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## Celebrate Halloween at These Places You Can Visit and Maintain Social Distancing

Drive-through hay rides, jack-o'-lantern displays, and haunted farms—this might be the year your family starts a new tradition.

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Crisp air, changing leaves, and longer nights can only mean one thing: the height of autumn is upon us. While we begin to bundle up and stoke the indoor fires, Halloween beckons us to stay outside long after nightfall. The spooky season is October's finest: Families don their finest costumes yet. Driveways transform into a fright for all trick-or-treaters. Pumpkin patches take over open frosted fields. And horrifying decorations fill storefront windows downtown. It's certainly a unique time of year. This year, of course, will be different.

The COVID-19 pandemic cannot be ignored, no matter how excited we are for the holidays, beginning with Halloween. However, as we come to terms with our changing environment, we learn new ways to innovate and inspire. Towns and organizations have answered concerns of how people will be able to celebrate Halloween safely, and there's plenty of events taking place. From drive-thru haunted hayrides to historic cities wrought with haunts, take part in the festivities while remaining socially distant.

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## Jack-o'-Lantern Spectacular

Continue your road trip at the drive-through Jack-o'-Lantern Spectacular at the Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, Rhode Island. A staggering 20,000 pumpkins are expertly carved by the Passion for Pumpkins team (plus, they are swapped out and replaced anew as they deteriorate to the outdoor elements, so there's a fresh sight to see all season long). For the month of October, the trail will be open nightly from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. And this year's theme is "Special Places" where 5,000 pumpkins will be carved in the image of local and global destinations that were likely out of reach for travelers this year.