

October 30th

SPAIN

Samhain Day

It was the most important Celtic festivity of the pagan period which ruled Europe until the Christian period. It celebrated the end of the Harvest season, and represented the beginning of the “Celtic year” which started with the arrival of the “dark” season; it means not only a festivity of transition (the end of one year and the beginning of the new one) but also the opening to the next world; it has been celebrated for more than three thousand years by the Celtic people who have lived all along Europe.

This old Celtic festivity used to be described as a communion with the soul of the dead, that, specially on the date from 31st October to 1st November, were allowed to walk among the living beings.

The gates of the underworld were opened so giving people the chance to meet their dead relatives.

The “Samaín” festivity, the most ancient of the pre- Christian period, meant for the Celtic the beginning of the new year.