

The Historic Gettysburg Hotel is an outstanding venue for meetings and events. For paranormal adventurers, it also offers a "Ghostly Package" that includes lodging, dinner for two, a one-hour "Ghosts of Gettysburg" candlelight walking tour and more.



Haunted Hijinks

Tales of the paranormal offered by the
National Trust Historic Hotels of America

While it's a bit past Halloween, this article is a little "treat" for all those who gauge a good time by whether or not they've gotten goose bumps from their experience.

For anyone seeking a little contact with "the world beyond," there are numerous members of National Trust Historic Hotels of America that can offer a ghastly good time. Spanning over 300 years of history, these hotels have seen their share of unrequited love, untimely deaths and unsolved mysteries - all of which are ingredients that stir up interest in supernatural specters.

Here is a sampling of such stories from properties throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern U.S.

Little Girl Lost

Fran Carter has worked at the Radisson Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland for nearly a decade. One night, while preparing a small meeting room on the nineteenth floor, she caught sight of a little girl who was bouncing a red ball while wearing a long, cream colored-dress and shiny, black shoes. As the girl passed by the doorway, Fran ran to ask if she was lost. The little girl had vanished, but as Fran turned, she saw an older couple dressed in formal attire. Assuming they were the child's grandparents, Fran turned to point where she had seen the girl. When she turned back to them, they too had vanished. Several years later, a hotel guest told Fran that she had been awakened in the night to the sound of a child crying. Sitting up in bed, she saw a little girl crying and rocking back and forth in the window. She was wearing a long, cream-colored dress and black shoes.

The 4 o'clock Knocker

Many nights the night auditors at The Blennerhassett in Parkersburg, West Virginia, would report hearing a loud sequence of knocks around 4:00 a.m. When they checked the security monitor that covered the area, no one was there. "The 4 o'clock Knocker" has also been reported at guestroom doors, but when the door is opened, there is nobody in sight.

These Boots Were Made for Walking

Local legend "Boots" Berry was born in 1840 in room 302 of the Green Mountain Inn in Stowe, Vermont, the son of the inn's horseman and a chambermaid. Boots followed in his father's footsteps, caring for the horses and outfitting them for the stagecoach. One day, the stagecoach team bolted and Boots bravely risked life and limb to stop the runaways. He was dubbed a hero, and there wasn't a place in the county where he could pay for his own drinks. Sadly, he descended into drunkenness, lost his job and wandered aimlessly, eventually landing in jail in New Orleans where he learned to tap dance from a fellow inmate.

Boots eventually drifted back to Stowe, where a devastating blizzard hit the area. A small girl was somehow stranded in the snow on the inn's roof. Boots recalled a secret passage from his own childhood and managed to safely rescue the child. Sadly, Boots himself slipped and fell to his death below. He had been standing on the roof atop room 302, his very birthplace. The inn has had reports from guests who have heard the sound of tap dancing on the third floor on stormy days.

