HALLOWEEN IN LIMERICK

2026

EVENT GUIDE

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Alive with Otherworldly Tradition

On the island of Ireland, Halloween isn't just a night, it's a season, an awakening of ancient spirits and timeless tales. The air heavy with mystery, as the line between two worlds dissolves.

Ireland is the birthplace of Halloween, where the traditions of Samhain echo through the centuries. Bonfires illuminate vibrant festivals. Ancient grounds become stages, and every shadowed corner holds a secret waiting to be discovered.

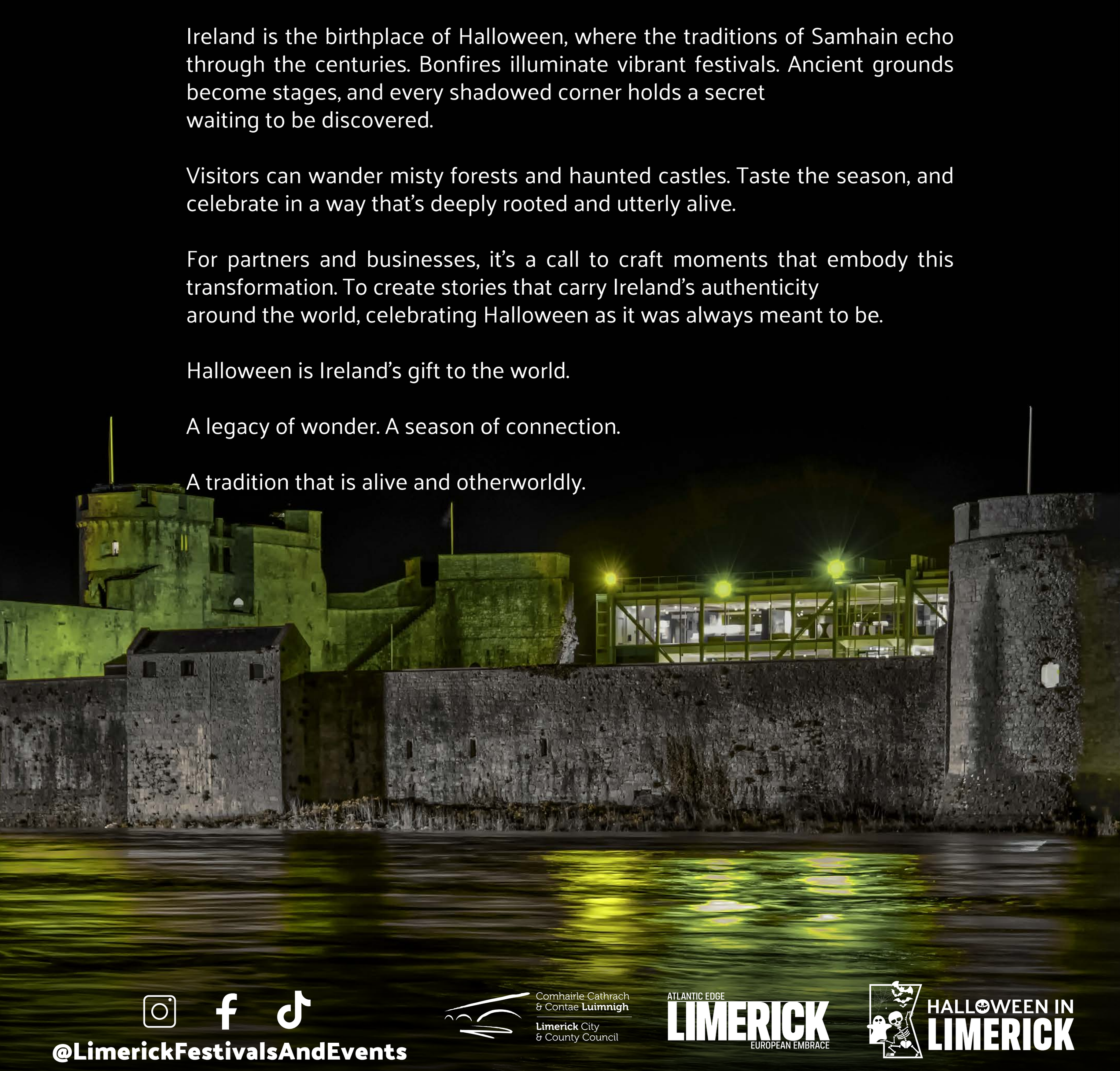
Visitors can wander misty forests and haunted castles. Taste the season, and celebrate in a way that's deeply rooted and utterly alive.

