

Carve your face into a pumpkin this Halloween in New York's High Line

Guests at the High Line Hotel in Manhattan can get into the spirit of the October season with a new "pumpkin service, bottle service." Starting last week, the hotel is offering a chance to have your face carved into a pumpkin while you sip champagne. Master carver Brent Heuser will apply his knife skills to carve your likeness into a "boo-tiful" display that's certain to spook the neighbors.



Master carver Brent Heuser is on hand with his knife skills. Image by High Line Hotel

Rather have your spouse's face carved into a pumpkin? Your pet? According to the hotel, no visage is too difficult for Mr Heuser, who began professionally carving pumpkins four years ago. The service takes place in the front garden of the High Line Hotel, itself a storied building that first began as a seminary in the mid-1800s. The neo-Gothic architecture is the perfect setting for an eerie evening of pumpkin carving.



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Inside, the hotel bar also offers craft cocktails, beer, champagne and wine, while a turntable plays music from the collection of Ingo Swann, a purported psychic and pioneer in "remote viewing" whose personal books also furnish the rooms in the hotel.



Service includes a bottle of Veuve Clicquot Brut Yellow Label. Image by High Line Hotel

The 45-minute service costs \$125 and includes a bottle of Veuve Clicquot Brut Yellow Label NV and a pumpkin, carved while you wait. The pumpkin carving is available every Thursday and Friday in October, as well as Halloween night (of course).

Other thrilling events at the hotel include a Halloween Dog Parade of costumed canines on Sunday, 28 October.

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