



The Haunting Experience Introduces VIP Tickets for Enhanced Immersive Experience at Minnesota Haunted House

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The Haunting Experience has introduced VIP tickets for the current season, providing visitors with access to a fully immersive combination of its core attractions, including the haunted house, Haunted Hayride, and the newest scare, Massacre. This option allows guests to journey through all three experiences in a more intensive format, where actors in the Massacre cornfield may engage with light physical contact, such as grabbing or brushing past participants. The development builds on the attraction's established offerings, which have drawn visitors from the Twin Cities region for decades.

The haunted house in the Twin Cities serves as the central walkthrough, featuring hallways populated by dark entities and terrors designed to create a disorienting atmosphere. Participants navigate through dimly lit spaces where unexpected encounters heighten the sense of unease. The Haunted Hayride, recognized as Minnesota's longest-running of its kind, transports guests via tractor-pulled wagons through a haunted forest and the fictional Wilhelm Steelworks, with scenes involving lurking figures and monstrous elements along the path.

Massacre, added as the newest component, takes place in a haunted cornfield setting. This attraction emphasizes direct interaction from performers, distinguishing it from the more observational elements of the hayride and house. Entry requires participants to be at least 13 years old due to the intensity level. The VIP package integrates these three attractions into a continuous experience, offering a structured progression from one scare to the next.

In addition to the evening haunts, The Haunting Experience maintains daytime programming through the Fall Fun Fest on selected dates. These sessions include non-scary activities such as art projects, pumpkin painting, free hayrides without actors, lights-on tours of the haunted house, and opportunities to interact with goats in a petting area. The daytime option accommodates families seeking seasonal entertainment without intense frights.

The introduction of VIP tickets reflects ongoing adaptations to visitor preferences for varied engagement levels. General admission provides access to the standard lineup, while the VIP format caters to those seeking greater immersion. All experiences operate under established safety guidelines, including prohibitions on running, touching actors, or bringing prohibited items. The attraction proceeds rain or shine, with covered areas available during waits.

Bill Zywiec, owner of The Haunting Experience, stated: "The addition of VIP tickets allows us to offer a more comprehensive path through our attractions, combining the traditional elements with the new Massacre feature in a way that enhances the overall visit." He noted that the structure maintains the balance between accessibility for different audiences and the core tradition of seasonal entertainment.

The attraction's evolution continues from its founding in 1986 by the Zywiec Family, who have operated it as a family business integrated with their local garden and landscape operations. Over the years, expansions have included the development of multiple haunt types and family-friendly daytime events, contributing to its position as a recurring fall destination in the area. Scare actors, builders, and support staff collaborate seasonally to prepare and execute the setups, drawing on practical effects and live performances rather than heavy reliance on technology.

Visitor experiences vary by attraction, with the hayride providing a mobile, group-oriented scare and the house focusing on close-quarters tension. Massacre adds an element of unpredictability through permitted actor interactions within defined boundaries. The combination in the VIP option creates a sequenced narrative across the property.

The Haunting Experience remains committed to seasonal operations in October, aligning with regional Halloween traditions. Preparations involve updating scenes and effects annually while preserving signature elements that have sustained the attraction through multiple decades.

The Haunting Experience operates as a family-owned haunted attraction in Cottage Grove, Minnesota. Established in 1986 by the Zywiec Family, the site features a haunted house walkthrough, the longest-running Haunted Hayride in the state, the Massacre cornfield experience, and daytime Fall Fun Fest activities, serving visitors from the Twin Cities metropolitan area and surrounding regions with seasonal Halloween entertainment.

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