For partners and businesses, it's a call to craft moments that embody this transformation. To create stories that carry Ireland's authenticity around the world, celebrating Halloween as it was always meant to be.

Halloween is Ireland's gift to the world.

A legacy of wonder. A season of connection.

A tradition that is alive and otherworldly.



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OCTOBER

6pm

Mystery Samhain Banquet

Mystery Location

Step into the mystery and magic of Samhain at a unique banquet experience in a secret historic Limerick venue. Guided by performers and storytellers, guests will journey to an atmospheric setting where medieval heritage, Irish folklore, live entertainment, and a seasonal three-course feast combine for an unforgettable Halloween night.

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Family Friendly

24-26 and 30-31

OCTOBER

From 3pm

'Trick or Treat in the City'

The Crescent O'Connell Avenue to Arthur's Quay Park

Limerick City will transform into a hub of spooky fun from 24-31 October. Families can follow a trail of Halloween characters through the city, enjoying storytelling, challenges, stamps, surprises and immersive entertainment along the way. The trail leads from The Crescent, O'Connell Avenue to Arthur's Quay Park, where workshops, performances, funfair rides, food, music and family activities await. Children can create their own lanterns throughout the festival before showcasing them in the Lantern Competition on Halloween night.

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OCTOBER

6pm

Oktoberfeis

King John's Castle

Oktoberfeis brings a uniquely Irish twist to the traditional Oktoberfest experience. Enjoy live trad music and dancing, Irish craft beers and stouts, delicious local food and a lively mix of entertainment, games, and competitions in a high-energy festival atmosphere.

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OCTOBER

8pm

Halloween City Centre Fancy Dress 5km

Starting Point King John's Castle

Take part in a thrilling 5km Halloween night run through Limerick City's illuminated streets, finishing at King John's Castle with music, lights and a fantastic festival atmosphere. Dress to impress for a chance to win great costume prizes.

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Family Friendly/After Dark

30-31 OCTOBER

30th - 4-8pm
31st 6-8pm & 9.30pm

Rathkeale Halloween Festival "Dullahan to Darkness"

Rathkeale

Step into a world of Irish folklore at this unique Halloween celebration in Rathkeale. Featuring immersive storytelling, a family-friendly Samhain trail, a spectacular folklore-inspired parade and a Halloween fancy dress party.

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Family Friendly

25 OCTOBER

10.30am - 5pm

Limerick Harvest Festival

Milk Market

Celebrate the harvest season at the Milk Market with a vibrant day of family-friendly entertainment, traditional crafts, storytelling, food, music, and cultural experiences. Enjoy fire shows, hands-on activities, artisan stalls and festival performances in a unique celebration of autumn and Halloween traditions

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Family Friendly

17+24 OCTOBER

2 & 4pm

Morbid & Sons – Pop-up Funeral Shop

Nicholas Street by KJC & Bedford Row

Step into the wonderfully weird world of Morbid & Sons, a family-friendly street theatre experience packed with dark humour, live music, quirky characters and interactive fun. Meet the eccentric Morbid family as they bring their Victorian funeral parlour to life with hilarious performances celebrating all things spooky and supernatural.

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Samhain at Lough Gur: Where Myth meets Memory

Lough Gur

Step into the magic of Samhain at Lough Gur: Where Myth meets Memory from 29th October to 1st November. This atmospheric four-day celebration brings Ireland's ancient traditions to life through folklore, creativity, history and family fun. Follow spooky clues around the Lakeshore Park, discover plant lore in a children's art workshop, craft an autumnal wreath, or journey toward the Otherworld on a guided bus tour. Experience a thrilling nineteenth-century séance, captivating storytelling by Balor O'Brien, fascinating tales of Áine and Gearóid Iarla, and three one-act comedies at the HoneyFitz Theatre

MORE INFO

MYSTERY
SAMHAIN BANQUET

The Mystery Samhain Banquet will transform one of Limerick's iconic historic venues into an atmospheric and theatrical setting, celebrating the city's rich medieval heritage and Ireland's role as the birthplace of Halloween.

