERTLE & JILL MCELMURRY

JOIN LITTLE BLUE TRUCK AND FRIENDS FOR A FUN, RHYMING HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE, IDEAL FOR TODDLERS.

****RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 2 - 5***



THE HALLOWEEN TREE

RAY BRADBURY

TEENS WILL LOVE THIS EERIE JOURNEY THROUGH HALLOWEEN'S HISTORY, BLENDING ADVENTURE AND MILD SCARES.

****RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 12 - 16***



THE HAUNTING OF HILL HOUSE

SHIRLEY JACKSON

A CHILLING CLASSIC ABOUT A HAUNTED HOUSE AND ITS EERIE GRIP ON VISITORS, PERFECT FOR ADULTS CRAVING SPOOKY HALLOWEEN SUSPENSE.

****RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 16 AND UP***

2025 HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

TAYLOR SWIFT

ELPHABA & GLINDA

SUPERMAN

WEDNESDAY ADDAMS

SLURP ZOMBIE FROM WEDNESDAY

LILO & STITCH

BLUEY

PEPPA PIG

CAITLIN CLARK

INSIDE OUT CHARACTERS