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Experience Hampton Haunts All October

Hampton, VA- Summer may have come to an end, but as quickly as we emptied the sand from our beach bags, we realized that with fall leaves comes one very exciting holiday...HALLOWEEN. Hampton has not let you down this year as far as our lineup of exciting haunts goes; after all, 400 years of history has left us with quite a few ghost tales to tell.

2018 Hampton Haunts

October 2018

October 9- November 5 **Haunted Carousel Rides**

Trick or Treating with the Headless Horseman” and free candy are part of the fun in store for visitors to “Haunted Horse Rides” at the historic Hampton Carousel beginning

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October 9, and continuing Tuesday through Sunday until November 4. Located in Carousel Park, Downtown Hampton, the Hampton Carousel will be decorated for the season of ghosts and goblins, with costumed carousel staff giving candy to visitors. The finely carved and painted horses will also be decorated, with one of the horses occupied by the infamous Headless Horseman. Entry to the carousel pavilion and Halloween candy are free. Rides on the carousel are just \$1.00. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (602 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669)

13 Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Celebrate Halloween and witness superstitious schoolmaster Ichabod Crane's child-friendly, spooky adventures as he encounters the galloping Headless Horseman in this eye-catching adaptation of Washington Irving's literary classic. *A Virginia Rep on Tour Production*. The American Theatre. 11:00 a.m. \$10. 757/722-2787. www.hamptonarts.net (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

13 Phoebus Fall Festival

This is the 49th year for this event! Presented by the community of Phoebus, this event features local craft beers, vendors, music, dancers, pie eating contest, doggie costume parade, and more. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free Admission. 757/826-1862. www.phoebusvaevents.com (212 E Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

19-21 Fort Monroe Ghost Walk

Come and discover where history meets mystery! Learn the hidden secrets of Fort Monroe's rich 400 year history during our guided ghost walks. Special priced tickets go on sale in September. Tours are rain or shine. Please be advised that this is a walking tour and most of the areas of the tour are not handicapped accessible. This tour is not recommended for children under the age of 12. Children under the age of 17 must be

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accompanied by an adult. Fort Monroe. 6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$20 night of tour. 757/690-8061. www.fmauthority.com (Fort Monroe)

20 Bluebird Gap Farm Fall Festival

Each year the City of Hampton ushers in the fall season at the Bluebird Gap Farm Festival. The festival offers a variety of children's activities, hayrides and much more. Entry and activities are free, and food vendors and pumpkins are available for purchase. 757/825-4750. (60 Pine Chapel Rd. Hampton, VA 23666)

22-26 Hampton Horror Tours

These 60-minute tours include eerie tales of Old Hampton and the Coastal Virginia area. The tour will encounter actors portraying the first witch recorded in America, ghosts of Civil War soldiers, pirates from Blackbeard's Crew, a speakeasy proprietor, escaped prisoners, yellow fever victims, and more characters from the city's tales of mystery and the macabre. Each tour will include the grisly side of Hampton history; special surprises and a spooky lantern tour of the St. John's Church graveyard, and other points of fright along Queen Street and around downtown Hampton. Hampton History Museum. 6:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. Admission Fee. 757/727-1610. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton, VA 23669)

27 Downtown Hampton Halloween Block Party

Hampton takes to the streets for a fun-filled street fair including live music by DJ Griffin & Galaxy Groove, cold refreshments and plenty of activities for the young and old. Best Costume Contest at 8:00 p.m. Downtown Hampton. 6:00 p.m. -10:30 p.m. Free Admission. 757/727-1271. www.hamptonblockparty.com (Queens Way, Downtown Hampton, 23669)

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31 Rocky Horror Picture Show

Grab your fishnets, and pelvic thrust your way to The American Theatre's creature feature presentation of THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW! Coming this October, audiences will TIME WARP back to the 1970s and shimmy the night away to the voices of Magenta, Frank-N-Furter & Riff Raff on The American Theatre's silver screen. Dust off your gold sequin top hat, snap on your rubber gloves and lace up your corset for some harmless musical fun—a delightful spoof of Hollywood horror movies and Old Dark House melodramas! The American Theatre. 8:00 p.m. \$10. 757/722-2787. www.hamptonarts.net (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

And don't forget about pumpkins! **Wood's Orchards Farm Market** (where President Obama purchased pumpkins back on October 19, 2011) is the perfect place to find carve-worthy pumpkins this year, offering a selection ranging from \$3-\$45, and varying from small to very large pumpkins, with a whole field of white pumpkins. Hours of operation: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

For a full list of October events in Hampton, visit our website at www.VisitHampton.com.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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