

Pride Journeys Guide to Ghouls, Ghosts & Goblins

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Halloween, the bewitching night when the boundary between the living and the dead blurs, has long captured the human imagination with its eerie charm and playful spookiness. Originating from ancient Celtic traditions, this festival, celebrated on the eve of All Saints' Day, has evolved into a vibrant, globally recognized holiday marked by costume parties, haunted houses, and the sweet delights of trick-or-treating. It's a time when the mundane transforms into the magical, when ghouls and goblins roam the streets, and when the air is filled with both excitement and a hint of fright. Here is a comprehensive list of celebrations from around the globe that make Halloween a truly enchanting and cherished occasion for people of all ages.

Beaufort, North Carolina

North Carolina's Crystal Coast is an *extra* spirited place to visit around this spooky time of year. From eerie ghost tours, haunting tales from Blackbeard's past and bouts of paranormal activity, this quintessential Southern destination is filled with various historical mysteries for visitors to discover this Halloween season.

Beaufort Ghost Walk: Embark on an eerie journey through 300 years of haunted history in the historic town of Beaufort, North Carolina. Led by a Pirate Guide, guests are sure to be immersed by the Beaufort Ghost Walk, featuring chilling tales of ghost ships, haunted houses, and unexplainable encounters, in one of America's oldest towns. Step into the haunted history if you dare to visit the Hammock House, once the dwelling of the notorious Blackbeard and is said to be home to a spirit or two.

Old Burying Grounds: Also in Beaufort lies one of the oldest cemeteries in North Carolina, The Old Burying Grounds. Here, there is an air of mystery and sorrow where travelers can discover the fascinating stories of Beaufort's 300-year history while looking at the weathered tombstones, with many having poignant sayings describing those who are buried there. Probably the most known legend in the gravesite is the burial ground of a girl whose father buried her in a rum barrel after her unfortunate death during a voyage from England.