

A small selection of NYC events

October 2017




+++  DON'T FORGET: IT'S HALLOWEEN +++

Oktoberfest in NYC	Sept. 29 – Oct. 8, 2017	Fully decorated traditional Oktoberfest tent with original furniture (Garnituren), an Oompah band stage, general & reserved seating area and an elevated VIP section. https://nyc.zumschneider.com/upcoming-events-shows/oktoberfest-tent-munich-on-the-east-river-in-nyc
Medieval fair	October 1, 2017	The Medieval Festival transforms Fort Tryon Park into a medieval town with bright banners, processional flags, and performers in period dress. Enjoy medieval music, magic, dancing, juggling, food and craft vendors, and knights jousting on horseback. Rain date Oct. 1. Free.
New York Film Festival	October 1 - 15, 2017 (begins Sept. 28)	See classics, documentaries, and full-length feature films by the world's great filmmakers at the New York Film Festival (NYFF) .
African Restaurant Week	October 1 - 22, 2017	African Restaurant Week has 75 gastronomical events, including food festivals, chef-hosted dinners, pop-up experiences, and cooking classes, with 26 restaurants offering special fixed-price African menus.
Halloween - Bronx Zoo 	October 1 - 29, 2017 (begins Sept. 30)	Boo at the Zoo features costume parades, magic shows, a hay maze, a haunted forest, pumpkin carvers, and treats at the Bronx Zoo and is included free with all tickets. Weekends plus Monday Oct. 9.
Pumpkin festival on Staten Island 	October 1 - 29, 2017 (begins Sept. 30)	Pumpkin Picking at Decker Farm features hayrides, face painting, farm animals, farmhouse tours, arts and crafts, a corn maze, and a pumpkin patch at a historic working farm in Staten Island . Dates in 2017: Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 7-9, 14-15, 21-22, and 28-29.
Architecture and design month	October 1 - 31, 2017	Archtober offers special tours of buildings (some by boat), lectures, films, and exhibitions that help us to appreciate architecture and design in everyday life.






Dance festival	October 2 - 14, 2017	Fall for Dance Festival features 20 international dance companies in five unique programs and two world premiere commissions at City Center.
Parade of Boats	October 3, 2017 (6 p.m.)	Watch the Parade of Boats , including working ships, historic sailboats, magnificent yachts, and fireboats, as a narrator describes their history and purpose at Pier 62. Free unless you attend the dinner on Pier 61.
Pizza party	October 4, 2017 (6 p.m.)	Get in line to buy \$1 pizza samples from dozens of New York City's best pizzerias at Slice Out Hunger in St. Anthony's Church to support charity. Bring cash.
Chihuly glass evening	October 5 - 28, 2017 (Thurs. to Sat.)	Chihuly Nights transforms the grounds of the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx into an enchanted world of lit artwork, with music and cocktails for sale.
Literary and arts festival	October 6 - 8, 2017	Hear famous and influential authors, journalists, poets, screenwriters, and cultural icons speak at the New Yorker Festival .
Pumpkin spectacular 	October 6 - 29, 2017	Walk through a garden of thousands of pumpkins artistically carved with glowing faces of celebrities and demons at Rise of the Jack O'Lanterns . Oct. 6 - 29: Old Westbury Gardens (Long Island) Oct. 26 - 29: Governor's Island
Haunted house 	October 6 - Nov. 4, 2017	Intense, creepy actors confront you in the labyrinth of passageways at Blood Manor , 163 Varick Street. Not for pre-teens. See schedule.
Indian festival of lights	October 7, 2017 (2 to 9 p.m.)	Diwali at Times Square has cultural performances, dancers, and Indian food vendors during the day, and at 6 p.m. a concert with "Bollywood stars, artists and performers" at Times Square (Broadway & 47th). Free.
Lighthouse festival	October 7, 2017 (12 to 4 p.m.)	Tour Manhattan's only remaining lighthouse (until full) at Little Red Lighthouse Festival with food vendors and live music in Fort Washington Park. [In case of bad weather, see the website for instructions.] Free.
Natural fiber festival	October 7, 2017	Kings County Fiber Festival features a marketplace of natural-fiber artists who crochet, dye, felt, knit, quilt, spin, and weave, plus crafting demonstrations and an art exhibit at historic Old Stone House

