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Spooktacular Half Term and Halloween Fun Await in the English Riviera!

[Date] – Get ready for a hauntingly good time this October as the English Riviera transforms into a hub of excitement and adventure with a range of half-term and Halloween activities for families and visitors of all ages. From spinetingling adventures to murder mysteries, the English Riviera is the ultimate destination for a memorable half term break.

Halloween Activities Highlights

<u>1. Halloween at Occombe Farm</u> - Join the 'fangtastic' children's Halloween discos, hosted by DJ entertainer Richard's Time Machine. Attend events that promise a night filled with spooky excitement and activities to delight every little ghoul and goblin. There will be ghostly dance tunes, ghoulish party games and spooky storytelling too.

2. <u>Halloween at Babbacombe Model Village</u> - Halloween comes to the Babbacombe Model Village as ghouls, ghosts and spooky scenes create havoc for miniature residents. Kids can also enjoy the Miniature Pumpkin Hunt with all successful young explorers taking home their very own Halloween treat.

3. <u>Halloween Activities at Torre Abbey</u> - There's a cold chill in the air, an eerie mist descends over Torre Abbey, visitors beware! This half term, bring the little monsters to visit Torre Abbey gardens after dark for a spooky Halloween adventure. With illuminations, projections and a truly terrifying Halloween trail, prepare for family fun. There will be Halloween themed treats and games, with hot drinks and horrifying (but nice) treats available. There's a prize for everyone who completes the trail.

4. <u>Halloween at Kents Cavern</u> - Venture underground at Kents Cavern, one of the most important prehistoric cave sites in Europe, for a special Halloween experience. The caverns will be transformed into a haunted haven with eerie lighting and unexpected surprises around every corner. There's even a kid-friendly version for younger adventurers!

5. <u>Spooky Fun at Bygones, Torquay</u> - Wander back in time for spooky, activity sheet-based fun starting towards the end of Queen Victoria's reign. Visit the authentic life-size Victorian Street, see the

Blacksmith hard at work, smell the treats of the Sweetshop, listen to the hustle and bustle of Victorian life.

Family-Friendly Half-Term Fun

1. <u>Autumn Walks</u> - Explore the stunning landscapes of the English Riviera with a range of stunning scenic Autumn walks. Discover the vibrant autumn colours, spot local wildlife, and enjoy the crisp air with the whole family.

2. <u>Torquay's Dinosaur World</u> - Torquay's Dinosaur World is a fun interactive indoor exhibition that brings dinosaurs and their worlds to life. There are a host of scaled and full-size models set in realistic scenes accompanied by exciting information. There are excavation sites for uncovering fascinating fossils, a fun family quiz and many other interactive exhibits.

3. <u>Half-Term Fun at Paignton Zoo</u> - Paignton Zoo will be hosting a series of special half-term activities, including animal encounters, educational talks, and Halloween-themed events. It's a fantastic way to combine fun and learning during a coastal visit.

4. <u>Titanic Murder Mystery</u> - Join the fun at The Grand Hotel in Torquay and unravel the secrets of the most famous ship in history. Solve the crime with crewmates or the passengers and see what unfolds.

Plan Your Visit

With so much to see and do, the English Riviera is the ideal destination for an unforgettable autumn escape for families seeking thrills, chills, or family fun. <u>Accommodation options</u> range from cosy seaside cottages to luxurious hotels, ensuring a comfortable stay for all.

For more information on events, accommodation, and how to plan a visit, head to the official English Riviera website at <u>www.englishriviera.co.uk</u>.

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About English Riviera

The English Riviera Business Improvement District (BID) Company is a collaborative effort between over 1000 local businesses, authorities, and stakeholders dedicated to enhancing the tourism experience and promoting sustainable economic growth for Torbay.

With 22 miles of stunning coastline the English Riviera covers Torquay, Paignton and Brixham. Torquay is the birthplace of Agatha Christie, the world's greatest crime writer, and the resort offers a vast array of culture, history, water activities, spas, festivals, entertainment and food and drink experiences.

As a designated UNESCO Global Geopark, the English Riviera has gained international recognition for its 400 million years of geological heritage and is promoted as one 'Earth's Extraordinary Places.' The resort is also an international cruise port.

For more information for consumers visit<u>www.englishriviera.co.uk</u> and for businesses visit www.englishriviera.co.uk/bid.