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Visitors to the Mid-Atlantic Find Spooktacular Haunted Sites

(Mid-Atlantic Region, September 19, 2018)- A wide range of haunted hotels, historic sites, theaters, and ghost tours across the Mid-Atlantic region have captured the imaginations of guests with interests in exploring the places where spirits still linger.

Members of the Mid-Atlantic Tourism Public Relations Alliance ([MATPRA](#)) have compiled a list of places to visit that are sure to make the hair on the back of your neck stand up. If you are interested in learning more about a specific destination or topic, contact the individual destination marketing organization listed below.

DELAWARE

Delaware's Quaint Villages

Join us at Delaware's Quaint Villages' historic Dover on The Green for the Haunted Tours of Old Dover. The tour features ghosts of Judge Samuel Chew, Elizabeth Rilee the Irish maid, and Revolutionary War hero Colonel John Hazlet. Plus, spirits that whistle, open doors, rearrange pictures and communicate with cats. *Delaware's Quaint Villages (Kent County, DE)*, Danielle Jonigan, VisitDelawareVillages.com, djonigan@visitdelawarevillages.com

MARYLAND

Baltimore

Spooky traditions and legends are a given for a city filled with 200 years of history. Investigate the mysterious myths of Baltimore on a Fell's Point ghost tour, walk the hallowed halls of the infamous Nevermore Haunt, or wander The Admiral Fell Inn to see what ghosts still linger. *Visit Baltimore*, Kelly Nagle, Baltimore.org, knagle@baltimore.org

Caroline County

Brace yourself for a walk around Haunted Denton. There is continuous paranormal activity at the jail, the Courthouse Green and the entire downtown area. Walk through two graveyards, see

the house of Dr. Knott, and hear the stories of a ghost in the old bank building. *Caroline County Office of Tourism, Mindy Burgoyne, VisitCaroline.org, ceres@visitcaroline.org*

Charles County

Discover the Village of Souls: The Ghosts of Port Tobacco. The Port Tobacco Historic Village is 30 miles south of Washington, D.C. Explore the village through the eyes of seasoned tour guides as they weave tales about the village souls and ghosts. *Charles County Government, Department of Recreation, Parks, & Tourism, Catherine Herbert, ExploreCharlesCounty.com, herbertc@charlescountymd.gov*

Frederick County

With such a fascinating history, it's no surprise that some pretty famous spirits haunt Frederick! See for yourself on a Candelight Ghost Tour of Downtown Frederick. *Visit Frederick, Melissa Joseph Muntz, VisitFrederick.org, mmuntz@fredco-md.net*

Kent County

This scenic peninsula on Maryland's Chesapeake Bay offers a combination of history and haunts with the Ghost Walks of Historic Chestertown. Each October, costumed guides tour through darkened streets by candlelit lantern, telling centuries of stories-true tales of murder and mayhem. Tours end at a purportedly haunted historic house. *Kent County Tourism, Bernadette Bowman, KentCounty.com, bbowman@kentgov.org*

Montgomery County

Do you dare to explore Rockville's darker side? Take a self-guided tour of local historic sites with eerie pasts. Make sure to visit The Old Baptist Cemetery, Stonestreet's Museum of 19th Century Medicine, The Beall-Dawson House, and F. Scott Fitzgerald's grave at Old St. Mary's Cemetery. *Visit Montgomery, MD, Cory Van Horn, VisitMontgomery.com, cvanhorn@visitmontgomery.com*

Queen Anne's County

Rich traces of history are found throughout Queen Anne's County landscape. Enjoy a show at Church Hill Theatre (1929), an art deco inspired theater, and stay in the Historic Kent Manor Inn, a waterfront B&B with original decor from 1860. Historic site tours are hosted monthly from April to November. *Queen Anne's County Office of Tourism, Ashley Chenault, VisitQueenAnnes.com, achenault@gac.org*

PENNSYLVANIA

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Be it the eerie battlefields of Gettysburg or Philadelphia's ghost-ridden Eastern State Penitentiary, Pennsylvania's storied past creates the perfect setting for ghost stories and frightening tours. There's even more zombie-ridden fun with city-wide celebration in Pittsburgh

anniversary of George Romero's Night of the Living Dead. *Pennsylvania Tourism Office, Natalie Buyny, VisitPA.com, nbuyny@tierneyagency.com*

Butler County

The Harmony Inn has had innumerable reports of hauntings. Witnesses have reported seeing a little girl in a white dress roaming the upstairs and rearranged furniture without human intervention. While most people are frightened by the presence, everyone reports their encounters were always friendly. *Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau, Tiffany Hernandez, VisitButlerCounty.com, tiffany@visitbutlercounty.com*

Central Pennsylvania

The Penn State campus was the setting for the A&E show *Paranormal State*. The most famous haunting is Old Botany, where a former university president's wife is said to be watching students passing by on Pollock Road. Across Pollock is Schwab Auditorium, which, legend says, has two or three spirits. *Central Pennsylvania Convention & Visitors Bureau, Andy Rupert, VisitPennState.org, andy@visitpennstate.org*

Clearfield County

The Ravenwood Manor was used as a medical facility for the state's worst lunatics, schizophrenics, stalkers, and serial killers. It was quiet and peaceful for decades, but with a looming anniversary, things may change. *Visit Clearfield County, Josiah Jones, VisitClearfieldCounty.org, jjones@visitclearfieldcounty.org*

