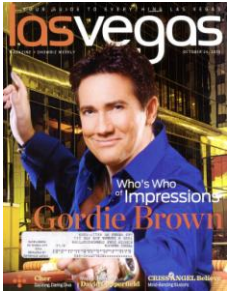


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Celebrating Halloween
with haunted houses and
haunting house music By Matt Kelemen

Halloween runs a close second to New Year's Eve as the ultimate time to party in Las Vegas. But unlike the night of Dec. 31, Halloween celebrations start days before, with nightly chances to party alongside celebrity club hosts or win one of the numerous costume contests at the Strip's many nightclubs.

DJs dominate most of the Strip's nightlife venues, with Crown Nightclub at the Rio hosting the 13th annual Devil's Night Out on Friday and Studio 54 making its yearly transformation into Nightmare of 54th Street in advance of Holly Madison's Saturday-night Hollyween party and Sunday's 44th annual Beaux Arts Ball, where prizes are given for the Sexiest, Best Drag and Most Original costumes. Tao at The Venetian brings in a bloodsucker on Friday when *True Blood* star Ryan Kwanten hosts the first night of Yelloween, with crowd favorites LMFAO entertaining Saturday and master DJ Erick Morillo spinning house music Sunday night.

Head to McFadden's at Rio for a three-night celebration, culminating Saturday with "Boos and Booze," its official Halloween party with open bar specials plus cash and prizes for best costumes. The Deuce Lounge at Aria celebrates with a lingerie party Saturday, while Gold Lounge holds two separate events, the Plastic Halloween Costume Contest, Saturday, and the Naughty or Nice Halloween Costume Contest on Friday (your chance to prove if you're a sexy devil or a sweet angel!).

Come dressed for success at PBR Rock Bar & Grill in Miracle Mile Shops, Friday through Sunday, and you could win cash. Imperial Palace's Strip-side Rockhouse hosts its sexy costume contest on Thursday, while Friday seeks out the most creative costume. A costume showdown winds up Sunday.

If it's haunted houses that you're looking for, Circus Circus' Fright Dome takes the cake, with themes paying tribute to *Saw* and *My Bloody Valentine*, among others. The resort also features A Haunting Tour, where an elevator leads to the ghoulish staff and possessed furniture on the 13th floor. The products of sadistic medical experiments will try to check you in at Madame Tussauds, The Venetian's wax museum that re-opens at 9 p.m. Oct. 24 & 29-31 for After Dark, a special lights-out chamber of horrors presentation that stays open until midnight.

Kids 12 and under might be more likely to enjoy the carnival-like Haunted Harvest at the Springs Preserve, or the Haunted Reef at Mandalay Bay's Shark Reef Aquarium, which adds a spooky soundtrack to its ghostly tunnels. But children of all ages can participate in a Halloween parade on Saturday, which lines up one block west of the Strip at Hoover Avenue beginning at 6 p.m. and heads north for downtown at 7 p.m. Costumes are required, and there may be a few actual monsters and undead in attendance. "What stays in Vegas" doesn't always refer to the living, after all.