

Top Halloween Events for Adults

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Halloween doesn't have to be just fun for the kids. Each of these events, and so many more offer something for adults to be a part of and enjoy just as much as trick-or-treating for kids. If you've ever need motivation or needed something to do for Halloween, we've got you covered.

Citizen Public Cocktail Pairing Dinner--Tues., Oct. 30

Aside from the popular, but common pumpkin patches that we are able to visit and pose next to, Citizen Public House intuitively is taking it to another level by basing a six-course dinner off this powerhouse of a crop--1.5 billion pound of pumpkin are produced each year.

The dinner includes curried pumpkin soup, pumpkin gnocchi with toasted molasses butter and Gorgonzola, and even a pumpkin waffle that sounds amazingly rich and delicious. With such a creative and tasteful menu, that's scary good, seats are sure to fill quickly.

Putting the food aside, just momentarily, guests will also be able to decorate miniature pumpkins in between courses and experiment with unique cocktail pairings with each course chosen by Citizen Public House.

To make reservations (s), call 480.398.4208 and for additional information visit: <http://www.citizenpublichouse.com>

The Mint's Spook-tacular Halloween Line-up--Oct. 19, 27, 28, and 31

Yelloween, hosted by Veuve Cliquot is the first event of this line-up, followed immediately after happy hour that includes drink specials such as Ultimat Vodka for \$5. Tables can sip on an entire bottle of Veuve for price of \$50 as continue chilling savings while DJ MCB entertains for the opening night.

The second of four incredibly interesting Halloween events that will take place at Mint of Old Town Scottsdale, Storybook is a themed costume party that encourages guests to dress at their favorite character of a story. If you had childhood ambitions of being little red riding hood, or even superman, it's your chance to bring these characters to life.

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DJ Soloman will be casting spells on the turntables all night and the exclusive drink special of the night will be a pumpkin pie and cinnamon whipped cream shooter that will be offered shaken or strained into a glass.

Sunday is the Industry Halloween party, for those that can't attend Saturday's festivities. But everything is to lead up to the build up of the grand Halloween party takes place on the evening of Halloween and includes distinguished DJ's Gabriel and Dresden. To purchase tickets for the finale, visit: <http://www.sletickets.com>

For additional information, visit: <http://www.themintaz.com>

Spooky and Spectacular: Nightmare on Princess Drive--Sat., Oct.27

Previous years have been full of extraordinary and unexpected costumes that have ranged from the Mad Hatter to Flo the Progressive Girl. Moving onto this year, this Haunted Halloween Ball has the theme of "Bride of Frankenstein," that create plenty of new unforgettable costumes.

The costumes only hint at one transformation though. Arriving guest will have to travel through murky fog on the star-studded black carpet to Stone Rose Lounge moonlit, fire pit patios will be draped with dramatic fabrics and decorated with glowing candelabras and black roses as a parked hearse awaits guests.

Perfect touches as these live in the details. As music plays throughout the night, concoctions will be made such as Candy Corn Martinis along with several others. A costume [contest] will also take place at midnight that will bring all sorts of awesome prizes that even include resort vacations and dinners at Bourbon Steak and La Hacienda. In order to ensure a safe night, the hotel Scottsdale Princess will be offered a special room rate of \$149.

For additional information, visit: <http://www.scottsdaleprincess.com>

Talking Stick Resort Halloween Costume Contest Giveaway--Wed., Oct.31

If there was any type of incentive for you to dress up in the most creative and unique costume, this would definitely be the time. Talking Stick Resort welcomes costumes of the variety to shock and awe audiences and judges, and top five guests with best original costumes will be rewarded a cash prize, while first place will take home \$3,000.

Talking Stick Resort employees will be along the panel of judges, and will take place between the hours 7 and 9:30pm. come out and show your best effort, the registration fee is also free, so what's to lose?

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Haunted Hotel Ball--Sat., Oct. 27

Noted as the Valley's "hottest Halloween party," this party is definitely one to keep on the radar and list of places to check out if you want to witness the best. The bash has already gone through all of its early admission tickets. The night includes over-the-top décor, memorable theatrical performances, and DJs that will be playing music suitable for a night of thrill and terror as Hotel Vally Ho undergoes a complete transformation.

Costumes will range from sexy to scary, though the biggest contenders will come from the most creative and be awarded a \$5,000 grand prize to the winner. Ticket will be gone soon, so act today to get your ticket.

For additional information, visit: <http://hauntedhotelball.com>

Things that Go Bump in the Night--Oct. 5-Nov. 3

If you're more of a visual person, this art exhibit is exactly what you're looking for to get you into the Halloween spook-tacular spirit. With a premise to reconcile childhood memories of fright, the exhibit is full of things that we've come to know as adults as simple artifacts of the imagination.

The Vision Gallery wants to embrace this experience and has featured several works of art to evoke fear, laughter, and fun. Afterwards, there will be an artists reception that will allow conversation and maybe even some bonding over great art.

For additional information, visit: <http://www.visiongallery.org>

Moonlight Kayak for Halloween--Sat., Oct.27

While taking a boat ride across Tempe Town Lake during sunset, listen to hair-raising horror stories and myths by a professional storyteller. By dark the experience will have you immersed in a world that you will wish you could leave behind. Come along for this scary adventure, costumes are encouraged and welcomed.

For additional information, visit: <http://www.tempe.gov>

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Raven Events 7th Annual Masquerade and Costume Ball--Sat., Oct.27

The Masquerade Ball is taking place in the two-level showroom of Talking Stick Resort and Casino. With a large dance floor and plenty of music put on by both the DJ and live five-piece party band, guests will be able to show off their costumes for all to see. The upstairs balcony is great for spending time with your date or meeting new people with a full bar of it's own.

Restaurants will be open and the bars will be offering cocktail specials throughout the night for guests to enjoy. At midnight, best female, male and best couple costumes will be awarded. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance and \$30 per person at the night of the event.

For additional information, visit: <http://www.RavenEvents.com>

12th Annual Ghost Ball Halloween Block Party--Sat., Oct.27

If there were ever a must-attend party for Halloween, this would definitely be it. The Ghost Ball has been known to attract crowds of the thousands, and with each year becoming bigger and better, this years expectations have reached new heights.

The 20, 000 sq.-ft space has been known to transform into a place with flying bats, light-up ghosts and complete adapt to suit the Halloween spirit that fills the space. However, the most notorious part of the night comes from its incredible costume contest, with more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

This party will be unlike any other party you attend in the Valley as it reaches New Year's eve level party proportions. This year is sure to have its share of surprises, get your tickets as soon as possible.

For additional information, visit: <http://www.axis-radius.com>

Halloween Pub Crawl--Sat., Oct. 31

Easily one of the most popular events in Phoenix, the Pub Crawl not only allows us to partake in ridiculous drink

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specials from some of our favorite bars, we get to dress in costume to visit some of these places.

This is a great chance to be able to go out with a group of friends, or possibly even meet new friends while experiencing different places throughout the night. The Pub Crawl this year is set to be one of the largest organized pub crawls Phoenix has ever seen.

For additional information, visit: <http://dose.clubzone.com>