



Samhain in Ireland

ancestral connection through
song, story, sacred sites and thin places

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Celtic
Heritage
Tours

A coast to coast tour of Ireland discovering the ancient to contemporary traditions of Halloween

Sah-wen: a pre-Christian Celtic festival marking the transition to winter. Today Pagan traditions blend with Christian history and contemporary All Hallows culture, inviting you to a season of mystery, myth, reflection and remembrance.

- Visit** holy wells and hills, monasteries, standing stones, burial sites, fairy mounds, sacred trees, ancient ruins and contemplative community gardens.
- Encounter** fantastical parades, bonfires, candlelit storytelling, cozy pubs and pints, history, mythology, mist-spangled views and sweater weather.
- Learn** Celtic ballads of the afterlife and other worlds to deepen your seasonal connection. Stories, traditions, folklore and history of the land, from Connemara to Newgrange. Simple Irish phrases and vocabulary to bring back home.
- Experience** contemplative and celebratory gatherings in community; deep exploration of your relationships to death, the afterlife & ancestry through the wisdom of folklore, seasonal & Celtic spirituality.
- Stay** at unique hotels with full Irish breakfasts.
- Meet** like-minded-and-souled sisters, brothers and friends.

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HOST: Fiona Gillespie is a musician, tradition-bearer, and student of folklore, balladry & Celtic spirituality. Raised in a family of folk musicians in Bethlehem, PA, she has been steeped in traditional Celtic culture since childhood. She's a professional singer, director, dance caller, song workshop leader & the creator of nonprofit, Hearthsong Folk Arts.

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HOST: Kate Scuffle is a writer, actor, theatre producer, educator, and passionate student of Irish history, arts and culture. Kate has lived, worked and taught in Ireland. As Managing Director of both Theatre Outlet and Selkie Theatre, she produced award-winning Irish/American theatre, tours and festivals. Her Celtic Cultural Moments series can be heard on "Celtic Faire" on Thursday nights on Lehigh Valley's WDIY 88.1.

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