



Stay at a Haunted Hotel This Halloween Season

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At the turn of the 20th century, May Baily's was a brothel in the infamous red-light district of New Orleans. Today that location is the Dauphin Orleans Hotel, which invites guests to "embrace New Orleans' historic haunts and timeless charm." Lodgers at the Dauphin have reported spotting a uniformed Creole soldier wandering through the courtyard. Others say they have seen a woman dancing across that patio.

The Dauphin is but one lodging that offers apparitions along with its amenities. Some hotels are as well-known for their resident spirits as their guest services. With Halloween approaching, those seeking a scare along with a space in which to stay have a wide choice of places and paranormals.

Military personnel also show up at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort in Pennsylvania. Dating back to 1796, the location once served as a healing place for Native Americans. Spirits of soldiers from past times are said to show up, and employees have described a ghost who comes to the office and types on a computer.

Other historic properties also have their claims to ghostly fame. Sections of today's Admiral Fell Inn have occupied the location in a former crime-ridden ship-building neighborhood of Baltimore since the 1770s. It seems only natural -- or supernatural -- that sailors have been seen floating through the hallways. A hotel manager once heard a loud party taking place after the inn had been evacuated during a hurricane.

Even an iconic cruise ship, which sailed over the Atlantic Ocean from 1936 until 1967, now is said to be inhabited by seafaring ghosts. The Queen Mary is docked in Long Beach, California, where it serves as a hotel, restaurant and museum. Among reasons why Time magazine voted the vessel one of the "Top 10 Most Haunted Places in America" are sightings of an engineer who died at sea, a "lady in white" and children playing in a swimming pool. Haunted Encounters are offered during the day, and twilight excursions and seances explore the ship's haunted past and paranormal activity.

The Kennebunk Inn was built near Maine's Atlantic coastline in 1799 as



The Bullock Hotel in Deadwood, South Dakota, is said to be haunted by its original owner, Seth Bullock. Photo courtesy of Kenneth Sponsler/Dreamstime.com.

a residence before it evolved into a hotel.

The specter of a clerk who worked there and died in the mid-1900s is believed to inhabit his former place of employment

and to be responsible for wineglasses and other objects falling over or flying through the air.

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