

## Chapter 1 : 10 Most Insanely Haunted Places in Southern California

*Throughout Southern California, there are haunted houses, inns, restaurants and much more. Visit them during day and you'll never discover their darkest secrets or the (sometimes literal) skeletons hidden in their closets.*

California is worth the trip to participate in some of the best review haunted houses. The abominations from below will rise in leviathan size proportion and give hayride guests the thrill of their lives. Larger than life portrayals of the seven deadly sins and their consequences will come out of the rift to play. With the unprecedented amount of media and celebrity attendance in previous years, Los Angeles Haunted Hayride continually creates brand new experiences each year. This year in addition to an all new storyline on the hayride trail, two brand new attractions, House of the Horsemen and Seven Sins Sideshow will be added to the Purgatory section of Los Angeles Haunted Hayride. The creatures that call this home will do everything in their power to send you screaming through the emergency exit doors. This October, Fear Overload brings you two brand new haunted houses, made by the creators of the haunts which were voted the scariest in California by *HauntWorld*. After two officers were slaughtered in the asylum while investigating noise complaints, the town has been up in arms and frantically asking questions. But no one is brave enough to enter. This year, they plan to take their haunted attractions to a new level of fear. And this year, we have far outstretched our limits. For more information, dates, and tickets, please visit the Los Angeles haunted house website at [www.hellifear.com](http://www.hellifear.com). Hell, if anything, the City of Angels is oversaturated, with everything from driveway haunts to immersive theater to major theme park events getting in on the act. A burgeoning haunt that could give any multi-million dollar Hollywood production a run for its money? One-hundred-and-twelve miles up the I-5 freeway is Bakersfield, the jewel of Kern County, known to some for its own colorful brand of country music popularized by the legendary Buck Owens. But to others, Bakersfield is the home of Talladega Frights, one of the best kept secrets in the haunt business today. Once Wilbur and Martin have a complete backstory fleshed out, it is pre-sented to their true secret weapon: A cast of characters practically chomping at the bit, which has numbered anywhere from 60 to in the past. And just like a miniature army of Method actors, they devote an ungodly amount of time and energy to exploring their varied roles in the story. The intensity and the physicality of the actors, young as they may be, is what sets Talladega Frights apart from their far-away competitors; a would-be captor slams his victim to the ground in the junkyard scene, brandishing an aluminum baseball bat, while ravaged cheerleaders contort themselves on a school bus, bending back-wards over the seats to intimidate hapless guests. Well, for one, a minor change in scenery. The idea is to grow and expand into a new locale that will allow them not only to continue terrorizing the brave souls who enter their haunt, but to continue offering entertainment options for the whole family; believe it or not, this includes an event called Christmas Town, an all-ages holiday spectacle boasting light shows, ice skating, and other less-than-terrifying activities. [Privacy Policy Utilizing HauntedHouse.](#)

## Chapter 2 : Haunted Archives - California Through My Lens

*11 Most Haunted Places in Southern California. If there is one thing that Southern California is known for then it is probably a combination of near enough eternal sunshine and more movie stars than you can shake a stick at!*

Described as a young woman with black, shoulder-length hair, she has no eyes; only bloody pits. When she complained, he cut her eyes out. She died of a tranquilizer overdose while being relocated. Many have spotted her in the former or watched her white tail pop out from the bushes in the early hours or during twilight hours. Some even discovered their garden flowers eaten with deer hooves around. While Lucy is a sweetheart even after her death, the entities in The Witches Tower atop Presidio Hill are more on the malevolent side. In addition to seeing cloaked figures with sparkling eyes, visitors to the tower experienced feelings of paranoia and possession. The Serra Museum is just as haunted; but even the boy spirit and cloaked monk seen there are nothing compared to the dark entity behind the building. The entity possesses people coming there and may have been responsible for the death of a girl and a prostitute there. Near the beach is a Southern Pacific railroad trestle known as Ghost Bridge. This bridge has survived earthquakes and natural disasters over the course of a century. From Victorian women to modern men, the ghosts of those who died near Gaviota Beach glide over Ghost Bridge. The most prominent of these is Father Mariano Payeras. In charge of the mission during his life, the old padre is seen near his grave and in the hallways of the building of the mission. These can be spotted near the buildings and the hall leading to the wine storage area. The nearby hills are just as creepy ; despite the beauty of the chapels, gardens and fountains, many experience sadness and heaviness while walking around the grounds and buildings. Built in the s, something was wrong with it from the very start. Sarah Morey died shortly after moving into the house of a sudden, unexplainable illness. Her husband, David, never stepped inside the house again. During that time, guests reported paranormal activity , ranging from the sounds of objects falling to loud bangs in empty rooms. Some were scared by their door knobs rattling suddenly in the middle of the night or the sounds of children playing in the dark. There are also several reports of apparitions, including a little girl, an old man, and a young boy. Room 24 is the forever home of a child who drowned in the bath tub back in , which is why people staying there hear him crying and sobbing. Room 32 is haunted by a miner who was supposedly murdered there during the Borax mining days. No one would talk about it though. In addition to strange shadows across the stage, the spirit of a cat has been seen in the theater. Recently, the cat has been joined by Thomas J. Willett, the former stage manager, MC and actor who died in . Many have spotted him watching shows at the Amargosa Opera House and Hotel. The establishment is haunted by the ghosts of the children who lived there and were neglected by the staff. Some of the ghosts of the older children are actually more bitter, which is why they tend to lash out on the patrons and workers at the restaurant. Many investigators have successfully captured them on film and digital EVP recorders. Hickman abducted year-old Marion Parker, daughter of a prominent banker, and killed her. According to his statement, a supernatural spirit guide called Providence told him to strangle the child. Considering how Hickman used to speak to himself, chances are that Providence is still lurking around Lincoln Heights Jail, waiting for another possible killer. Built in , the building is haunted by several ghosts, including members of the Miller family who founded the hotel. Guests in room have reported large blue lights as big as bowling balls inside the room. Those who checked in the 4th floor room in the southeast corner have seen Alice Miller the former manager , felt her presence, or felt drops in temperature. Francis Chapel Courtyard and Spanish Patio are haunted by strong presences. The latter has a clock that acts out of the ordinary, scaring those standing nearby late at night or early morning. The inn is covered with cold spots, justifying the reports of paranormal activity there. On the second floor, many guests have experienced sleep paralysis. While the third floor overall is bad news due to its history as a brother and gambling hall, room is the most active. This is because a prostitute had been beheaded in the closet there and a cowboy shot in the head. Room is equally as spooky. We do further research in the room that night, and do the water pouring technique to see what would happen. Great, just click the link below!