		in Brooklyn.
Show-tunes festival	October 8, 2017	Hear great songs from stage and screen at Elsie Fest in Central Park.
Pow wow	October 8 - 9, 2017	Bring a lawn chair to Indigenous Peoples Day , which features artists, singers, colorful dancers, speakers, and authentic tribal cuisine on Randall's Island. Free
Columbus Day Parade	October 9, 2017 (11:30 a.m.)	Watch marchers, bands, floats, and Italian folk groups parade up Fifth Avenue from 47th to 72nd in the Columbus Day Parade , on WABC-TV at noon. Free.
Fake wedding	October 10, 2017 (7 p.m.)	Attend an emotional wedding ceremony, eat a light dinner, and dance at a reception to check out the wedding vendors in action at The Big Fake Wedding NYC at The Foundry in Queens. No gifts required!
Underground art show	October 11 - 12, 2017 (7 p.m.)	Pancakes & Booze Art Show is a traveling exhibition by 100 artists, with free pancakes, DJ music, live body painting, and a bar at M1-5 Lounge for age 21+. Begins both nights at 7 p.m. and goes to 2 a.m.
Electronic music	October 12 - 14, 2017	Brooklyn Electronic Music Festival showcases emerging and established artists in Williamsburg.
Wine & food festival	October 12 - 15, 2017	New York City Wine & Food Festival (NYCWFF) features cooking demos by famous chefs, seminars, classes, wine tasting, celebrity dinners, and a weekend Grand Tasting.
Odd street art	October 12 - 15, 2017	You never know what to expect when Art in Odd Places brings visual and performance art to nearly the entire length of 14th Street. The 2017 theme is sense. Free.
Coffee festival	October 13 - 15, 2017	Choose a three-hour session to attend The New York Coffee Festival for tastings, exhibits, demos, and live music at Metropolitan Pavilion.
Architecture open house	October 14 - 15, 2017	Visit 240 of the city's architecturally and culturally significant spaces and places (many closed to the public) during Open House New York Weekend . Most locations are free, but many require reservations.
Pickle day	October 15, 2017 (12 to 5 p.m.)	Buy a pickle on a stick or other pickle-themed food, take part in games and activities, and hear live music at Lower

		East Side Pickle Day on Orchard Street (from Delancey to E. Houston), where vendors once sold pickles from barrels. Free.
Technology festival	October 16 - 20, 2017	Techweek includes speakers, vendors, recruiters, and parties, mostly at Metropolitan Pavilion. Tickets come in three price levels (\$0 to \$115) that determine your access to events.
White Light Festival	October 18 - Nov. 15, 2017	See world-class performances, films, and artist talks with a focus on music during White Light Festival at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.
Apple day	October 19, 2017	Join 1 million New Yorkers eating apples today. Find locations for Big Apple Crunch on the website. Free.
Garment District festival	October 19 - 21, 2017	Garment District Arts Festival offers exhibitions, performances, workshops, open studios, art, and gallery receptions near 8th Ave. and W. 38th St.
Food and film festival	October 19 - 22, 2017	See films about the world's favorite foods and then eat them at the NYC Food Film Festival at AMC Empire 25.
International film festival	October 19 - 22, 2017	Chelsea Film Festival screens "independent shorts, feature-lengths, and documentaries from emerging directors" at two venues (AMC Loews 34th Street & Fashion Institute of Technology).
Cultural film festival	October 19 - 22, 2017	The Margaret Mead Film Festival screens 40 outstanding non-fiction films and hosts special events and performances that explore world cultures at the American Museum of Natural History.
LGBT film festival	October 19 - 24, 2017	NewFest screens a variety of gay and lesbian films at Cinépolis Chelsea.
Haunted house - Brooklyn	October 19 - 21 and 26 - 31, 2017	Gravesend Inn is a haunted hotel with high-tech animated characters, produced by students in City Tech's Theatreworks program, at 186 Jay Street.
A reading of terrifying tales	October 19 - Nov. 5, 2017	Hear two or three spine-tingling stories read live onstage with orchestral score and sound effects each night at H.P. Lovecraft Festival at 81 Christopher Street.
Animal film festival	October 20 - 26, 2017 (reception Oct. 19)	See stunning films (mostly short) about wildlife worldwide, and attend an opening reception or panel discussion at Wildlife Conservation Film Festival at Cinema Village Theater.
Hard cider festival	October 20 - 29, 2017	Cider Week NYC celebrates traditional

