

Trim & Athboy, Co. Meath, Ireland

History Enthusiasts Itinerary



Step back into Ireland's ancient past
and uncover the origins of Samhain.

Day 1 - Athboy & Trim

Meditation at Tlachtga
Heritage Tour (Hill of Ward)
Craicly Stories
Púca Procession – The Gathering
of Spirits

Day 2 - Trim & Athboy

Explore the Harvest Market
Beyond the Veil Walking Tour
The Lighting of the Samhain Fire
Púca Festival Samhain Banquet

Meditation at Tlachtga

Reaching to the Ancestors



Samhain heralds summers end.

The last of the crops had been gathered and now came the discerning time of what to cut away and what to carry forward. For our ancestors the darkening days came with a sense of fear and foreboding. Join us as we gather to witness the new day at this potent time, as the seasons change and we begin to turn more inward. Our noon gathering will focus on our Ancestors. Ancestors of this Sacred Land, Ancestors of our Traditions and our own personal Ancestors.

Hill of Ward (Tlachtga) Heritage Tour

Explore the authentic origins of Halloween at Tlachtga (Hill of Ward)

Tlachtga (The Hill of Ward) in Athboy is cited as one of the earliest sites of Halloween. Unearth the story of the authentic origins of Halloween in Ireland with a guided walking tour of the site. Learn all about the celebration of the Celtic new year, which involved lighting fires, feasting on the harvest, music, gathering and storytelling. Delve deep inside the history and the folklore of the origins of Halloween and its links to Tlachtga.



Craicly Stories

High Spirited Long Table Lunch Celebrating Irish Ghost Stories and Samhain Traditions

Join “CRAICLY STORIES” at PÚCA for a high spirited banquet celebrating Irish ghost stories and Samhain traditions. Hosted by CRAICLY founder, Jane Gormley, the evening will bring the legendary warmth of an Irish welcome at a traditional long-table Hallowe’en lunch, followed by an intimate CRAICLY storytelling performance blending folklore with myth and true reflections from a group of storytellers personal, real life ghostly encounters.



Púca Procession: The Gathering of the Spirits

Atmospheric Samhain procession through the heritage town of Trim



This authentic procession blends outdoor theatre, street performance and music in a wild celebration of Samhain lore, nature, ancestry, and the looming darkness. As light turns to darkness and the veil thins, so too will the visions of otherworldly, shape-shifting spirits on their journey through the original home of Halloween.

Grandstand Seating: Experience the magic of the Púca Procession from the comfort of both tiered and covered seating, offering an unbeatable view of this spellbinding celebration.

Explore the Harvest Market

A captivating blend of tradition, craftsmanship and ancient Irish heritage



Discover a vibrant blend of food, crafts, and folklore at the Púca Harvest Market in Trim. At this impressive market visitors can experience Irish Wood Sculpting, Willow Workshop, Pendant Workshop, Fidchell, Sustainability Tent and Talks, Accessibility Tent, local food vendors and artisan makers fill the air with the scents and tastes of the season.

Beyond the Veil Walking Tour

Meet the spirits of Samhain & explore the folklore that lives beyond the veil

Join us for an eerie walk in Trim Porchfields, in search of otherworldly spirits and Puca's who run loose beyond the veil. A storytelling Samhain experience, where you will hear first-hand, how to safely navigate shapeshifting creatures and spirits, and know who to trust and not!



Lighting of the Samhain Fire

A ceremonial recreation of the ancient Samhain fire lit here by our ancestors over 2,000 years ago



Assemble for the Lighting of the Samhain Fire on the Fair Green in Athboy, a town that is steeped in Halloween tradition. The Lighting of the Samhain Fires will include fire performances, drummers, and music at the Fair Green in Athboy. Experience the Púca Festival Ancestral Light Park in Athboy, where ancient Samhain customs converge with contemporary Halloween traditions, creating a unifying celebration of the changing seasons.

Púca Festival Samhain Banquet

Join us for a Traditional Irish Night of Feasting, Music and Dance!

Immerse yourself in the magic of Irish culture for a Traditional Irish Night of Feasting, Music and Dance at the Darnley Lodge Hotel. Enjoy an unforgettable evening of traditional Irish music, dancing and a delicious Samhain four-course banquet. Immerse yourself in the magic of Irish culture as legendary musicians take the stage at the Darnley Lodge Hotel, filling the night with lively tunes and haunting melodies. Enjoy traditional Samhain food, warm company, and the enchanting atmosphere of Samhain in Athboy – a perfect way to round off this special night of folklore and festivity.



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