## Chapter 3 : Visit California

*10 Haunted Places You Can Visit In California. Leave the local pumpkin patch in the rearview mirror this Halloween. Jump in the car and take your spooks and frights to new heights with Ford "Go".*

Except being the home of movie stars, it has a ray of alluring beaches and historical sites that attract thousands of tourists every year. The golden state has got a room for people of different interests. If you are a fright lover, there are plentiful options to explore. In this article we are talking about the various haunted places in California. The feeling of being watched, loud screams, cloudy apparitions and demonic possessions are some signs reported at most of these places. Well, below are the most haunted places in California for fright lovers. In this article, you will find various haunted house, mansions, hotel and several real haunted places in California for a horrible experience. Before taking a visit to some of the listings, kindly attain proper permissions to the genuine authority. In the past few years, many ghost hunters have been arrested in lack of contacting the property owners. While reading this article, figure out the creepy phenomenon related to each of the described haunted places. This would help you to pick out information that could later prove a gaining experience. Personally speaking, I had learned the tricks of ghost investigation from the Hauntedia paranormal group itself. Well, before you proceed, I would suggest you some of the locations in California that offer the best ghost sighting: Whaley House, California Located in San Diego, Whaley house is counted among some of the bountiful houses later turned spooky. This house was constructed by Thomas Whaley in and named after him. However it also included a morgue that is not to be blamed for attracting spirits inside. This house has been listed as the National Museum and a place of tourist attraction for many years. This place has been the center of attraction for ancient place buffs and horror fanatics, for being the part of one of few most haunted places in California to visit. People blame Whaley family for haunting the house but the whole controversy started years before the house was built. A man was reportedly hanged on this property before the construction for unknown causes and his spirit shown no cool at all. After the Whaley family moved into their newly built house, the revengeful soul started causing trouble. According to local beliefs, phantom of the middle aged man possessed Mrs. Whaley and caused mysterious activities that led the family to anxiety and depression. An hour after entering, one of the team members was demonically possessed. Things went so wrong that they had to leave the place too early. Alcatraz Credit Oh, I absolutely love this island full of greenery and so would every nature lover. But this is not a feature people shortlist Alcatraz for making a visit. This island has voluminous dark secrets hidden in its heart- the renovated museum site that convert it into one of the most haunted places in California to visit. Situated on Alcatraz Island, the current museum and tourist site was previously the maximum security prison where barbarous suspects were being kept. The accused were kept in a strict manner and several punitive measures were taken to make their lives severe. On an average, 87 criminals died there in dire circumstances and these are blamed for processing otherworldly happenings going on here. Many paranormal activities are reported taking place in really haunted Alcatraz Museum. Several authority employees have noted the slamming of cell doors in a vacant area. People have also heard footsteps and giggles in early evening hours. Due to a series of creepy phenomenon, it has become a home to paranormal researchers and may be you are someone that needs to step in because you love haunted places pretty much! Claremont Hotel Club and Spa Situated on Tunnel road in Berkeley, Claremont hotel club and spa earlier comprised a home that was burnt to foot. Later in , the hotel was constructed fresh but its air was shadowy and environment resembled of creepy sites. According to locals, the whole section of this hotel is haunted and many an evidences go in support with Claremont hotel being one of the most haunted places in California. If you visit this place to notice a sign of spirits, you would not apologize. Flickering lights, Electronic appliances switching on and off automatically and ghost sightseeing is something the visitors have reported. The fourth floor is the creepiest section and is said to be haunted by a child ghost. In particular, her ghost can be sensed in Room , the room where she met with death. How did the girl died? Know about the other mysterious happenings going at Claremont and more Read- Haunted Claremont Club and Spa where the spirit of a girl resides. East 8 Mile Road, California East mile road, because of ghost sightings on its pathway secures a spot

in the list of most haunted places in California. Located in Stockton, the trespassers have reported seeing a witch across the lane. Some heavy vehicle drivers have also complained to notice a scary woman in white dress standing in middle of the haunted way. The other ghoul of a Native American girl can also be spotted during full moon nights. Los Coches Adobe Categorize it under historical buildingsâ€¦ Los Coches Adobe is an ancient construction with a black history. While every 9 visitors out of 10 have voted it for a hub of mysterious occurrences, this spot has everything that makes Los Adobe one of some real haunted places in California. It is believed that this place was earlier a site where labors used to do mining works. One fine day, misfortune knocked their lives and all of them drowned to death. Long after the incident, visitors have claimed to hear the manly screams coming from the old well, the area where soil steeped inside. If you love ghost sightings, it would be better to take a visit to the spooky Los Coches Adobe during late night hours. The Glenn Tavern Inn If you are the admirer of otherworldly activities and wish to spend a night for a paranormal investigation, we have the best place in mind. There is a series of paranormal activity reported at the hotel. Visitors have seen full sized apparitions, a shadowy figure playing the piano and several other eerie incidents. Guests have complained of anonymous throwing their stuffs from the dressing. The creepiest apartment of the structure is Room where ghost sighting is almost guaranteed. The Scary Dairy Are you looking for some haunted places in California that have a really creepy history? Spooky is its name and perilous is the place. Located on the Federal Youth Division Road in Camarillo, the dairy is basically a dilapidated haunted building. Previously it was the former mental hospital and then after it was converted into a slaughterhouse. According to locals, many a murders have been taken place at the scary dairy and the deceased were buried at this particular place. People have complained listening loud yells around the construction. Numerous visitors have caught spirits roaming in the building, including some paranormal detectives who caught some uncanny voice tapes and images of the same. The house went through few construction changes. It was first redesigned into a sanitarium where mentally ill patients were treated. Later, the Clovis Avenue Sanitarium was closed. As the mansion suffered through various otherworldly consequences, a horror enthusiast purchased the house in to make it a Halloween attraction site. The Wolfe Manor has been investigated by several paranormal teams and was featured in some TV shows. Investigators have recorded ghostly sounds, heavy footsteps and snapped ghostly apparitions. If you are love taking scary trips, you would be delighted to know that the creepy Wolfe Manor is publicly open for fright fonder and tourists. It was the site of the murder of Elizabeth, a lady that was cut in half and dumped at the construction. This abode is considered a hub of supernatural activities due to the chain of ongoing psychic disturbances. The residents have complained of hearing abnormal voices, walking sounds, heavy chains and heart shredding screams during night hours. Hill, the one who killed her. Due to the eerie happenings and the ghost sight, the John Sowden House is to be considered under top 11 most haunted places in California. The Mysterious Cherokee Cemetery: The Queen Mary was once an ocean liner and is currently a docked museum ship. It houses a hotel and few restaurants to give you a quality family time with a sense of excitement. The ship is said to be haunted by numerous spirits. In night hours you can easily hear sobs and creepy screams on the Queen Mary.

