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History corner



Did you know that:

The Great Chicago Fire occurred on October 8th, 1871, destroying the city and leaving 100,000 people homeless.

On October 1, 1949, the People's Republic of China was founded. Mao Zedong ruled the republic from its founding until his death in 1976.

In October, 1810 Prince Ludwig of Bavaria held a festival to celebrate his marriage with Therese, the princess of Saxony-Hildburghausen and it has since been held every year, known as Oktoberfest.

The Bolsheviks overthrew the government in 1917, establishing the first Communist ruling party but in 1917 Russia was still using the old calendar, so the event they know as the October Revolution actually happened in November!

The very first McDonald's restaurant in the UK opened its doors on October 1, 1974. The restaurant is still operational today and is located in Woolwich, in the south of London.

A meteor shower, visible in both hemispheres is the Orionid meteor shower, which runs from October 2nd until early November. At the peak of the meteor shower, as many as 20 meteors are visible every hour.

October seems to be a fantastic month for longevity. Research shows that people born in the Northern Hemisphere in October tend to live longer than anyone else across the year.

'Ghost' in the languages of our teachers.

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October Festivals around the world

Vocabulary corner

`(as) pale as a ghost`

Exceptionally pale due to sickness or fear

She is as pale as a ghost every time she has to board a plane.

`ghost town`

An uninhabited, abandoned town

Ever since they closed down the mine, the city looks more and more like a ghost town every year.

`Look as you have seen a ghost`

To look terrified, shocked

What's wrong? You look as if you've seen a ghost!

`to ghost someone`

To ignore someone until they stop trying to get in touch
She wouldn't stop pestering me so I decided to simply ghost her.

`ghost writer`

A writer who assists someone with writing, without taking credit

Being the ghost writer of presidential speeches must be amazing!

`Aloha` Festival - Hawaii



The initial festival— "Aloha Week"—included a parade, pageants, hula shows and services at Kawaiahao Church in Honolulu. The event now encompasses some 300 events on six islands spanning a two-month period. Nearly 30,000 volunteers work together to stage the various events, which are attended by nearly a million people each year.

`Diwali` Festival of the Lights – India

The festival represents the triumph of light over darkness. The magical sight of cities glowing with fireworks and paper lanterns is even more stunning up close; candles are lit everywhere and lanterns are set into the sky.



Círio de Nazaré, Brazil



A lesser known annual Brazilian festival is Círio de Nazaré. This October festival is religious in its origins; local communities and pilgrims from across the country gather in tribute of 'Our Lady of Nazareth'. A huge procession – literally hundreds of boats crossing the Amazon River – carries the small statue from Belem to Icoaraci and back.

MassKara Festival of Smiles, Philippines

Born out of a crisis, the festival, held in Bacolod, the City of Smiles, was created in hopes of lifting people's spirits during the 1980s. The colourful beaded masks, vibrant hats and outlandish costumes all tell a story of resilience.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



All Hallow` s Eve

Halloween is thought to have roots in Christian beliefs and practices, as the word `Halloween` comes from `All Hallow`s Eve`. It originated as a commemoration of the dead and honouring of the departed spirits. By the 12th century it had reached Western cultures and, beyond it`s playful, spooky and commercial connotations, it is still observed by many countries as the time to remember the dead before winter.



Chuseok, 15th of the eight lunar calendar month North and South Korea

Families share their harvest, visit and clean graves and honor their ancestors.



Dia de los Muertos, November 1st, 2nd Latin America and Mexico

Celebrating the lives of the deceased, with parades, foods, dances and parties.



Gai Jatra, Festival of Cows August or September, Nepal

Families who lost a relative in the last year lead a cow (the most revered animal in Hinduism) down the village street in a procession.



Hungry Ghost Festival Buddhist and Taoists 15th of the seventh lunar calendar

Food on altars and fake paper money, cut-out cars, paper watches in metal bins are set on fire to provide for the ancestors in their afterlife.



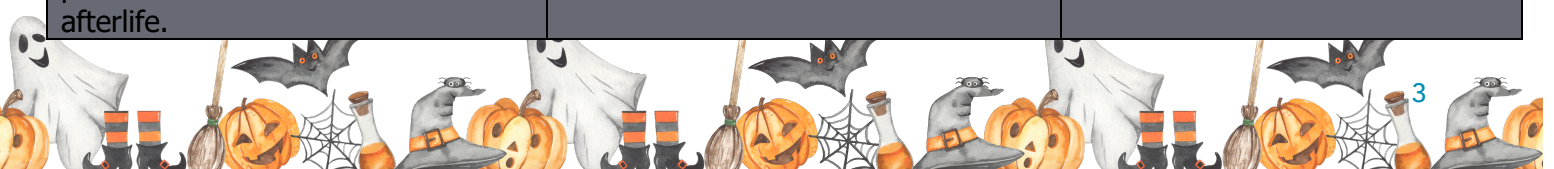
Pchum Ben Cambodia, Mid-September to Mid-October

Cambodians gather in pagodas awaiting spirits that come back in search of living relatives, hoping to atone for sins from their past life.



Pitru Paksha, India September

People offer prayer, food and water to their ancestors to free the souls of the departed and help them transition towards heaven.



Movie pick of the month



This is not the kind of film where the leads overcome social obstacles and live happily ever after as husband and wife. In fact, it turns out to be a rare film about two characters you've never seen in a movie. You go into it thinking you know what you're getting into, but Ed Helms and Patti Harrison prove to you that surrogate stories are not always predictable. The main characters don't fully appreciate each other until they quit trying to categorize their relationship and let it be whatever it's going to be, while trying not to obsess over what'll happen once the baby is born. It's a complicated, 3 trimester journey towards making dreams come true.

Dusty Arts

Raechel's Bakery and Coffee Tips

To kick off this new edition of Raechel's Bakery and Coffee Tips, I would like to introduce "Dusty Arts", a stylish coffee shop located atop a mountain in Bishamondai. The coffee shop itself is completely made out of glass, allowing customers to enjoy the exquisite view of Asaminami ward while partaking of coffee and pastries. Unlike other cafes, Dusty Arts gives you full rein over the taste of your cup of joe by allowing you to choose the coffee bean and the way in which the coffee is prepared.

If you prefer a strong cup of a sweeter blend that's low on sour notes, you can try the German Roast Blend prepared in a French press. Or you might go for the Sumatra Manheling G1 blend prepared in a drip coffee maker, if you prefer on a less strong, but more bitter taste. Dusty Arts even sells the coffee beans they use to ensure that guests can recreate their coffee experience in the comfort of their homes. So, if you have a hankering for some tailor-made java, make your way to Dusty Arts for a unique sip of whatever floats your boat!



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