Designed as a mystery journey, guests will receive instructions to gather at a designated meeting point within Limerick City. From there, they will be guided by performers and storytellers on a curated journey to the secret venue, creating anticipation and immersing audiences in the traditions and folklore of Samhain. Upon arrival, guests will enter a transformed historic space featuring long banquet tables, atmospheric lighting, immersive set design and live performances inspired by Irish mythology and local folklore. The experience will include a three-course seasonal menu celebrating traditional Samhain foods and locally sourced ingredients, complemented by storytelling, music and theatrical performances.

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12-17 OCTOBER

Samhain at the Crossroads

Kilfinane

Celebrate Samhain in Kilfinane with a unique community programme of creative workshops, illuminated art installations and a magical lantern walk.

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27-30 OCTOBER

Play All Day, Panic All Night Northside FRC HallowNight

Clonconnane Road, Ballynanty, Limerick

Four days of family-friendly Halloween fun:

Turnip/Pumpkin Carving | Tue 27th October @ 2pm
Magic with Science | Wed 28th October @ 11am
Haunted Northside Walk | Wed 28th October @ 5.30pm
Ghost Stories and Folklore | Thu 29th October @ 3pm
Haunted House | Fri 30th October @ 4.30pm

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29 OCTOBER

4pm-6pm

Halloween Scarefest

Galvone Business Park, Limerick

Step inside The Factory Halloween Scarefest for a thrilling evening of spooky surprises, interactive scare rooms, themed attractions, music and Halloween fun.

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28-30 OCTOBER

6pm & 7pm

Limerick Civic Trust Halloween Experiences

King's Island

Uncover Limerick's darker side with a series of haunted tours and immersive experiences taking place across the city. Explore medieval King's Island, hear chilling tales of Newtown Pery, encounter folklore, ghosts, witches and vampires and step inside some of Limerick's most historic locations for a spine-tingling Halloween adventure.

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6pm, 7:30pm and 9pm

Limerick Civic Trust Halloween Experiences

People's Museum

A spooky tour of our Georgian House, full of dark historical stories. With frightening tales from Limerick's past, not for the faint hearted.

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28,30 ,31

OCTOBER

Samhain Tales by the Limerick Fireside

Friar's Gate Kilmallock 28th 5pm

Glorach Theatre Abbeyfeale 30th 7pm

People's Museum of Limerick 31st 2pm

Gather by the fireside for an enchanting evening of traditional Irish storytelling, music, and song with renowned storyteller Dáithí Collopy. Discover the myths, folklore, customs and origins of Samhain in a captivating family-friendly celebration of Ireland's Halloween heritage

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OCTOBER

7pm

Glow & Ghouls: A Samhain Candle-Making Experience

101 O'Connell Street, Limerick V94 PX2K

Discover the traditions of Samhain through this unique candle-making workshop, blending hands-on creativity, storytelling, and community connection, offering a modern celebration of light, folklore and seasonal traditions.

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Harvest Festival

MILK MARKET

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER | 10.30AM-5PM

Celebrate the season at the Limerick Harvest Festival, where ancient harvest traditions meet the spirit of modern-day Halloween! Fire Shows and Circus, traditional German lantern making, fermenting/sauerkraut demonstration, woodcraft games, food, craft and garden fair, puppeteer and festival stage featuring well-known names like Eddie Lenihan and chef Keith Pigott and music by Los Paddys.

Set in the iconic Milk Market, this vibrant, cultural and family-friendly festival on Sunday, 25th October offers something for everyone.

Exciting Fire Show
Harvest Stage with Eddie Lenihan and Chef Keith Pigott
Fuinseog Bemusement Games
Interactive Circus Workshop
Engaging craft, food and garden stalls
Hands-on Harvest and Autumnal activities

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Halloween at Desmond Castle

Desmond Castle, Newcaste West

31 OCTOBER

4.30pm

Celebrate Halloween at Desmond Castle, Newcastle West, with an enchanting family-friendly event inspired by Samhain. Enjoy storytelling, music, crafts, street performers, costumes, competitions, and delicious treats in a unique historic setting.

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Castleconnell Fright Fest

Parish Hall, Main St., Castleconnell

23-25 OCTOBER

23rd 8pm
24th 10am
25th 6-9pm

Enjoy a frightfully fun day out at Castleconnell Fright Fest, a family-friendly Halloween celebration filled with spooky entertainment, festive activities and seasonal surprises.

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