## Chapter 4 : California Haunted Houses - Find Haunted Houses in California Scariest and Best

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They are often the places that have earned their spot in California history simply because the owner is trying to do something new. It will be an ever-expanding and growing list that will hopefully help you to find many fun attractions right outside your door. Browse the list by county and click the image to read about the places you are interested in. You can browse spots in Northern California here. Last Updated March 2017 Click the pictures to read the posts. Snorkeling with Leopard Sharks During the month of August, the Leopard sharks traditionally come to give birth in the cove of La Jolla. They are docile creatures, and you can actually grab some snorkel gear and go out and see them. It is a unique experience. Craze Burger Ever wanted to eat alligator, kangaroo or antelope? You can do that here. Potato Chip Rock Hike to the top of this mountain and see the famous rock with its potato chip wing that you can stand on. Whaley House The Whaley House is considered by many sources one of the most haunted places in America. It is pretty far outside of San Diego, but you can see the Giant Lemon on the way! Worlds Largest Lemon Not much here but a stop for a photo at the World Largest Lemon not proven, but honestly who is arguing? It is a state park right on the Southernmost part of California and right on the Mexican border. It is worth the trip to see the massive walls and cameras alone. Churros El Tigre Do I need to say more than the above picture? If I do then how about I mention that this small little shop outside the food court, near the Mexican border, has an amazing sundae with six churros! Bring a friend and try it. Imperial County Salvation Mountain One mans journey to create a way to show the love of God, which turned into an impressive painted mountain. East Jesus A collection of artists that live together and create very unique art pieces in the middle of the desert. Mud Pools Bubbling pools of mud in the middle of a big field. You can hear them pop as you walk around. An amazing stop for urban grunge photographers. International Banana Museum Yep, it is exactly what it says, a small one room museum overrun with thousands of banana related items. Make sure to get a banana shake while you are there! This fun roadside stop has everything from a church on the hill to an original staircase from the Eiffel Tower. It is worth the stop. Goat Canyon Trestle One of the largest freestanding wooden trestles in the entire world is located outside of San Diego deep in the desert. It is always expanding with new structures, and you can walk around for hours and not see it all. Shields Date Gardens Grab yourself a date shake and watch a move on the romance and sex life of the polarizing yet beloved fruit. You can even go inside of them. Pumpkin Rock This pumpkin rock is overlooking the city of Norco and is kept up by some of its residents. If you go after it is repainted each year, then you are in for a Halloween treat. Robolights During the month of December, Palm Springs lights up with the fantastic creation that is Robolights. I visited for the first time last year, but I think it will become a tradition. All of the products are authentic and the price to enter is 95 cents. It has lots of history and loads of tanks. Prehistoric Pets For a 5 dollar fee, you can see a crazy amount of reptiles from crocodiles to snakes. Surfin Donuts Want a maple donut with eggs and bacon in the middle of it? Victoria Beach The famous pirate tower of Victoria Beach is one of those historic Southern California places that everyone has to see once. Parking can be tight, and directions are not always great to get to it, but when you find it, you will be happy that you did. Medieval Times The campy goodness that is Medieval Times has not lost its charm. I remember being awe struck by the show when I saw it as a kid and I had just as much fun when I went back a few months ago as an adult. They put on shows with their marionettes a few times a week. The shows are similar to entering a time machine and visiting what a theater was like before technology. They are especially popular during the Christmas season. Wurstkuche Indulge in specialty sausages in downtown Los Angeles, especially ones that are made of rattlesnake and rabbit just a few of the available meats. The way the light shines in the early morning sun makes this installation come to life in sparkling colors. It has all of the food you would expect at a cafeteria, but the surrounding building has a two story Redwood, stuffed buffalos and all sorts of other attractions you can eat next to. Dapper Cadaver This unique store is home to all sorts of

