

HALLOWEEN:

As we know, nowadays, we celebrate Halloween on October, 31st. We usually go out with friends at night to. However, children, get different costumes of terror, let's say: wizards, vampires, wolfs, ghosts... and they go out and to ask for candies to different houses.



Anyway, some years ago, here in the Basque Country, Basque people used to celebrate another type of celebration, very similar to the Halloween that we celebrate nowadays.

“SANTU GUZTIEN BEZPERA: ARIMEN JAIA / GAU BELTZA” (the Soul Feast or Black Night).



Until the beginning of the xxth. century, the tradition of empty the pumpkins, potatoes and beets was maintained in the small rural areas of the Basque Country with different names. Basque farmers and peasants used to put one or various candles inside each vegetable. People used to eat chestnuts and the kids went out to ask, as they do now.

60 years ago our grandmothers and grandfathers used to “steal” the pumpkins from other people's gardens in a funny way, and they also had the chance to go out at night to celebrate *Arimen Jaia*.

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