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## Spooky adventures for all the family – and for brave couples

The grown-ups might like to go on ghost tours around towns, but they are obviously out of bounds for families. Luckily, Alton Towers in Staffordshire is offering families the chance to enjoy some spooky fun at the resort.

Scarefest is taking place between October 17 and November 2 and will include a veritable bubbling cauldron of activities for your little horrors, such as shows, a disc and the ultimate trick or treat, where surprises hide behind darkened doors.

Ideal for under 10s is the Haunting of Algenon's Attic indoor show and youngsters can join Pirate Bill for a ghost hunt, but more adventurous teens can participate in the Terror of the Towers, where the Master gives chase to those invading his mansion.

For those who aren't afraid of things that go bump in the night there are two outdoor scream attractions - The Boiler House and the Field of 1000 Screams: The Aftermath - which will challenge the nerves. An extra charge applies.

After the nerves have been jangled, you can stay at one of the resort hotels - and even book a place in one of the special Trick or Treat rooms.

Scarefest costs from £41.50 per person per night, based on four sharing a family room. Trick or Treat rooms carry a £50 supplement.

■ For more details, telephone 0871 222 1644 or visit [altontowers.com](http://altontowers.com).



If you want to go full-on for a spooky night away from trick or treating youngsters, **Haunting Breaks** is offering a night in haunted, yet beautiful locations.

All Haunting Breaks include an overnight stay, dinner, breakfast the following morning plus a paranormal experience with ghost hunting, dowling, scances, table tipping and glass divination.

The Feathers Hotel, Ludlow, is holding its special haunted night on October 31. It is believed there is a female ghost who dislikes women guests in room 211, a teenage girl who walks through cars in the car park and a man in Victorian dress who can walk through room 232 into room 233.

The overnight stay costs £170 per person.

Or choose Bolebroke Castle, Hartfield, East Sussex, on November 1, and you might bump into the headless figure of Anne Boleyn. The hunting lodge is where Henry VIII courted his second wife. The break includes dinner in Hen-

ry VIII's great hall, overnight accommodation and breakfast and costs £140 per person.

Ruthin Castle, Ruthin, Denbighshire, North Wales, is said to be awash with ghostly goings-on. The wife of a powerful second in command during Edward I period murdered his lover with an axe. Sentenced to death, she was buried outside the castle walls. Her ghost, the "Grey Lady", is said to walk the battlements and the castle chapel. Other sightings include a soldier and the spirit of a little girl.

If you dare to find out more, it is hosting an overnight break on October 25 at a cost of £199 per person.

■ For more details, visit [hauntingbreaks.co.uk](http://hauntingbreaks.co.uk) or call 01686 668 649.



If you're "lucky" you could see the headless ghost of Anne Boleyn at Bolebroke Castle