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Top 10 haunted houses Look out for ghosts, spectres and unearthly goings on this halloween at one of these spooky lodgings - just don't expect a quiet night's sleep

6. Ruthin Castle, Ruthin, Denbighshire, Wales

Any castle that sports a Drowning Pit, a Whipping Pit and dungeons is asking to be haunted, frankly. Add the execution of a jealous wife who had murdered her husband's lover with an axe and the chances of the place not teeming with ghostly goings on is practically nil. At Ruthin a brilliant red fort with over 400 years of grim history behind it the Grey Lady can be seen roaming the battlements and chapel (sans axe, regrettably) whilst other areas of the castle are prone to mysterious noises, footsteps, inexplicable changes in temperature and the appearance of a spectral soldier.

· Doubles from £145; Special 'Haunting Break' (hauntingbreaks.co.uk; +44 (0)1824 702664) October 25; £199 pp; ruthincastle.co.uk; +44 (0)1686 420301