creepy crawly things. **Malibu Wine Safari** If you are looking for a fun way to spend a Saturday, why not take a wild animal safari at a Malibu Winery? Yes, you heard that correctly, you get shuttled around to see everything ranging from camels to water buffalo, and you can even feed a zebra. You can also hike it and meet Stanley the Giraffe as well. **Vasquez Rocks** Explore these famous rocks, featured in many Hollywood movies. It is also a great place to spend a day hiking outside the city. **Velaslavasay Panorama** This awesome old theater harkens to the old days of cinema when the movie was a cranked sequence of images or a panorama that you immerse yourself in. This is a unique spot in LA. **Charlie Brown Farms** This roadside shop literally sells everything. They have the worlds largest beef jerky, chocolate dipped jalapenos, ostrich eggs. A great stop on any road trip. Be aware that it is often used for weddings so it may be closed during popular times. **Shipwreck Hike** How often do you get to hike to an old shipwreck off the coast, especially one that is as preserved as well as this one? It is a relatively easy hike, but you will be walking over a ton of rocks. **Time Travel Mart** Step back in time with this store that caters to many different time periods and time travelers. You can even buy a shade tree a seed , and all you have to do is go back in time and plant it! **Great Wall of LA** At about a half mile long, this wall has the painted history of California on it and is a great place for a walk. Call to set up an appointment to visit. Everything from a pen to a chalk outline towel. Trust me; I still cannot describe what I saw there. **Wacko Soap Shop** Another strange store in LA this one has a mind-blowing amount of stuff, everything from crocodile heads to books on steampunk. There is even a famous art area in the back. **Watts Towers** An impressive piece of art in the heart of Watts. It is worth touring and hearing its unique history as it is on the National Register of Historic Places. **Bridge to Nowhere Hike** 5 miles to a bridge that literally was built in the middle of nowhere and connects nothing. As an added bonus you can bungee jump off of it. **Will Richards Studio in Catalina** Located on the island of Catalina this small art studio is a fun place to explore on a very touristy island. It is a beautiful place that you much visit at least once. **Twisted Oaks Tavern** Twisted Oaks Tavern in Thousand Oaks is home to Hogzilla, which is a full braised pig head that you can order to share with people. **Dodgers Stadium** On days when there is not a game, you can still visit Dodger Stadium and shop at the store. This also allows you to look down on the field from above, which is kind of cool. It is also the end point of the famous Route 66 , which makes it a great place explore that is full of history. It has been a staple of many family sandwiches over the years, and the bakery is located in Los Angeles County in the city of Torrance. They have a diner you can visit with lots of different types of bread and pastries you can take home. You can take a boat tour of the harbor, and it is enjoyable to see the boats being unloaded as well as the famous lighthouse and bridge. If you visit the bar after 10 PM, you will see hundreds of people lining up to cheer on their turtles and partake in the craziness. **Queen Mary Haunted Ghost Encounter** The Queen Mary is just fun to explore in general, but the strange ghost history is what truly makes this boat unique. **Tour the Sriracha Factory** I am sure you have tried or at least seen the famous red bottle with the green top and the chicken on the front of it. It has been a condiment staple for years, and you can tour the factory daily. The best time to visit though is in the fall when they have the open house for chili grinding, do note that tickets can go fast though. It has since been torn down, but the museum collects the history of this iconic food shop. **Zzyzx Road** That road everyone sees but no one stops at on the drive to Vegas. It has a unique history of once being a healing center. **Baker Thermometer and North Pole Discoverer Statue** I know you were wonderingâ€¦yes, you can check both of these off your bucket list in one stop in the town of Baker! During the Christmas season, this is the place to be for their nightly demonstrations on the art of creating a candy cane, plus you get a warm one afterward. This small town has one main street, tons of abandoned mines and a general store that sells soda the old-fashioned way, with phosphates. **Lava Tube in Mojave National Preserve** One of my favorite places for photography, the lava tube in Mojave is a crazy place to explore. It is one you will tell your friends about. **Amboy Crater** This hike is right in the town of Amboy, which is fun to visit in its own right, and crosses a lava field up to an old dormant volcano.

## Chapter 5 : The Top Ten Best Most Haunted Ghost Tours in California

*Vineyard House Placerville, California* The Vineyard House is rumored to be haunted by its original owners, Robert and Louisa Chalmers. So the famous story goes, Robert Chalmers began to display signs of mental illness, so Louisa chained him up in the basement where he starved to death.

With a variety of haunts that go from skipping a beat, to stopping your heart completely, SoCal has something for everyone. This post was updated October 9th, Fright Fest Website 9. Park goers can spend the day at Six Flags, and then enjoy the transition to Fright Fest as night falls. Included with regular park admission are several scare zones to keep you on your toes all night long with nowhere to hide. Guests can also enjoy their favorite Six Flags coasters in the dark. To experience the mazes that are scattered throughout the park, such as Witches Lair, Condemned "Forever Damned, Sewer of Souls, The Shadows, or Hell Fest based on the new movie of the same name, a maze pass is required, but can be purchased either together with an admission ticket, or separately if you already have tickets or season passes. According to the website: Halloween Horror Nights Website 8. The park features quite a few new attractions this year, including a Poltergeist haunted house and an immersive a new Stranger Things maze. They recommend that guests be 13 and older. Haunted Hotel Website 7. The Haunted Hotel in San Diego. The Haunted Hotel, located downtown in the Gaslamp, is the longest running haunted house in San Diego. Actors may not touch you, but they may accidentally brush against you and you may get wet. According to their website, it is not recommended for children under 10 years old. This year, two new mazes join the lineup; The Depths, an ominous underground journey, and Dark Entities, an extra-terrifying extraterrestrial adventure. Dark Harbor Website 5. There are no age restrictions, but per the site: Dark Harbor can be extremely frightening and may contain images not appropriate for young guests. Sinister Pointe Facebook 4. It features three nightmare-inducing mazes, several scare zones, nightly performances of music, magic and mayhem as well some really great vendors too. The 17th Door is back for the haunt season with another new theme: As Paula continues to serve her time, she continues her decent into darkness. An unseen side of Paula is now coming into focus. A thought or mention of her dead child torments her soul and brings forth a psychotic rage aimed at those around her. The prison psychiatrist has prescribed Art Therapy, inflaming her rage and suffering. This is also easily one of the most scary haunts in Southern California, utilizing a safe word if it becomes too much to handle. The 17th door is definitely not for the faint of heart. It is not recommended for guests under 13, and all patrons must sign a waiver prior to entering. High Desert Haunted House 2. High Desert Haunted House. This popular Apple Valley haunt is consistently ranked as one of the top 5 scariest haunts in Southern California. They open Friday, October 12th, and we love how they give back to the community by offering guests a discount for donating two cans of food with their ticket purchase. Reign of Terror Website 1. Reign of Terror Haunted House. At over 23, square feet, Reign of Terror is the biggest indoor haunt in Southern California. The attractions are connected, so as you exit one attraction, you immediately enter the next. This will allow guests to experience Reign of Terror like never before. They do not have any age restrictions, however, they strongly discourage bringing babies and young children or forcing terrified children through the haunted house. There are no refunds—even for those who are too scared to enter. She loves music, driving on the freeway even in the SoCal traffic, trying new foods, and traveling near and far.

