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Have you ever stepped into an office building and felt like you were going to fall asleep staring at the blank walls? What about a museum that inspired you? Or maybe a haunted house that scared your socks off? Architecture has the potential to have a great influence on the mood present within an edifice. Being the season of scare, PHX Architecture did some research and came up with what we thought were the top 10 spookiest buildings! Here's what we found:

10. Hang Nga Treehouse



According to InHabitat, the treehouse was built in Dalat, Vietnam and was named after the architect who designed the guest house. The grotesque exterior houses several oddly themed rooms such as sculpture garden & monkey cage.

9. Dragspelhuset



A single room home located deep in the forest of Southern Sweden. It is a solar powered off the grid, in other words, if you want to win a game of hide-n-seek the Dragspelhuset is the place to be. This eco-friendly home features an accordion design stretching the home across a small stream.

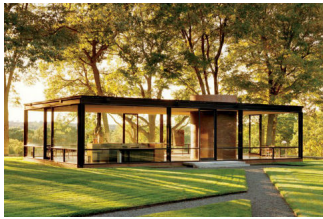
8. In Vitro Meat Habitat



We were unsure whether to consider this creepy or just plain gross. Dr. Mitchell Joachim came up with the idea to grow a structure from animal flesh! Before you pick up the phone to report this, Dr. Joachim wanted to ensure that everyone was made aware that the Meat Habitat is victimless, no animals were harmed in the process of growing this spooky building.

7. The Philip Johnson Glass House

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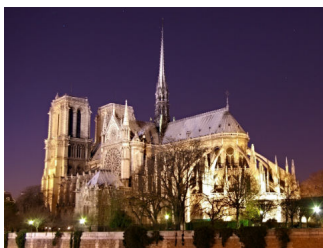
This home features some very unique and contemporary styles. Typically homes create a sense of privacy and security, the Philip Johnson House, on the other hand, is open to public view. While this may not sound particularly “spooky”, it could be rather scary be if someone walks around naked.

6. Ennis-Brown House



This Hollywood Residence was designed by the world renowned architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. The Ennis-Brown House has been featured in various horror/thriller films, such as The Thirteenth Floor and Blade Runner.

5. Notre Dame Cathedral



This Gothic building is found in the beautiful city of Paris. While it's surrounding may seem inviting, the Cathedral is another story, guarded by stone gargoyles and other strange statues.

4. The Cane Hill Asylum



The name is probably a giveaway on this one. No part about the word “asylum” sounds pleasant. This London hospital has been long forgotten by its residents. The vandalism, collapsing floors and ceilings have spooky written all over them.

3. St. Pancras Parish Church

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We know what you are thinking...church's aren't creepy, they are safe and peaceful. Well, you're wrong on this one. This London house of worship holds a Crypt Gallery which contains over 500 grave sites along with various spooky works of art.

2. The Winchester House



While its original plans were not intended to be large, this house gradually grew to be a 7 story mansion! By the time it was "finished" (when it's owner Mrs. Sarah Winchester passed away) it had 160 rooms, 2,000 doors, and 47 stairways. Mrs. Sarah Winchester's home, surrounded by a huge cypress hedge, was built as a maze to confuse the rumored "evil spirits".

1. Amityville Horror House



While from the facade this Dutch-Colonial style home may appear to be inviting, an alarming history lies within. 6 members of the DeFeo family were murdered in this home. If that's not enough to scare you away, we don't know what is. Hopefully we didn't scare you too bad! Have an enjoyable and safe holiday season. Next time you walk into a building consider how it makes you feel. And remember, architecture has the power to set the entire tone of a structure.