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SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN HAUNTS AND HAIR-RAISING HAPPENINGS AROUND THIS FALL IN THE LAND

DESTINATION CLEVELAND SUGGESTS AUTUMN ACTIVITIES FULL OF GHOSTS, GOBLINS AND GOODIES

CLEVELAND (Oct. 4, 2017) – A full slate of frightful festivities await Clevelanders and their visitors this fall – extending the Halloween holiday throughout the entire month. Residents and their family and friends can check out events every weekend to get in the Halloween spirit. From haunted tours at historic locations to not-so-scary, family friendly events and a treasure trove of tricks and treats, Destination Cleveland recommends residents explore the region and have a positively “de-frightful” Halloween season.

Haunted Cleveland

Grays Armory Museum

- For the first time in more than 100 years, the doors to [Grays Armory Museum](#) will stay open until the wee-hours of the morning. The museum, which was featured on the SyFy Channel series “Ghost Hunters,” will host Survive the Night at Grays Armory on October 27. A one-hour guided ghost tour will start the festivities before the lights shut off at 10 p.m. for guest-conducted, independent investigations lasting the remainder of the evening. Attendees can explore areas of the “haunted” castle that are usually closed off to the public in an effort to “discover and document another realm.” Admission also includes a late-night pizza dinner and non-alcoholic beverages.
 - *1234 Bolivar Road, Cleveland*
 - *Friday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m. – 3 a.m.; ticket must be purchased in advance*

Soldiers’ & Sailors’ Monument

- Located in the heart of Public Square, the [Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Monument](#) commemorates the 9,000 Civil War veterans that served with Cuyahoga County regiments or lived in Cuyahoga County. Once a year, free guided tours of the tunnels beneath the monument are offered for locals. Some say the tunnels are haunted...so residents will have to judge for themselves. After taking the tunnel tour, residents can visit the Memorial Room at the base of the monument and learn more about Cleveland’s involvement in the Civil War.
 - *3 Public Square, Cleveland*
 - *Tunnel Tours, Saturday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; visitors must be in line by 5 p.m. to take a tour*

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Family Favorites

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

- Over three weekends in October, [Cleveland Metroparks Zoo](#) will host its annual Boo at the Zoo event. This Cleveland Halloween tradition will have animals on exhibit each evening, as well as unlimited 4-D theater movies and carousel and train rides for families to enjoy. This year's event will offer more treat stations around the zoo than ever before, so kids can satisfy their sweet tooth. Fun costumes are encouraged for the scare-free family festivities.
 - *3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland*
 - *Fridays, Oct. 13, 20 and 27; Saturdays, Oct. 14, 21 and 28; Sundays, Oct. 15, 22 and 29, 5 – 9 p.m.*

Greater Cleveland Aquarium

- Ahoy, mateys! Buccaneers and landlubbers alike can spend the evening at the [Greater Cleveland Aquarium's](#) pirate-themed Hauntaquarium event. Kids and adults can dress up in their favorite costume, trick-or-treat and search for treasure throughout the Aquarium during this high seas adventures. The not-so-spooky Halloween event will offer also games, animal encounters and a deejayed dance party for families.
 - *2000 Sycamore Street, Cleveland*
 - *Fridays, Oct. 20 and 27; Saturdays, Oct. 21 and 28, 6 – 9 p.m.*

Great Lakes Science Center

- Locals can head over to the shore of Lake "Eerie" for the [Great Lakes Science Center's](#) Spooktacular Science event. Kids can watch a pumpkin explosion or chemical concoctions show, experiment with chemistry, physics and electricity in the mad science lab or "operate" on a larger-than-life zombie. After Spooktacular Science on October 28, families can head over to the Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater for a Take Two double feature of "Hocus Pocus" and "Army of Darkness."
 - *601 Erieside Ave., Cleveland*
 - *Saturday, Oct. 21 and Saturday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

Cedar Point

- Just an hour drive from Downtown Cleveland, [Cedar Point's](#) HalloWeekends offers two experiences – kid-friendly activities at The Great Pumpkin Fest and the terrifying Haunt at HalloWeekends. At The Great Pumpkin Fest, kids can check out Camp Spooky, watch the Great Pumpkin Parade or participate in Count Snooptacula's Costume Contest. Thrill seekers in the family can stay late at the park for Haunt at HalloWeekends, which will feature six haunted mazes and six outdoor fright zones. A must-see for everyone is the HalloWeekends Pumpkin Spectacular, a display of more than 1,000 carved pumpkins along the Top Thrill Dragster Midway.
 - *One Cedar Point Drive, Sandusky*
 - *Friday, 6 p.m. – 12 a.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. – 12 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.*

Cleveland Botanical Garden

- For a "ghoul" time, the [Cleveland Botanical Garden](#) is hosting its annual family friendly Bootanical Bash on October 21. Kids of all ages can dress up in their Halloween costumes and go trick-or-treating in the Hershey Children's Garden before it closes for the season. The garden will be decked out in Halloween décor for an evening filled with games, dancing, music and other themed activities. Families should be sure to buy tickets in advance as the event sells out quickly.
 - *11030 East Blvd., Cleveland*
 - *Saturday, Oct. 21, 5 – 8 p.m.*

Mysterious Movies and Melodies

Playhouse Square

- Residents can eat, drink and be scary at [Playhouse Square's](#) third annual Playhouse SCARE event. For one night, Clevelanders can enjoy a creepy crawl through the Playhouse Square District with food, drink and special offers at participating restaurants, bars and retailers. Locals can even partake in free séances by psychic medium Marianne Goldweber at Cibreo Privato or check out a free screening of the original 1968 film version of "Night of the Living Dead" at Hofbrauhaus Cleveland.
 - 1501 Euclid Ave., Cleveland
 - Friday, Oct. 27, 8 – 11 p.m.; "Night of the Living Dead" screening begins at 11 p.m.

Severance Hall

- For Halloween happenings with a musical twist, Clevelanders can go to [Severance Hall](#) for two spellbinding events. The popular At the Movies series will feature "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" with acclaimed organist Todd Wilson, who will accompany the silent film on Severance Hall's Norton Memorial Organ. Locals can also choose to attend the Halloween Spooktacular concert, which will feature the Cleveland Orchestra. From magical music like "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" to terrifying tunes like Saint-Saëns' "Danse Macabre," concert-goers can get into the Halloween spirit. Audience members are even encouraged to dress in their best Halloween costume to participate in the concert's costume contest.
 - 11001 Euclid Ave., Cleveland
 - At the Movies – "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Friday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m.
 - Halloween Spooktacular, Sunday, Oct. 29, 3 p.m.

Tricks and Treats

b.a. Sweetie Candy Company

- Halloween is not complete without oodles of candy, and what better place to stock up on treats than [b.a. Sweetie Candy Company](#). With more than 4,500 different sweet treats, one of the biggest candy stores in the country calls Cleveland home. Locals can peruse the 40,000-square-foot store and find favorites like Snickers and Starbursts and nostalgic candies like Necco Wafers and Whirly Pops.
 - 6770 Brookpark Road, Cleveland
 - Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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