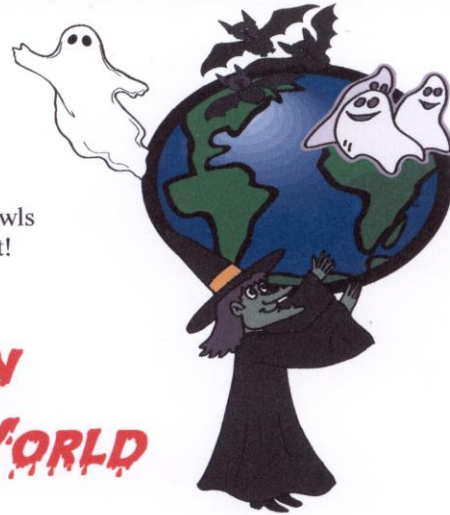


**M**oans, groans, and things that go bump in the night.  
A vampire walks as a monster stalks.  
Dead leaves crunch beneath your feet as a werewolf howls  
at the full moon. You suddenly come face to face with a ghost!  
Relax.... it's Halloween!

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## HALLOWEEN AROUND THE WORLD



Welcome aboard the Information Airlines. You're traveling first class as we take off to see how other countries celebrate Halloween...

### AUSTRALIA

A party platter consisting of bread, water, and a lighted lamp is left out for the spirits who resides in the netherworld.



### BELGIUM

The people here simply light a candle to those who have passed away.

### ENGLAND

Traditionally, in some parts of England, children sing the *Punkie Night Song* as they carry carved beets through the streets asking for money from the homes they pass. If you squint real hard, you could see turnip lanterns at gateposts protecting the good folks from evil spirits. Most recently, children here have adopted the tradition of Trick or Treat.

### CHINA

*The Teng Chieh* and *The Feast of Hungry Ghosts* are celebrated here. Food and water are left besides photos of loved ones as bonfires and lanterns glow in the night. This is called *The Teng Chieh*. *The Feast of Hungry Ghosts* are full of hungry souls whose appetites can only be satisfied by recognition and care. People believe if a person died by unnatural circumstances and receive no proper burial their souls will wander the earth. Traditionally, their surviving families offer these spirits joss sticks (sweet smelling incense), food, and gifts. The living believe the netherworld comes with a price tag, so burning paper money as payment is not unheard of on this night.

### GERMANY

The living put away knives so the returning spirits won't cut themselves.



### SICILY

Children go to bed on November 1<sup>st</sup> while the spirits rise from their graves to deliver toys and candy for All Saints' Day. Sicilian chefs bake a special bone shaped biscotti. This almond flavour pastry is called Bones of the Dead.

Sorry ...there's no room for our  
other neighbours!

