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Readers' Choice Winners: Best of Fall 2016

School's back in session. The weather is (finally) beginning to cool down. Leaves are turning and pumpkin spice has made it's annual appearance in coffee cups and grocery store shelves. In honor of autumn, 10Best set out to find the best seasonal attractions: haunted houses, corn mazes, covered bridges, beautiful college campuses and escape rooms.

Best Haunted Attraction: Nashville Nightmare

"While Halloween will always have all the traditional haunted houses, hayrides and other favorites, we are seeing more and more attractions offer some level of interactivity for guests and an increase in personal experiences that get customers more involved in their events," says John R. Eslich, President of the Haunted Attraction Association, on what's trending in 2016.



Nashville Nightmare was voted the best haunted attraction in the nation by 10Best and USA TODAY readers. (Photo: Nashville Nightmare)

"Specifically, we are seeing new products such as laser tag within attractions and an explosion of problem solving and scavenger hunting activities."

Nashville Nightmare, voted the Best Haunted Attraction by 10Best readers, stages four haunted houses inside it's 50,000 square foot facility: Night Terrors, Horror High, Fairy Tale Hell and Industrial Undead. The acting and costume quality are both top notch, and the haunts engage all the senses -- including the sense of smell -- to frighten.

10 Best Haunted Attractions

1. Nashville Nightmare - Nashville
2. Haunted Overload - Lee, N.H.
3. Hobb's Grove - Sanger, Calif.
4. Dark Hour Haunted House - Plano, Texas
5. Factory Of Terror - Canton, Ohio
6. The Shallow Grave - Winer Haven, Fla.
7. Fear Fair - Seymour, Ind.
8. Netherworld - Norcross, Ga.
9. RISE Haunted House - Hammond, La.
10. House of Horrors -Cheektowaga, N.Y.