		hard cider with tastings, flights, pairings, classes, and events.
Candlelight Ghost Tours	October 20 - 21 and 26 - 30, 2017	Doors slam, floorboards creak, and voices call into the night during evening Candlelight Ghost Tours at Merchant's House Museum.
Marco Polo Festival	October 21, 2017 (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.)	Marco Polo Festival celebrates Chinatown and Little Italy with a puppet parade on Mulberry Street (from Bayard to Grand) ending at a stage on Grand Street with cultural performances. Free.
Jazz festival on Staten Island	October 21, 2017 (2 to 7 p.m.)	Hear legendary jazz artists at Staten Island Jazz Festival at Snug Harbor Cultural Center.
Dogs in costume 	October 21 & 28, 2017	- Oct. 21 (noon) Dogs don crazy costumes to win prizes at Tompkins Square Halloween Dog Parade in Tompkins Square Park, rain or shine. Free Oct. 28 (11:30 a.m.) - Great PUPkin Festival is a dog costume contest & parade at Fort Greene Park in Brooklyn. The rain date is Oct. 29. Free.
TV festival	October 23 - 28, 2017	New York Television Festival (NYTVF) offers screenings of creative shows, educational panels, competitions, pitches, fan events, parties, premieres, and seminars for artists, industry leaders, and viewers alike.
Art prints	October 26 - 29, 2017 (preview Oct. 25)	Find affordable art from 81 dealers at the Fine Art Print Fair at the Jacob Javits Convention Center.
Horror film festival	October 26 - 29, 2017	The competitive NYC Horror Film Festival (NYCHFF) shows short and full-length films at Cinopolis Chelsea.
Halloween show 	October 27, 2017 (7 and 10 p.m.)	Watch a silent classic horror film with live organ, and then see an immersive show of fantastic creatures that surround you at Halloween Extravaganza at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine.
Traditional Halloween festival on Staten Island 	October 27, 2017 (3:30 to 5 p.m.)	Halloween in Richmond Town features kids' trick-or-treating, games, crafts, apple bobbing, and friendly ghosts at historic Richmond Town in Staten Island . Buy tickets in advance on their web page.
Halloween bar parties 	October 27 - 28, 2017	Join a bar party with DJ dance music & drink specials Oct. 27 - Copacabana Times Square

		<p>Oct. 27 - Slate</p> <p>Oct. 28 - Bowlmor Chelsea Piers</p> <p>Oct. 28 - Cielo</p> <p>Oct. 28 - Rosewood Theatre</p> <p>Oct. 28 - The Time Hotel</p>
Crypt tour	October 27 - 28, 2017	Bring a flashlight for a guided tour of the crypt at The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, and hear stories about the entombed, during Crypt Crawls for ages 12+.
Halloween at Fort Totten 	October 27 - 28, 2017 (6:30 to 8 p.m.)	Follow a park ranger on the Haunted Lantern Tour in search of ghouls and learn about the history of the Water Battery at Fort Totten Park in Queens. Also check out the Halloween Festival on Saturday. Free.
Day of the Dead	October 27 - 29, 2017	Bring photos, candles, and marigolds to remember the departed outdoors at St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery on Day of the Dead , with food & crafts for sale. Free.
Halloween at the museum 	October 28, 2017 (2 to 6 p.m.)	Kids can come in costume for trick-or-treating, magic shows, craft projects, music, and live storybook characters at the Halloween Celebration at the American Museum of Natural History.
Halloween masquerade ball 	October 28, 2017	Mix, mingle, frisk, and frolic to DJ tunes with crowds at the Masquerade Ball in the grand opulence of Capitale for age 21+.
Halloween at Socrates Park 	October 28, 2017 (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.)	Halloween Harvest Festival includes art and costume making workshops, face painting, restaurant food, live music, and a dog costume contest (1 p.m.) at Socrates Sculpture Park in Queens. Free.
Halloween at Prospect Park 	October 28, 2017 (12 to 3 p.m.)	Take a Halloween Haunted Walk with a parent past vampires and witches to Lookout Hill. Halloween Fair (nearby on The Nethermead) has family activities and food trucks. Both are free in Prospect Park.
Halloween - Prospect Park Zoo 	October 28 - 29, 2017	Boo at the Zoo features a scavenger hunt, face painting, Halloween games and crafts, talks about bats, treats for animals, and a 4 p.m. dance party at Prospect Park Zoo.
Elite art fair	October 28 - Nov. 1, 2017	TEFAF New York Fall is a fair that offers exceptional fine and decorative art from international galleries at the Park Avenue Armory. Repeats in May.

Halloween in Central Park 	October 29, 2017 (4 to 7 p.m.)	Bring a carved pumpkin (see rules) to Halloween Pumpkin Flotilla for spooky stories, crafts, a 6 p.m. costume parade, and a 6:30 p.m. pumpkin float near Charles A. Dana Discovery Center. Free.
Plays made in a day	October 30, 2017 (8 p.m.)	Famous actors are among the cast at 24 Hour Plays on Broadway , where you watch six brand new plays created, staged, memorized, and performed in a single day at American Airlines Theatre.
Trick or treating for kids 	October 31, 2017	Children in costume can get free Halloween candy at Where to Trick-or-Treat with New York City Kids .
Family party at City Museum 	October 31, 2017 (2 to 5 p.m.)	Wear a costume or mask to Spooky City to enjoy a haunted scavenger hunt, spooky tales, a Monster Mash Dance party, and pumpkin decorating at the Museum of the City of New York.
Halloween costume ball 	October 31, 2017	Dance, dine, show off your costume, and watch creative cabaret acts all evening at Village Halloween Costume Ball at Theater for the New City. Free outdoor entertainment starts 4 p.m., ticketed indoor 8 p.m.
Halloween parade 	October 31, 2017 (7 p.m.)	The big Village Halloween Parade features 53 bands, dancers, artists, puppets, and thousands of New Yorkers in costume parading up 6th Avenue (from Spring Street to 16th Street). Free.

