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For those that like their fair share of scary ‘tricks’ alongside their treats, why not take your Halloween plans up a notch from the standard fancy dress and book into a haunted hotel? New research\(^1\) from Hotels.com\(^\circledR\) has revealed that one in five Brits would definitely like to stay the night in a haunted location and almost a third would consider letting themselves in for a night of frights. As such, the accommodation experts have created a round-up of the most haunted hotels around the world to get into the spooky spirit this October.

1. **Ballygally Castle, Northern Ireland**

If staying in a castle isn’t magical enough, book into the ghost room at Ballygally Castle in Northern Ireland to experience something a little more sinister. The castle is rumoured to have as many as three friendly ghosts that roam around the turrets, however one particular room is said to still be home to the original owner of the castle’s wife, Lady Isabella Shaw. Guests who have stayed in this haunted room, at the top of the spiral staircase in the oldest part of the castle, have reported hearing her ominously knocking on the door. The castle also offers a ghost tour where you can encounter the other two apparitions as well as learn about the history of the building.
Ballygally Castle is available to book from £88 per room, per night.

2. **Bourbon Orleans Hotel, New Orleans**

The iconic Bourbon Orleans Hotel, located in the beautiful French Quarter, has a rich and vibrant history. The hotel used to be the elegant and historic Orleans Ballroom and Theatre and then in the late 1800s was converted into a convent, meaning stories of the haunted rooms are as old as the hotel itself. The Loved by Guest hotel ranks as one of New Orleans’ top haunted hotels and is so spooky that it is a key part of New Orleans Ghost & Spirits walking tour.

Bourbon Orleans Hotel is available to book from £99 per room, per night*

3. **Hotel Burchianti, Florence**

Whilst beautiful, this boutique hotel isn’t for the faint hearted, as it is rumoured to be brimming
with ghosts and trapped spirits. Guests have not only claimed to have seen children skipping down the halls, but also the ghost of a woman sitting in a chair. Alongside the haunted atmosphere, guests can enjoy the 16th century historical original murals displayed around the hotel. Only last year, a ghost was actually captured on camera at this hotel, so why not chance your luck this October 31st?

Hotel Burchianti, Florence is available to book from £84 per room, per night*

4. Toftaholm Herrgård, Sweden

Are you brave enough to stay at the idyllic Toftaholm Herrgård set on the shores of Lake Vidostern in Southern Sweden? Guests at the hotel, a 14th century former country manor, have experienced unexplained incidents from strange noises to doors and windows being shut in the morning. The hotel is thought to be haunted by a young peasant boy who fell in love with the daughter of the baron, who hung himself when she was forced to marry someone else.
Toftaholm Herrgård is available to book from £99 per room, per night*

5. **The Russell Hotel, Sydney**

The Russell Hotel offers ghost tours for guests wanting to learn more about its haunted past. Situated in the now trendy area known as The Rocks, this part of town used to attract some shady characters as well as mischievous sailors. One such sailor is said to have never left, and still haunts the halls in room eight, with some guests even reporting that they have seen him staring at them from the foot of the bed.

The Russell Hotel is available to book from £80 per room, per night*
6. **The Mermaid Inn, Rye**

The quaint and historic Mermaid Inn in Rye, East Sussex is plagued by numerous spirits and has its own designated ‘Ghost Room’. Even celebrities have said to have been awoken by the mysterious noises in this bedroom. (Trick or) treat yourself this Halloween and book a stay to scare yourself senseless.

![Image of the Mermaid Inn](image)

**The Mermaid Inn, Rye** is available to book from £99 per room, per night*

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