Franklin County

Ghosts abound in Franklin County! Whether exploring the backstage at the Capitol Theatre to look for the organist and performers who never left or the ghosts of slaves in the underground cells at the Old Jail, tours, and overnight experiences await the adventurous traveler. *Franklin County Visitors Bureau, Lauren E. Cappuccio, ExploreFranklinCountyPA.com, lcappuccio@explorefranklincountypa.com*

Huntingdon County

Captain Phillips Rangers and 10 Juniata Valley militiamen were brutally massacred on July 16, 1780 during the American Revolution. Ghost Hunters Inc., an eastern Pennsylvania paranormal investigating team, has visited the Captain Phillips Rangers Memorial near Saxton and Phillips' Homestead near Williamsburg, recording paranormal activity in 2011. *Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau, Edward Stoddard, Raystown.org, estoddard@raystown.org*

Lancaster County

Ghosts of Lancaster County Candlelight Tours guide visitors along the spooky streets of Strasburg, telling creepy stories of lost souls in the historic village, or throughout downtown Lancaster City. Guests enjoy discovering the city's legendary ghost tales and sightings. *Discover Lancaster, Joel Cliff, DiscoverLancaster.com, jcliff@discoverlancaster.com*

Pittsburgh

Many of Pittsburgh's historic buildings have a very chilling past. Buildings such as the Cathedral of Learning and the former Allegheny County Jail are said to still be occupied by past tenants. Visitors can learn more about these sites and the city's darkest tales on a Haunted Pittsburgh walking tour. *VisitPITTSBURGH, Kristin Wenger, VisitPittsburgh.com, kristin.wenger@visitpittsburgh.com*

Pocono Mountains

Get spooked in the Poconos at the Old Jail Museum in Jim Thorpe, where seven coal miners known as the Molly Maguires hanged in the 1870s. This location contains the mysterious hand print on the wall that cannot get washed off, reconstructed gallows, and an eerie dungeon. *Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, Kelly Shannon, PoconoMountains.com, kshannon@poconos.org*

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Fredericksburg Region

For a frightfully good time in the Fredericksburg Region, try a paranormal tour of a former motel at Deep Creek Vintage or creepy carriage rides through downtown. Brave visitors can stroll down the darkened streets on a Fredericksburg Hauntings Tour or shoot zombies at Dominion Raceway's Zombie Escape. *Fredericksburg Region, Debbie Aylor, VisitFred.com, daylor@spotsylvania.va.us*

Hampton

Experience over 400 years of eerie tales from Coastal Virginia during Hampton Horror Tours, held annually the week before Halloween. Each 60-minute walking tour, organized by and leaving from the Hampton History Museum, introduces participants to costumed macabre characters from the region's past, including pirates, soldiers and Spanish flu victims. *Hampton Convention and Visitor Bureau, Elizabeth Severs, VisitHampton.com, elizabeth.severs@hamptoncvb.com*

Harrisonburg

Haunted Harrisonburg ghost tours are 75-minute walking tours of downtown's haunted history and unexplained mysteries. The tours are led by guide Lisa Ha whose background emanates from her great grandfather, an exorcist in Vietnam where ghost stories are woven into the Vietnamese culture. *Harrisonburg Tourism & Visitor Services, Brenda Black, VisitHarrisonburgVA.com, brenda.black@harrisonburgva.gov*

Loudoun County

Shocktober's Paxton Manor is one of Northern Virginia's only real haunted houses, scaring thousands of visitors each fall. The 150-year-old mansion transforms into a boarding school with

a terrifying headmistress spooking guests. Make a weekend of it with discounts offered as part of the Trail of Terror. *Visit Loudoun, Jennifer Sigal, VisitLoudoun.org, sigal@visitloudoun.org*

Lynchburg

When the fall season comes, Lynchburg's Old City Cemetery brings to life some of its "residents." Each October weekend, reenactors will take you on a candlelight tour, telling the tales of the Cemetery's long buried, bringing them to life in the dusk of the cool night air.

Lynchburg Office of Economic Development & Tourism, Krista Boothby, LynchburgVirginia.org, krista.boothby@lynchburgva.gov

Prince William County

Wine guzzling ghosts at the Winery at La Grange, Civil War soldiers marching through the halls at Ben Lomond Historic Site, overnight stays in one of Virginia's most haunted homes, The Weems-Botts Museum, and guided ghost tours in Historic Occoquan - which historic haunt would you choose? *Prince William County Office of Tourism, Nicole Warner, VisitPWC.com, nwarner@pwcgov.org*

WEST VIRGINIA

Hampshire County

When you have wounded Civil War soldiers from both north and south passing through an abandoned resort, you are going to have your lingering legends of ghostly haunts. Guests of the current Capon Springs & Farms resort have reported unexplained noises and sightings.

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Pocahontas County

Pocahontas County is full of spooky spots. Head to Droop Mountain Battlefield, where spirits of Civil War soldiers walk the grounds and echoes of cannons can be heard ringing through the woods. Cass Railroad State Park also has ghostly past. One of the Company Houses is rumored to have spirits. *Pocahontas County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Chelsea Walker, NaturesMountainPlayground.com, info@naturesmountainplayground.com*

About Mid-Atlantic Tourism Public Relations Alliance

The Mid-Atlantic Tourism Public Relations Alliance (MATPRA) is a cohesive unit of regional tourism partners encompassing Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. The group serves travel journalists by creating a regional resource that ignores geographical boundaries. The Alliance promotes common threads and offers saleable stories to journalists about the mid-Atlantic destination as a whole. For more information, visit www.matpra.org.

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