**Chapter 6 : Top Haunted Houses in California – Get Scared at California Haunted Houses**

*You'll Never Forget Your Visit To The Most Haunted Restaurant In Southern California. Halloween may officially be over, but that doesn't mean you can't find a dark and spooky outing to visit in Southern California.*

The Blue Riband was awarded to the ship that made the fastest transatlantic crossing. Queen Mary was awarded the Blue Riband in and from until It is an old gold mining town with tons of incredible history. There are so many haunted locations on Main street that you can practically walk into any store or bar and get a ghost story. Certainly worth the trip to this quaint little town! Placerville is the county seat of El Dorado County, California. Prior to the discovery of gold in nearby Coloma, California by James W. Marshall in sparking the California Gold Rush, the small town now known as Placerville was known as Dry Diggins after the manner in which the miners moved cartloads of dry soil to running water to separate the gold from the soil. Later in , the town earned its most common historical name, Hangtown, due to the numerous hangings that had taken place there. By , the temperance league and a few local churches had begun to request that a more friendly name be bestowed upon the town. The name was not changed until when the City of Placerville was incorporated. At its incorporation Placerville was the third largest town in California. In the county seat was then moved from Coloma to Placerville, where it remains today. The town had many services, including transportation of people and goods , lodging, banking, and had a market and general store. The track was abandoned in the s. The Camino, Placerville and Lake Tahoe Railroad now abandoned also operated an 8-mile shortline that operated between Camino, California and Placerville until June 17, As of March 29, , 52 miles of the right-of-way have been purchased by the city of Folsom, and eighteen miles of track have been restored. Plans are under consideration for a tourist excursion train along the route. Placerville is nicknamed "Old Hangtown" due to the fact that many people were hanged in the late s. Disneyland, Anaheim, Ca One of my favorite places on earth just so happens to be haunted! It is also said that the Christmas Shop on Main street holds a specter or two. I cannot wait to get down there with H. And do an investigation! Courtesy of The Bancroft Library. University of California, Berkeley. The place was really fun with Karaoke in the evening and ghosts all around. Some of the employees saw a female apparition in the upstairs rooms and walking down the hallway. They have also reported cold spots and footsteps. I think it would be great to stay there and hang out with the looming lady all night long She has been seen walking about the hotel and has even scared a few H. One of our investigators, stayed in room last summer and reported that he could not open the door to room for some time. He unlocked it, shook the handle but could not enter. Then the door just easily gave way and he could enter. Maybe you should stay there and find out for yourself! He did not experience anything on this night, luckily, but there have been plenty of other people that have. Reports of cold spots, sounds of chains clanking, footsteps, screaming you name it! For prisoners, the worst torture was how close, but unattainable, was life in San Francisco. At night, prisoners could even hear parties and laughter across the bay. The island is also a wildlife sanctuary with birds, and tide pools filled with crabs and sea-stars. Western gull and black-crowned heron colonies are prevalent. Lucky for me, I did find several ghosts! One of my investigators, Carol was alone up in room 74 when she repeatedly had cold chills up her back. It was a warm night.. Room 74 is reported to be the most haunted room in the hotel. We also got a lot of great pictures with orbs and even some on video. The place is creepy and wonderful at the same time. Located in the heart of the Gold Country near Highways 49 and 88 2. Private Residence, in West Sacramento The owners of this home want to remain anonymous but their spirits do not.. You can be just sitting around having coffee, turn on your voice recorder and almost always get an EVP! The Brookdale is also home of the H. We have so much ghostly evidence from the Brookdale, that one of the workers, Roger, is making a book out of it! There are secret passageways and hidden rooms, it is so much fun to explore this lodge. They would swim near the glass window for the mobsters to select them as dates for the evening. I love this place so much it is just an incredible get-away and I cannot wait to get back for the next conference! Tommy Netband is the founder of the San Francisco Ghost Society and has a deep passion for the paranormal. He is often called a "ghost historian" because of his research on hauntings. He is currently co-hosting a podcast called Supernatural San

Francisco and is writing a book based on his award winning tour. He has presented several lectures for the SFGS events.

## Chapter 7 : Reportedly haunted locations in California - Wikipedia

*The 10 Scariest Haunts in Southern California (UPDATED for ) October 9, by Angela Bishop 4 Comments If Horror is your thing, Southern California is a great place to get your scare on.*

Experience the delightfully twisted underbelly of Hollywood with Dearly Departed Tours! Scott Michaels founded Dearly Departed back in , specializing in dead celebrity memorabilia before launching the tour business in . Since then he has been pleasing stars and their fans alike with his irresistible combination of wit, humor and insight into the morbid world of celebrity death! This ghost tour is as I thought definitely one that will make your heart skip a beat or two. Mina has resided on and under the streets of San Francisco for over years. Hear her story, and learn how Vampires have played an important part in the shaping of San Francisco as we know it today. We do not go underground or to any stops that are seriously gothic or dark, but there are some that are haunted! This is a fun, light hearted tour for the Undead or prospective Undead with a sense of humor! It ends at about . In my humble opinion this tour really send chills down your spine and one that you should not miss! You hear thrilling ghost stories based on documented research, touch eerie haunted artifacts, frequently feel a fearful chill, get ghosts caught in photographs, and many other ways experience spirits at enchanting haunted mansions. Something unexplainable happens on almost every Ghost Hunt. You may simply be enraptured by the neighborhood history, the metaphysical mystery and overflow of good natured entertainment. You will enjoy nearly three hours of guaranteed unearthly FUN! We walk for a mile in a safe quiet neighborhood on tree lined streets with fine Victorian architecture. There is one moderate hill, the views are spectacular and the pace is easy. Departing year around, rain or starshine, from the lobby of the beautiful Queen Anne Hotel, Sutter Street, corner of Sutter and Octavia, six nights a week at 7: Not recommended for kids under 8. I loved this tour and certainly know you will too! Our fun-filled tours will help you get in touch with the historic background of the surrounding Avalon community while bringing you just a breath away from the land of the supernatural. Call to make a reservation at our tour center in Avalon, California, at to reserve a spot on one of our ghost tours. During these tours, we will discuss the rich background of this historical locale and provide a chilling overview of the paranormal activity that occurs in local haunted places when the spirits grow restless. During this time, we have met our fair share of spiritual visitors from the other side. Additionally, our team is comprised of only locals that have lived on Catalina and experienced paranormal activity for more than 30 years. Avalon will always have a special place in our hearts for its unique atmosphere and rich historical background. How We Started For many years, Avalon has been immersed in stories of supernatural activities. Join us today to experience a tour like no other. Our stories are based on our own experiences and on reports that have been verified by at least 5 local sources. We will point out what are EMF and photographic false positives and discuss the basics of ghost hunting. A wonderful ghost tour worth taking! Ghost Tours of Catalina: Starts with the most historic haunting and ends at a site with the most active current paranormal activity. The Whaley House is believed by some to be a haunted house, a number of supernatural events have been reported by staff, guests and various others passing the house. The tour is limited to a small number of guests who are allowed to bring cameras still and video and audio recorders. This location is as many believe to be very haunted. I enjoyed the terrific time I had as far as the tour is concerned be wary for a real ghost might just touch you on the shoulder! Whaley House Museum 7. We Transport you to Fascinating Historical Sites that just happen to be Guaranteed to "Raise Your Spirits"! More fun than a barrel of poltergeist! Get your walking shoes and settle in for the walk of a life time through a very haunted maze of rooms. Fun for ghost hunters of any age. The ghosts of Sacramento can be fun and a bit scary you will love this tour! The ship is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is permanently berthed in Long Beach, California serving as a museum ship and hotel. Queen Mary celebrated the 70th anniversary of her launch in both Clydebank and Long Beach during , and the 70th anniversary of her maiden voyage in . She was the flagship of the Cunard Line from until when she was replaced in this role by Queen Elizabeth. The tour is as many will state a bit too pricey for some and not as haunted as they would like it to be.. Yes the ships ghost tour is fantastic though, and worth the terrifying details. Be warned this ghost tour is

