Calling all ghosthunters – do you dare visit our six



Grade I listed Ordsall Hall, near Salford, is said to be haunted

The National Lottery has supported over 42,000 heritage projects UK-wide, but only a few are said to have supernatural residents… Are you brave enough to seek them out?

1) Ordsall Hall

A trio of ghosts is said to roam former stately home Ordsall Hall, Salford, where some of the frightful goings-on have been captured on camera. The White Lady, Cecily and Sir John Radclyffe are said to haunt the Grade I-listed manor. A wispy vapour photographed in the Star Chamber, said to be the house's most haunted room, is among the paranormal evidence. Tour the building and take part in a paranormal study... if you dare! Details here.

2) Antrim Castle Gardens

A ghostly replay of an accident where a coach and four horses steered into a pond, with the drowning of all aboard, is said to take place every year at the 17th-century Antrim Castle Gardens, County Antrim. This Halloween, there are also more unearthly characters to look out for including a mythical wolfhound.

3) Valentines Mansion

Strange goings-on at Valentines Mansion in Essex include a ghostly woman climbing a staircase and a restless spirit in the former servants' quarters. Paranormal investigators have been spooked at the Grade II-listed manor house. What will you find when you visit?

4) National Justice Museum

A grisly past still haunts the National Justice Museum in Nottingham, which occupies a creaking Victorian courthouse and clanking jail where the condemned were once executed on the premises. Original courtrooms, dungeons and cells make for a spine-chilling descent into previous centuries. Ghost tours for all ages this Halloween...

5) Bristol Old Vic

The intrigue, superstition and downright strange don't stop when the curtains come down at one of Britain's oldest theatres. The Grade I-listed Bristol Old Vic is said to be haunted by 19th-century actress Sarah Macready, and staff have even caught a whiff of her lavender perfume. If scary performances are your thing, this Halloween the Bristol Old Vic will be shivering the timbers of SS Great Britain with the 'The Spooky Ship' - see show times here.

6) Whitby Abbey

The imposing Gothic ruins of Whitby Abbey in North Yorkshire inspired Bram Stoker's Dracula and this Halloween there is plenty for visitors to sink their fangs into. Founded in 657 AD by St Hilda, whose ghost is said to peek from one of the highest windows. Stoker's setting came fifth in a list of English Heritage's 400 most spooky places.



Pendle Hill at sunset Alastair Lee

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