

## MEDIA INFORMATION

### **Pumpkins & spooky fun for the whole family**

**Pumpkin-yellow and apple-green: Europa-Park shines in the colours of autumn. From 1st of October until 6th of November, the season of the pointed teeth will be back in Germany's biggest theme park. Europa-Park turns into a spectacular autumn-landscape, where the spooky night creatures feel at home between thousands of pumpkins, apples, corn plants, skeletons, chrysanthemums and bales of straw. But that's not everything: The show-programme, the parade, the restaurants, the hotels and even some attractions adapt to the creepy time of the year and await all the visitors with extraordinary highlights. Moreover, the "Horror Nights starring Marc Terenzi" propose a brand new theme world to the fearless visitors.**

Halloween has been a key element of Germany's biggest theme park since more than 10 years. An orange glowing carpet of more than 160,000 pumpkins in all colours and shapes settles over the park's landscape. Together with more than 100,000 autumn plants – among them 15,000 chrysanthemums -, 3,000 bales of straw, 6,000 corn plants, spider trees, clattering skeletons and spooky illumination, the wide range of different pumpkins emphasises the nice and eerie Halloween ambience. Besides the pumpkin, the apple is also a famous symbol of autumn. For the Halloween period, a gigantic work of art composed of more than 20,000 red and green apples will rise for the first time in the picturesque ambience of the castle park. The art-work represents an oversized map of Europe on an area of 80 square metres and adds another facet to the park's autumn-landscape.

#### **Halloween highlights for young and old:**

The most extensive Halloween-decoration of Germany is the perfect framework for the autumnal show-highlights. In the spooky cellar "Tortuga – the Lost Pirates" deep beneath the Scandinavian themed area, live actors guarantee breathless moments to brave visitors. The ice-show "Halloween on Ice" will enchant the visitors with the elegant motions of ghosts and demons on the skating ring and in "Dark Side of the Night" on the Italian stage, Europa-Park's artists will surprise you with live-singing and acrobatics at dusk.

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The little visitors can look forward to the eerily-beautiful Halloween village in front of the Europa-Park Historama: extravagant hairstyling, henna tattoos and frightening make-up ensure the perfect look. To test their creativity they can also carve their own pumpkin faces or draw some creepy creatures with Euromaus before shooting a souvenir-picture at the Halloween photo-point. The youngest visitors can make their first frightening experience with the Halloween Euromaus-Show "Euromaus and the Mummy". In the Magic Cinema 4D, the guests plunge into a three-dimensional world of ghosts with the creepy movie highlight "Haunted House", before more than 80 whimsical creatures gather for the Happy-Halloween-Parade, where they play their funny tricks on the audience.

All hungry visitors will find a large choice of eerily tasty delicacies. With delicious cream of pumpkin soup, baked pumpkin with pumpkin-chilli dip, fried "Spider Legs" with tomato sauce or blood-red Dracu-Secco, the culinary specialities also ensure Halloween-feeling in the park and at the hotel resort.

And while all Halloween creatures seek shelter underground after a long day, the visitors can look forward to their cosy rooms in the Hotel Resort. But those guests who have booked one of the spookily decorated Halloween rooms at the hotels "Colosseo" and "Castillo Alcazar" or in the Camp Resort, may need steady nerves also at night...

### Halloween-Festival

The festival week from 29th of October until 06th of November will be the climax of the Halloween period. Goblins and demons will wander in the park's street. At the horror-market in the castle park, the visitors can discover fancy-products from medieval clothing to wrought-iron lanterns while the "Evening Parade of Ghosts and Goblins" makes its way through the park at nightfall. The big highlight of the festival week will be the evening-show "Castillo Mystico" on the festival area.

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During the Halloween-Festival Week Europa-Park offers a special evening ticket for 17.50 €, which is valid from 4 pm.

### **Horror Nights – starring Marc Terenzi**

Those who fear cockroaches or have nightmares after a creepy movie have certainly never experienced pure horror! With the “Horror Nights starring Marc Terenzi”, fear gets a new dimension. From 23rd of September until 6th of November, the undead will reign over Europa-Park. From Friday to Sunday as well as on the 3rd and 31st of October and 1st of November 2011 from 08:00 pm, zombies will crawl through the darkness. This year, the area has been doubled. The “Horror Nights starring Marc Terenzi” offer a brand new theme world to the fearless visitors.

More information and tickets on [www.horrornights.de](http://www.horrornights.de).

### **SWR3 Halloween-Party**

The legendary SWR3-Band, SWR3 Goes Clubbing with live-drums- and saxophone, monster-hits with the SWR3-DJs, cow-rock with “Big Dig & The Sidechicks”, a fancy dress contest as well as a big firework – this is what awaits all the visitors on 31st of October at the big SWR3 Halloween-Party at Europa-Park. In addition, all guests who would like to leave the dance-floor and have a little break can go for a ride on some of the attractions, which will be open also in the evening.

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