



**Museums and galleries all over UK to open on Halloween night for
Museums at Night October Festival 2015**

October 30 & 31

For the first time ever, Museums at Night - the UK's annual after-hours festival of arts, culture and heritage - will take place twice this year. The second festival will take place over Halloween weekend, Friday and Saturday 30-31 October.

During the festival, hundreds of museums, galleries and historic spaces all over the UK will open up late and put on a dazzling array of special night-time events, offering the chance to experience culture and heritage in a totally unexpected way.

Halloween highlights include:

[Day of the Dead](#) at the Pitt Rivers Museums, Oxford - Celebrating Mexico's Day of the Dead. You can explore traditions and crafts associated with this eclectic Central American festival and find out how communities across the globe celebrate, mourn and remember their dead. Expect performances, workshops, talks and Halloween-themed cocktails! With live performances from Cuban-style big band, Ran Kan Kan.

7pm-10pm, 30 October 2015

[Quarantine: Zombie Fright Night](#) at Thackray Medical Museum, Leeds - Those who dare are invited to enter the quarantine zone and explore the museum after dark and after hours. Guests are advised to stay alert though, as the infected lurk behind every corner. Those who make it through alive can celebrate in undead style at the zombie disco, strike a gruesome pose in the infected photo booth, take a chance with a fearsome lucky dip, and more! Ages 18+

9.30pm - 11.59pm 31 October

[Halloween Spectacular](#) at Chiltern Open Air Museum, Buckinghamshire - Take a trip around the open-air museum and discover monsters, fire-breathers and witches. Listen to spine-tingling stories by the scary storyteller and enjoy hot food and drinks on the Village Green. Come in fancy dress and enter the Frightening Fancy Dress competition and make Halloween souvenirs to take home.

5pm-9pm, 30 October

[Dare you ride The Wizard's Express?](#) at Nene Valley Railway Museum, Peterborough - Join Harry the Wizarding Train spotter and his friends on The Wizard's Express. There will be spooky goings-on aboard the train with Halloween characters, goodie bags and a chance to meet Wilma the Witch and play The Wizard's Express Quiz. Watch out for Friendly Ghost in the tunnel and Matilda, the eight foot witch. Fancy dress highly recommended.

6.30pm, 31 October

[Halloween Spooky Ship](#) at Brunel's ss Great Britain, Bristol - Spend an eerie evening getting lost and exploring the shadowy corridors of the ss Great Britain at night. Performers from Made in Bristol will bring the ss Great Britain vividly to life in never-before-seen, exciting ways; making it a nightmare to remember. There will be 2 performances - an earlier family friendly event suitable for ages 8+ and the later event suitable for ages 12+.

6.30pm and 7.30pm, 31 October

[Contagious!](#) at The Canterbury Tales, Canterbury - Plague has swept across medieval England and terrified citizens are evacuating London. The road to Canterbury is dangerous - contagious citizens are everywhere. A cure is out there but will you find it? Can you make the journey? Suitable for ages 14+.

6pm-8pm, 30 & 31 October

[Newton House Sleepover](#) at Dinefwr, Carmarthenshire - An unusual opportunity to sleep in one of the National Trust's haunted houses on the spookiest night of the year! Take after-hours tours with guides around this old mansion, then stay the night in one of the rooms. You'll need to bring your own sleeping gear, ticket price includes a dinner and breakfast. This event is not suitable for children.

7.45pm - 9am, 31 October - 1 November

[Museums at Night Halloween Opening](#) at Museum of Witchcraft & Magic, Cornwall - Don't miss a themed candlelit display, the wise woman's cottage and the top gallery lit by beautiful candlelight. Children are encouraged to visit this year dressed up as wizards and witches.

8pm-11pm, 31 October

[Nosferatu \(1927\) with accompaniment from Dmytro Morykit](#) at The Guildhall, Leicester - Watch Nosferatu (1927) the silent German expressionist classic based on the story of Dracula, accompanied by Dmytro Morykit's seminal new piano score is an electrifying work which brings a fabulous emotional charge to this iconic film.

8.45pm, 30 October

[Ghost Tours and Creepy Crafts](#) at Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery, Carlisle - Join Tullie House for a spooky night of ghost tours and creepy crafts. The ghost tours are suitable for children 8 years and over and will be running at 6pm, 7pm and 8pm – booking highly recommended.

6pm-9pm, 30 October

[A Cabinet of Curiosities](#) at Preston Manor, Brighton - A night of entertainment and discovery with guest mediums offering Tarot and mediumship taster-readings and an explanation of how a Victorian séance worked. Plus ghost tales, noir-short film-screenings, magic lantern and a rare chance to visit the spooky underground cellars of Brighton's most-haunted house.

6pm-10pm, 30 October

[Alloween III](#) at Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Ayrshire

Are you brave enough to visit Alloway on Halloween? Join one of the 'ghostly guides' and wander the streets of Alloway discovering tales of hauntings, suspicious deaths and the de'il who 'might have business on his hand'. Not recommended for children under the age of 7.

7pm-8.30pm, 31 October

[Things that go Bump in the Night... Halloween Museums at Night](#) at Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery, Exeter - Experience RAMM coming alive for one night only. Hunt down your favourite objects to add to the Big Draw RAMMyriorama, bump into historical characters who have come to life, and get up close to RAMM's creepy creatures of the night. Wear a Halloween costume and create your own carrying lantern to take part in a lantern-lit parade in the dark. Age range: 4 to 11. There must be at least one child in each group, and at least one adult for every six children.

7pm-10pm, 30 October

And many more.

The October festival will see some of the UK's most celebrated contemporary artists teaming up with museums around the country to create a series of truly unique events.

[CONNECT ARTIST DETAILS HERE]

Full listings of all events, many of which are free, can be found at www.museumsatnight.org.uk

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Notes to Editors:

1. **Museums at Night** is the annual after-hours festival of arts, culture and heritage when hundreds of museums, galleries, libraries, archives and heritage sites open their doors for special evening events. It takes place from Wednesday May 13th – Saturday May 16th.

2. **Culture24**

Culture24 is an independent non-profit company, which exists to support the cultural sector to reach and connect with audiences. It is best known for publishing great websites about culture; producing the successful **Museums at Night** festival of after-hours openings and leading Let's Get Real, the collaborative action research project involving cultural organisations across the UK and Europe. www.WeAreCulture24.org.uk

3. **Arts Council England** champions, develops and invests in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives. We support a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries – from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections. Great art and culture inspires us, brings us together and teaches us about ourselves and the world around us. In short, it makes life better. Between 2011 and 2015, we will invest £1.4 billion of public money from government and an estimated £1 billion from the National Lottery to help create these experiences for as many people as possible across the country. <http://www.artscouncil.co.uk>



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