Don't believe in ghosts? You just might after visiting these haunted destinations around the U.S.
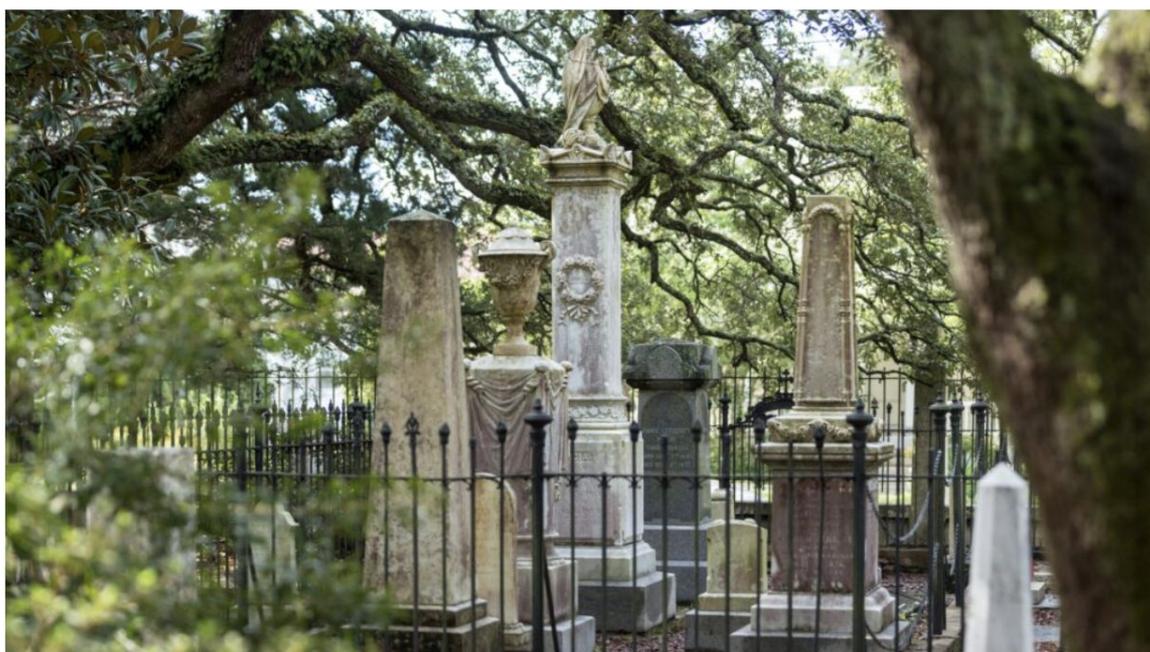
With fiery foliage, festive autumn fun, and just the right amount of chills, fall makes the perfect backdrop for exploring America's top haunted destinations.

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Haunted hotels. Ghostly encounters. Eerie legends. These may not be everyone's idea of a great vacation, but if you're the kind of person who embraces the kooky and the creepy in all its ghoulish glory, you already know that spooky season is your time. What you may not know is that all across the country, some of America's favorite destinations boast chilling histories and spirited secrets just waiting to be uncovered. Here are some of my favorite haunted destinations in the U.S., along with how they earned their reputation.

4. Crystal Coast, North Carolina

Also known as the Southern Outer Banks, North Carolina's Crystal Coast is located along the "Graveyard of the Atlantic." More than 2,000 vessels have been lost in this stretch, including Blackbeard's *Queen Anne's Revenge* just off the coast of Beaufort. Divers have told tales of muffled voices, phantom lights and shadows, and other eerie encounters during their time beneath the sea.

The Old Burying Ground is one of the oldest cemeteries in North Carolina, and [guides lead tours](#) amid the historic gravestones under live oaks. (Don't miss the gravesite of a girl buried in a rum barrel by her father after her death sailing from England, which is often adorned with toys and flowers.) The cemetery is a stop on Port City Tours' [Beaufort Ghost Walk](#), which includes stories about Blackbeard, ghosts of the Civil War, and haunted houses in the area. [Fort Macon State Park](#) is also said to be haunted by Civil War soldiers.

Where to stay: A ghost of a heartbroken young woman is said to wander around the [Langdon House Bed & Breakfast](). [Inn on Turner]() is located near the Old Burying Ground in Beaufort's Historic Waterfront District.