

Samhain in Ireland

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

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A coast to coast tour of Ireland discovering the ancient to contemporary traditions of the Festival of Samhain.

Samhain (sah-wen) is a pre-Christian Celtic festival marking the transition to winter. Today Samhain tradition blends with Christian custom and contemporary 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.



Feb 15th 2:00 PM

earn more & meet your hosts! Informational Open House:

| 2pm | Red Stag Great Room

RSVP to: marie@donegalsquare.com to reserve your in-person or virtual open house spot



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.

<https://www.wdiv.org/people/kate-scuffle>