not for the week of heart. Ghosts were reported on board after the ship was permanently docked in California. Many areas are rumored to be haunted. Reports of hearing children crying in the nursery room, actually used as the third-class playroom, and a mysterious splash noise in the drained first-class swimming pool are cited. In 1852, year-old engineer John Pedder was crushed by a watertight door in the engine room during a fire drill, and his ghost is said to haunt the ship. There is also said to be the spirit of a young girl named Jackie Korin who drowned in the second class pool and continues to haunt the first class pool room on board the ship. Some visitors say they have seen women wearing early 19th century bathing suits in the pool areas. It is also said that men screaming and the sound of metal crushing against metal can be heard below decks at the extreme front end of the bow. Those who have heard this believe it to be the screams of the sailors aboard HMS Curacoa at the moment the light cruiser was split in half by the liner. Queen Mary operates daily paranormal themed tours, some of which have theatrics applied for dramatic effect. The ship maintains a haunted maze and expands to multiple mazes during the Halloween season. Honorable Mentions Haunted Hollywood Tours: A tour of the sites of death and scandal Horrific and worth the time. San Francisco Ghost Hunt: Ghost Walk at City Hall: A ghost tour that will leave you "dying" for more their joke, not mine Ghost Tours of Old Monterey: A minute trolley tour of the capitol of Mexican California. Twilight walking tour in northern Sonoma County. Richard Senate, Ghost Hunter: Besides writing books and doing paranormal research, Senate also offers ghost tours of Ventura County locations. Would you believe them?

## Chapter 8 : Shadowlands Haunted Places Index - California

*These Haunted Southern California Spots Turn the Scare Factor Up to 11 Written By: Barbara Beran 11 Best Haunted Places to Get Your Scare on in the Greater Los Angeles Area Even as the seasons change, there is no shortage of activity in our Southern California paradise, and with fall in full effect it's time to celebrate with ways other than.*

As the editor of *Hauntworld*. Are you ready to find the best haunted houses in Sacramento? Just remember to come back to *Hauntworld*. The Most Haunted Places in California Find the best and scariest haunted houses, real haunts, Halloween attractions, Hayrides and more near or in the Sacramento California area. Probably the most well known and scariest real story to ever happen in Sacramento is The Vampire of Sacramento - Richard Chase. Chase grew up in a very dysfunctional family. He had a trouble childhood that was filled with anger. By the time he was 10 he had already started setting fires, and he loved to torment animals. He had a weird obsession for blood and the death of animals. As a teenager his obsession and anger grew even more intensive. He had problems with dating and this made his anger and violence towards animals even worse. As an adult his behavior became even more bizarre. He would walk into the emergency room and ask who took his artery. He was soon diagnosed with as paranoid schizophrenic. He had been committed several times and releases for good behavior. As soon as Chase was out the odd behavior began again. He was drinking rabbits, dogs and cats blood. He would torture and kill these poor animals for fun. Soon Chases began torturing and killing human beings. He would first shoot and kill his victims and then drain the victims body of blood and drink the blood and then eat their internal organs. Chase killed 6 victims over one horrifying month for the city of Sacramento. He was sentenced to death and died in December of 1958. It was said that the inmates he spent time with hated him and could not stand being around him. Anaheim, California The thought of ghosts residing at Disneyland sounds like a fantasy, but there have been many reports of paranormal behavior at the happiest place on earth. Many of the ghosts who haunt the theme park are guests who died on rides and continue to haunt the area. Specifically, a ghost of a man who died on Space Mountain haunts the ride and occasionally employees hear his screams after park hours. It is also said that the Haunted Mansion at Disneyland is haunted by evil spirits. Guests and workers have complained about having their hair pulled, being shoved or pinched or feeling watched. San Francisco, California There have been thousands of reports of paranormal behavior on Alcatraz Island for many, many years. Visitors, former guards and former prisoners have reported clanging, screaming and sobbing within the old prison. Cell blocks C and D specifically show a lot of activity. Cell block D was home to Al Capone and some have even reported hearing banjo music playing there. Millions of visitors from all over the world visit Alcatraz each year to feel the cold spots, hear the screams and witness the paranormal activity of trapped souls in the walls. San Jose, California This place became known as the Winchester Mystery House because of all the odd activities that have taken place inside the mansion. There was hardly a building plan, so there are also many odd features in the mansion, such as a staircase that leads directly to the ceiling. The house is said to be haunted by ghosts who were killed by Winchester rifles. It is known that only continuous construction on the house will appease the ghosts who haunt visitors and workers. The Queen Mary, Long Beach California After the ship was docked in California in the 1930s, testimonies of ghost activity were immediately reported. The entire ship is reported to be haunted according to people who have heard little children crying in the nursery room and splash noises in the swimming pool area. There have been many professional paranormal investigations on this ship and it has been concluded time and time again that the ship is haunted. Today, it is possible to take a paranormal tour of the ship. Queen Mary Dark Harbor is also the scariest event hosted on the single most haunted ship in the World. Retired in the late 1950s, the massive ship was brought to Long Beach when inexpensive air travel replaced steamships as the most economical way to travel the globe. Over 50 million guests have visited the ship since it reopened to the public in 1969; many in search of things that go bump in the night. Time Magazine calls the ship one of the most haunted places in the world, and many would agree. During WW2, an escort vessel collided with the ship causing a massive loss of life. During her sailing years, another 51 deaths occurred aboard. Illness, two cases of passengers falling downstairs and breaking their necks, and in one gruesome example, an officer named William Stark drank

