



# History of Halloween

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The holiday we know as Halloween, whose roots date back round \_\_\_\_\_ years, was celebrated under this very name in what is today Scotland and Ireland, as well as on the \_\_\_\_\_.

The Celtic calendar was based on \_\_\_\_\_ seasons. The end of October was believed to be the period when the boundary between two different realms was very \_\_\_\_\_. The Celts came up with several ways of ensuring goodwill from the spirits: they would \_\_\_\_\_ food and drink – to make sure the next year would be \_\_\_\_\_ they would also dress up so as to \_\_\_\_\_ from vengeful spirits.

In the \_\_\_\_\_ Roman Catholic church changed the name of the holiday to Hallowtide in order to suppress some of the \_\_\_\_\_. The new holiday went on for \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, a tradition that appeared in the 15th century, had people walk from \_\_\_\_\_. They sang songs and recited poems, for which they were given the so-called soul cakes, food that was supposed to pacify \_\_\_\_\_.

Guising, another tradition associated with the holiday, called \_\_\_\_\_ in some regions of Britain, appeared in the 16th century. It was pretty similar to the older one, but here people would also \_\_\_\_\_ in costumes and ask for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The 19th century saw an influx of Irish and Scottish immigrants to \_\_\_\_\_ and with them came these ancient traditions.

The Victorians had a morbid interest in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, hence the popularity of Halloween parties and meetings.

Trick or treating did not become a Halloween thing until the 1950s in Philadelphia, after a group of kids \_\_\_\_\_ they raised to UNICEF, which with time became so massive an event that it ended in winning the \_\_\_\_\_.

There are many customs and traditions associated with Halloween, but one remains unchanged: it's the night of celebrating the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as well as of \_\_\_\_\_ food.