

A Ghoul of a Good Time at the Annual Village Halloween Parade Oct 31 2016 to Oct 31 2016

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The Experience
50,000 ghouls, goblins, gremlins and a various mishmash of otherworldly creatures make their annual spectral appearance at one of the world's most celebrated All Hallows' Eve events, the Village Halloween Parade, located in Greenwich Village. This largely residential neighbourhood located on the West Side of Lower Manhattan in New York City was once a bohemian capital before gentrification turned this area into an upscale district for upper middle class families.

It is during Halloween in New York that the Village once again becomes an artist's haven, welcoming the queer and the quirky, the macabre and the manic, as well as the costumed and the clad to its fair streets. Marking the 39th year of this global event, the Greenwich Village Halloween Parade grew from a house-to-house spectacle organized by a local mask maker and puppeteer in 1974, to a street-to-street attraction in just its second year. This now not-for-profit organization is the largest Halloween parade in the world, the place to see and

be seen and scared on 31 October.

2 million spectators line the cordoned streets as a parade of souls march along the Village paths that stretch over a mile long. This grassroots event welcomes creatures and monsters from all walks of life, including giant floats carrying live bands and various musical and performing acts, pageant-sized puppets, dancers, artists, and circus performers. Flamboyant characters regularly pop up to one-up each other in eclecticism, displaying their showmanship in the most outlandish costumes.

The Greenwich Village Halloween Parade begins at Spring Street and Sixth Avenue, where participants start lining up long before the appointed 18:00 calling time. Floats and puppets stream and bob along the route come 19:00. The Village Halloween Parade snakes its way to 21st street where the hedonism continues in the many nearby bars, nightclubs, and restaurants that host costumed parties.

Come Halloween, many lose themselves in the crowd, dress in the gaudiest costumes, join in the Vaudeville show, and become spectacles for the 100 million viewers watching this world-televised event. The alternative can always be to go trick-or-treating...

Village Halloween Parade Photos

When to Go to Village Halloween Parade

Halloween, All Hallows' Eve, October 31 is the only time to go to take in this supernatural splendour. Autumn in New York is an ideal time to visit. It's cool and crisp, just like the people. Greenwich Village is located in happening Manhattan, where if anything is worth doing, it's being done here.

Odds n' Ends

Like any crowded area, visitors and locals alike best have their wits about them. Pickpockets and opportunists are rampant, so if you don't want a fright from missing valuables, best keep them safe.

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