

Press release

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Spooky breaks: half-term Halloween fun for all the family in Wiltshire



With the half-term holidays fast approaching, [VisitWiltshire](#) has picked out some of the best ways to enjoy a spooky break this October – from haunted houses and ghost trains to pumpkin carving and torchlight tours, there’s plenty going on to keep the kids entertained and serve up a great excuse to explore the most quintessentially English county of all, Wiltshire.

What to see and do

- [Salisbury City Guides](#) will be running a series of ‘spooky walks’ throughout the week, including a ‘Classic Ghost Walk’, as well as ‘Family Frighteners’ and ‘Salisbury’s “Horrible History”’ walks. All tours depart from the Salisbury Information Centre, from which tickets can be purchased in advance. Adults from £5; all accompanied children half price
- Longleat will once again host its infamous [Halloween Spooktacular](#), with a host of thrills and chills taking place over the October Half-Term Holidays. Daily tours will take place throughout the festival, as well as the new after-dark Ghoulish Torchlight Tours from 7pm. There will also be some spectacular firework displays, including special ‘Fiendish Fireworks’ shows on 25 and 26 October
- Spooky trails will be running throughout the week at the historic locations of [Old Wardour Castle](#) and [Old Sarum](#). Adults from £3.90; children from £2.30
- Equestrian school Rein and Shine will be hosting a [Halloween Barn Dance](#) on Saturday, 26 October. The event will include a DJ, optional fancy dress competition, children’s Ghost Hunt and a Graveyard BBQ. Adult tickets £15; under-14s £10

- If you fancy a spot of [pumpkin carving](#), look no further than Roves Farm – a fantastic day out to keep the kids amused from tractor rides to giant slides, come along between 23 October and 3 November and carve your own pumpkin to take home with you!
- Hop aboard the [Halloween Ghost Train](#) and see how many ghouls you can spot, courtesy of the Swindon and Cricklade Railway. Running on Thursday, 31 October and Friday, 1 November from 6 – 8.45pm. Adults £7; children £5; family ticket (2 adults + 2 children) £22

Where to stay

- Spend a spooky half-term at [Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort](#) and enjoy some true luxury with a full Wiltshire breakfast, a three course dinner, and full use of the spa facilities – as well as entrance to Bowood House and Gardens which will host a number of Halloween activities during the week including a pumpkin hunt and spooky scarecrow trails. Rates start from £200 (based on two adults and one child sharing a room)
- Situated on the edge of the Cotswolds, [Stanton House Hotel](#) is surrounded by beautiful gardens designed by Gertrude Jekyll in the 18th century and overlooking Stanton Lake and Park. The hotel will also host a one-off murder mystery evening on Friday, 25 October (for adults only!). Double rooms from £130 incl. breakfast; murder mystery dinner £40 per adult
- Set in the heart of the beautiful Wiltshire countryside, the delightful self-catering [Waterlake Cottage](#) is offering four nights for the price of three (at £234) and five nights for the price of four (at £280) during September and October
- A superb example of Victorian gothic architecture, the delightful family home of [The Old Rectory](#) is within walking distance of the beautiful village of Lacock. As a special autumn offer, stay three nights and get the third half price – double rooms from £85 per person

Check out VisitWiltshire for all the latest events, offers and information this half-term, at: www.visitwiltshire.co.uk

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Images of all the above attractions are available on request.

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