

Ireland Home of Halloween

Toolkit for Trade Partners



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Welcome to the 2026 Ireland Home of Halloween Toolkit

Our toolkit is your go-to resource for inspiring visitors to experience the island of Ireland during its spookiest season. Did you know Halloween began over 2,000 years ago on the island of Ireland, with the Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced: Sow-in)? This toolkit brings that ancient story to life, with ready-to-use content designed to showcase Ireland as the authentic *Home of Halloween*.

Autumn on the island of Ireland isn't just a time for spirits and ghouls; it is one of the most beautiful times to visit. With fewer people, the richness of the landscape in full colour and the perfect weather for enjoying wholesome Irish food, it's one of the most rewarding times of year to experience the island of Ireland.



Halloween Traditions in Ireland

Over 2,000 years ago, the ancient Celts in Ireland marked the beginning of winter with the harvest festival of Samhain. It was believed to be a liminal time when the boundary between the living and the dead was most fragile. It was a moment when spirits, including the mischievous *Púcaí* (Púca) and fairies, could cross into the mortal realm.

To protect themselves, communities lit large communal bonfires to ward off unwanted demons. People carried embers home in hollowed-out turnips (the original Jack O'Lantern). Masks were worn to repel spirits, which were the first Halloween costumes. Soul cakes were shared with the poor and children, a tradition that evolved into modern trick-or-treating. One of the most enduring customs was baking a barmbrack, a fruit loaf used to predict the future. These traditions were carried to North America by Irish emigrants and gradually transformed into the Halloween we recognise today. The home of this celebration remains rooted in Ireland, where Samhain continues to inspire and intrigue.





AUTUMN ITINERARIES

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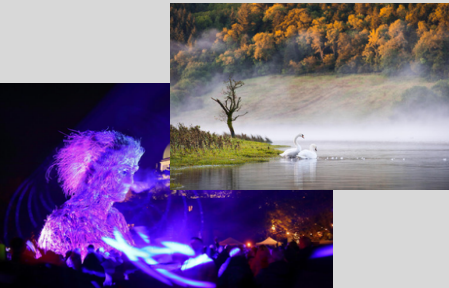
Share our ready-made Halloween itineraries to highlight the best ways to experience Ireland in autumn, from folklore and festivals to landscapes and local flavour.



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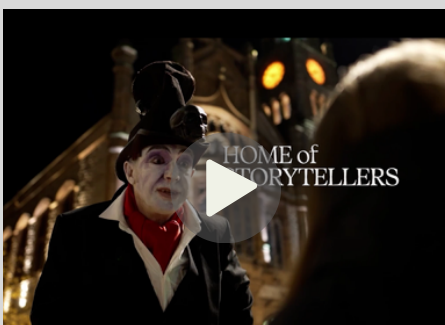


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ENCHANTING VIDEO CONTENT

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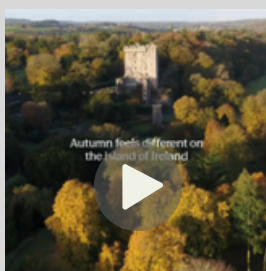
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Access ready-to-use social post copy, reels and images, making it simple to share Ireland's Halloween story and highlight the island for a perfect autumn escape.



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