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Halloween : its history, its origins : ⁺

Every people celebrate Halloween, ,but why? Here is the history of this holiday.

Halloween is an holiday celebrate ^{on} every year at st 31 October. It's a Celtic tradition which was adapted over the decades by Christian tradition. The origins of trick or treating and dressing up is in Ireland, where people went door to door in costume asking for food in exchange for a poem or song.

The people light bonfires to ward the spirits and they dress up to ward the evil spirits. The carving of pumpkins comes from the Samhain festival and the pagan festival. It was named « Jack O' Lantern » in tribute of the folkloric story of Stingy Jack, who fooled the Devil into buying a drink. ✓



Today, to celebrate Halloween, a big festival is organized in Ireland, in the city of Londonderry. Our fearless journalist, Jérôme CARON, went to this festival and recap what he saw : ✓

« I'm very impressed, every one is dressed up in zombies, skeletons, bats, vampires, ghost... I could see many street shows and performances. I ate cut finger, black cat (it's a cake), and I drunk in a skull glass. It was horrible ! Finally, the parade came and a fireworks blew up in the sky.»

Jérôme Caron ⁺