carbon tetrachloride mistaking it for gin and died from the poisoning the next day. Supposedly, people have seen the image of an officer walking around on Sun Deck and the Bridge early in the mornings and they believe it is his ghost. The ship was facing hard times when it began turning to its darker history to generate revenue. Ghost tours proved a fairly low cost, high demand offering for guests. But in time, the Queen Mary launched its first Halloween event then called Shipwreck in That event would grow to include a variety of mazes, both on the ship and in the surrounding buildings before dwindling in size. In , a new creative team was brought together to reimagine the event, taking inspiration from the legends of reported ghostly activity. A decision was made to also embrace the surrounding port, with much of the new event being constructed with massive assemblies of shipping containers, and a decidedly industrial aesthetic. In time, this would grow into a full-scale festival of fear, combining the look and feel of a carnival, sprawling around the Queen Mary every fall. And that was the beginning of Dark Harbor. Upon entry, guests are funneled through a security screening before reaching the event gates, where the ships ghostly Captain cheers the crowd, while massive 40 feet jets of propane fire ignite the night. And just behind the gates, our talent director, David Wally, drives the cast into frenzy. Watching the monsters dance, and psyche themselves up for a night of fright is an awesome sight. The energy is palpable, and the crowd on the other side of the gates thrills to the chants, howls and screams of the cast, thirsty for blood. The nightmares start with this monster run, but guests quickly spread to their favorite mazes, and to discover tequila tastings, cocktails, and unique food as the frightful park opens. The street cast is comprised of frightful spirits of every kind. Sailors, sliders, clowns, and artful circus sideshow performers entertain and scare guests at every turn. The most popular ghouls are the icon characters: Beyond the normal scare zones, Dark Harbor boasts a huge roster of entertainment. Wandering acts and stage shows delight the guests, creating a unique party and festival atmos-fear that is truly unique. A nightly fire show with multiple dancers thrills audiences, and circus aerialists delight crowds while flying through the air on hoops and silks. The new maze is based on a new icon character, Chef, who originated from a popular legend about an army cook that was killed in his own ovens. According to legend, an enlisted cook rose to become a highly decorated Chef. Depending on the story, in either a reaction to notoriously bad food or as an act of revenge, the Chef was forced into one of his own ovens and cooked alive. In one pivotal scene, guests are forced to crawl through a hot oven tunnel, before coming face-to-face with the Chef. In fan-favorite maze, Deadrise, guests are assaulted by the ghostly crew of a sunken escort ship that helped guide the Grey Ghost through WWII. Inspired by the true story of a fatal crash during war time voyages, Deadrise is home to the vengeful Half Hatch Henry. Half Hatch Henry and the sailors of Deadrise have been called up from the briny depths by The Captain to terrorize the living. With Dark Harbor being known for its larger-than-life pyrotechnics, Deadrise takes guests frightfully close to jets of propane fire and massive water effects. As guests exit, a team of energetic ghouls engage in parkour-like stunts off the exit containers, creating loud crashes and a show that guests love to watch. In the painting, a Halloween-like masquerade complete with clowns, witches, and acrobats dance in a massive party scene. In this deep theme, the Captain has conjured the Ringmaster the spirit that inspired this painting to create a carnival of chaos in our popular Circus maze. In addition to clowns, the Circus maze features classic fun house illusions, carnival acts, and a section where guests have to crawl through a giant ball pit crawling with creatures and ADA bypass is offered. Last season, the crew also launched a new hidden bar concept inside the maze that proved hugely popular among fans and on social media. Fans found clues online that led them to speak to a fortune teller arcade game that revealed the secret entry if the riddles were answered correctly. The intrepid maze was inspired by the Scottish shipyards that built the ship over 80 years ago. Drawing from a vintage industrial design and Scottish folklore, this maze located off the ship is hosted by the evil Iron Master, the mastermind behind the ship, and a ghostly train that takes guests from Dark Harbor deep into the dark crypts beneath Scotland. Utilizing a portion of the footprint of a former maze called Voodoo Village; the maze is haunted by fearsome kilted warriors and mysterious plague doctors. Fading from shipyard, to train, to dark crypts and snowy Northern Scotland, this is a surreal experience unlike any of the other more linear mazes found on the ship, and has been a big hit with fans. The massive set pieces and the detail of the catacombs make it unlike any other maze in the event. Another more traditional icon, the alluring Graceful Gale, haunts Soulmate located on the aft or rear portion of

the Queen Mary. In her signature maze, Gale has been haunting the ship looking for a perfect dance partner since her mysterious disappearance. As guests explore the maze, they realize the spirit styled as a beautiful blonde in a flowing white gown, soaked in blood has taken to assembling her perfect partner from the pieces of less suitable partners. The creative team behind Dark Harbor has big plans for this maze, expected to be announced at Midsummer Scream convention in July. In the maze of the same name, guests explore the background of our icon, Samuel the Savage, and what drove him to madness. Guests see the number throughout the maze, in cryptic messages, clocks, numbers on endless doors, etc. The maze explores a popular myth that a man went mad on a voyage and murdered his family in the room. This maze is an extreme experience, from padded walls to classrooms, where stern and terrifying nuns brutalized a young Samuel. Guests explore a terrifying bridge over a 50 feet fall into the ships cavernous boiler rooms, when with a crack of electricity and a cackle of massive 3. While the pneumatics only drop the platform a short distance, the effect is sure to shake even the most hardened guest! Finally, the last on ship maze, Lullaby, is hosted by Scary Mary. Inspired by perhaps the most famous ghost of the Queen Mary, a little girl who allegedly lost her life in the First Class swimming pool, this icon is both scary and playful!

