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Happy Halloween!

October is flying by, which means Halloween is right around the corner, waiting to say BOO! New York City is one of the best places to celebrate Halloween for trick-or-treaters, costumers, and pumpkin enthusiasts of all ages. Events leading up to October 31 include festivals and parties for the kids, and haunted houses and moonlit mazes for the adults.

Maze by Moonlight

Queens County Farm Museum is bringing the spooky factor to The Amazing Maize Maze. [Maze by Moonlight](#) is open for four nights on October 16, 20, 22, and 27. Tickets for the moonlit maze are required in advance and sell out quickly. Be sure to bring a flashlight to help navigate the way!

It's A Pumpkin Party

[It's A Pumpkin Party](#) is the perfect afternoon Halloween celebration for families with little ones. NYC Parks is hosting the party outside the Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center in The Bronx, where festivities will include carnival games, arts, crafts, and more. The free event is always a hit with kids, so be sure to stop by.

Blood Manor Haunted House

As owner Jim Lorenzo says, a visit to [Blood Manor](#) is not for the faint of heart! Tickets for the haunted house can be purchased online or in person, and it is recommended for adults only. [Watch](#) Jimmy Fallon and Kevin Hart make their way through the manor, for a preview of what to expect.

Pumpkitecture!

This is not your average pumpkin carving contest. On October 29, the Center for Architecture, near Washington Square Park, is hosting the fifth annual carving contest, [Pumpkitecture!](#) Tickets to the event cost \$10, where attendees will watch architects create original pumpkin designs and compete to be crowned as the winner.



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Village Halloween Parade

In New York City, Halloween is synonymous with the [Village Halloween Parade](#). This year's Grand Marshall, [The Brooklyn United Marching Band](#), will play Jon Batiste's Freedom in celebration of this year's theme – freedom! Check out [this map](#) for the parade route and to plan a rendezvous point with friends. Don't forget your costumes!

Twilight Zone Halloween Bash

The Museum of the City of New York's Cocktails & Culture event series returns on October 29 with the [Twilight Zone Halloween Bash](#). Guests can enjoy themed cocktails, a pop-up café, after-hours tours of museum exhibitions, a “spine-tingling” live performance by The Edward Morgan Ballet, and music from DJ Misbehaviour and DJ Shakey. Prizes will be awarded to those with the best *Twilight Zone* costume.

Boo at the Zoo

Every weekend in October, the Bronx Zoo invites you to join [Boo at the Zoo](#). Family-friendly activities include a candy trail, a costume parade, arts-and-crafts, magic shows, and mind reading. Visitors will also have the chance to watch artists create giant animals out of pumpkin carvings, all while visiting the animals at the zoo!

Tompkins Square Halloween Dog Festival

Looking to make Halloween plans for you and your pup? Head over to the [32nd Tompkins Square Halloween Dog Festival](#) on October 22. As the largest dog costume competition in NYC, dozens of owners and their pups will compete in categories like best current events costume, best celebrity costume, best costume on wheels, and many more.