**Chapter 9 : The 10 Scariest Haunts in Southern California**

*Queen Mary: The Queen Mary could be one of California's most haunted places, with more than a dozen reported apparitions and sightings. Learn about them on the daily Ghosts and Legends Tour and special dinner tours with a paranormal specialist.*

So the famous story goes, Robert Chalmers began to display signs of mental illness, so Louisa chained him up in the basement where he starved to death. Apparitions, strange sounds, screams and clanging He has been seen walking the halls throughout the hotel. People also claim to hear a woman crying and there have been some sightings of a young girl ghost sitting by the fireplace. It is believed to be haunted by Manuela Giradin, who owned and ran the establishment. Inside are a hotel, several restaurants, and the ship museum. Her maiden voyage was in , and she sailed until The historic attraction has hosted haunted houses for Halloween, complete It used to be a tuberculosis ward for children. I am usually the last one to leave the bldg for the day and must ensure all the clinic doors are locked. One night I was locking up and had gone into the restroom This lead to a peaceful resolution of what could have been a great tragedy The elevator is also haunted, and has been known to move from floor to floor of its own accord. She also has been seen by the roadside, beckoning for passersby to come to the cemetery for a The site has been used as a setting for a great number of films including Outbreak, To Live and Die in L. Contagium, as well as for many TV shows Some people have seen a woman in a bloody white gown walking along this road and hikers using the secret sidewalk have supposedly gone missing trying to aid this woman. Locals who ventured inside reported seeing strange figures following them around and hearing voices that called out to them. The feelings experienced here are generally good ones, reports Visitors and tour guides alike have reported unexplained screams, slamming cell doors, banjo music and footsteps. The site has been investigated by both Ghost Hunters and Ghost Ghost writing was said to show up on its walls, chairs moved by themselves, etc. The resort stood empty for a while, but since then, Cabin 28 is said to have been People also claim that there is the ghost of a little boy playing with a ball that is occasionally seen It is a state park and a venue for upscale legislative functions. The land was given to the city as an 80th birthday present. The park owes its name to a small hotel that was built on the property that no longer exists. The hospital itself was said to be a place full of negative residual energy from shock treatment leaving the patients catatonic. Guests have been shoved and report the feeling of being watched. They are heard running around down empty halls. An older woman is also believed to be here, as well as a mother and her daughter who occupy the Blue Room. One incident here involved a waiter who attempted to enter a room, but was blocked by an The apparition of a Native American girl has been reported along the same Founded in as a reform school, it became the Preston Youth Correctional Facility in Operations ceased in , and the historic building is now open to the public During the night, the sounds of people conversing can be heard. Children can be heard playing at night. This place is filled with the bodies of orphaned children. Psychics report that he is friendly, though not alone. The other spirits include two women one elderly and the other young , a farmer type, and various people in period outfits. The basement is said to be very The nickname was acquired because of the around folks said to have committed suicide by jumping from it, starting in Reports say that almost 50 of the jumpers died during the Great After the war, the building became the Naval Postgraduate School, the main building of which is called Herrmann Hall, and houses Guests will see him in the corner of their eyes and sometimes start to feel unwelcomed. Native Americans that once inhabited this area are also said to roam these grounds, sometimes seen hanging in the trees. Mysterious voices heard in this area are also attributed to an asylum that is said to have burned down Some believe that some guests checked in, but never checked out as there are reports of at least three different ghostly entities haunting the inn. Their voices are heard and are believed to haunt the site. More recently it contained restaurants and night clubs, and, according to rumor, a few haunts. At restaurant kitchens, pots and pans would move on their own, and employees often described a heavy presence or a feeling Established in , it has been in continuous operation except for a brief period where it was closed down due to fire damage and repaired. People have reported seeing full body apparitions of men Her body was tossed down the well on the site. Voices and

footsteps can be heard and full-bodied figures have been seen. She disappears as you drive past her. A report by a motorcyclist said he was thrown off the bike by something unseen, blacked out, and awoke to see a woman with black hair standing over him and staring at him. Witnesses visiting the cemetery have heard his loud heavy footsteps. The smell of smoke accompanies the spirit of a protective old man said to prevent children from hurting themselves. He is heard walking around and will Some people say that if you bring small toys, the ghost of the She is known in Hispanic legend as La Llorona, or the Weeping Woman, doomed to roam in search of the children she murdered. Also, locals say the Witnesses report unexplained noises, footsteps, moving chairs, B Gillis House Yreka, California According to former residents, this historic residence is haunted. Witnesses say the apparition is that of Hudson B. Gillis, former owner and builder of the property. Others have reported being slapped, feeling cold spots and hearing disembodied footsteps on the main staircase. The ghost rumoured to be haunting the place is the apparition of a woman in a white dress, who was supposedly jilted by a lover and committed suicide in an upstairs room. Ever since, strange occurrences have taken place in that People who explore these premises report seeing the ghost of Houdini himself wandering the grounds. Having also been used as a recording studio, some band members have reported The place is now rumoured to be haunted by a man who died after being pushed down the staircase, along with a prostitute who was beaten to death in a closet in Room 6 and a ghostly man with a beard Grant to Mark Twain this place did not suffer from a lack of swanky clientele. There are a variety of ghostly rumors that surround this place that was also home to some misfortune and misery, including one Visitors using this bathroom have reportedly encountered the apparition of a redheaded woman, who vanishes once she reaches the second stall. Witnesses have heard the sound of footsteps with a peg-leg, said to be the ghost of a s-era guest named Mr. According to the story, the man lost his leg in WWI and was caught in the Witnesses have reported apparitions of a man wearing white rags and a child running. The sounds of voices and dragging objects have been In it became the Hazelwood Sanitarium for treating those with terminal illnesses such as tuberculosis. In it became Clovis Avenue Sanitarium, treating those with mental illness, Reports say the former mental hospital was either a dairy or a slaughterhouse, and it is rumored to have been the site of several Kate Morgan a young woman who checked in to the Hotel del Coronado and committed suicide with a gunshot wound to her head. There is no suspicion that it might have been a murder as she was seen to be A young man died in this crash. We went to this corner with all of our gear and caught a few images of what appeared to be apparitions walking and standing on the corner by the candles left behind by mourners.