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Haunted Myrtle Beach

Every community has its ghosts, and the Myrtle Beach area is no different. From haunted restaurants to love beyond the grave, paranormal enthusiasts are in for plenty of spooks, scares and surprises when they unmask the Grand Strand's haunted history.

Carolina Safari Jeep Tours

A gothic love story is the best way to describe the tale of Alice Flagg, one of the Myrtle Beach area's most well-known spirits. In the mid-1800s, she fell in love with a lumberman. Alice's suitor was rejected by her brother because of the man's low economic stature. That didn't stop Alice, who continued seeing her love in secret. Eventually, he proposed, which made her happy but infuriated her brother. However, Alice was never able to find happiness, as she contracted malaria and died. The engagement ring she kept wrapped around her neck was removed by her brother and tossed in a nearby marsh.

Alice Flagg's final resting place is at All Saints Parish in Pawleys Island. Legend has it she can still be spotted wandering the cemetery from time to time.

All Saints Parish is just one of the stops on <u>Carolina Safari Jeep Tours</u>, which takes visitors to some of the Grand Strand's most well-known historical locations.

The Brentwood Restaurant and Wine Bistro

If you're looking for a fine dining experience and don't mind being spooked, stop by <u>The Brentwood Restaurant and Wine Bistro</u> in Little River.

Once a lived-in house, the Brentwood Restaurant is more than a century old and became a restaurant several years ago. When the new owners took over in 2007, they started hearing noises and voices. Customers also reported getting unexpectedly locked in the second-floor restroom. The strange occurrences eventually prompted the owners to bring in a few area "ghostbusters," or, more appropriately, investigators of the paranormal. Well, the ghosts are apparently still there, and the owners have just rolled with it.

Chef and owner Eric Masson introduced the Ghost and Gourmet Event, which combines a delicious four-course French dinner with a séance conducted by a professional psychic and medium. Guests write their questions on a piece of paper, in a hope those on the "other side" will give an answer.

For you ghost lovers, this is a can't-miss stop on your trip.

Walking Shadows Ghost Tours

Georgetown, the third oldest city in South Carolina, has plenty of history packed into its nearly 300 years of existence. And it has more than its fair share of ghosts. There is the legend of the Cleland House, where a young bride died on her wedding day before she had a chance to say her vows. Her form, still adorned in nuptial white, has been seen in the home's garden ever since.

A family of seven – a mother, father and five children – are said to have all died within days of each other. They were all buried in Georgetown's Prince George Winyah Cemetery. Often, visitors can hear the sounds of the children in the old graveyard around dusk.

These are just a few of the haunted hot spots in the city of Georgetown. Walking Shadows Ghosts Tours invite the fearless to venture out along the community's historic streets to hear about these spirits and others. Booking tours are on a reservation basis and must consist of at least a party of five or more.



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Ghosts of Georgetown Lantern Tours

The city of Georgetown's National Register Historic District has been home to many interesting residents in its history. Some of these residents are still said to be living in the area as spirits.

One such spirit continues to maintain residence in the Henning House. This poltergeist was formerly a British soldier fighting during the Revolutionary War. As was often the case, soldiers of the crown would impose themselves on the hospitality of residents.

This soldier was just one of many staying in the Henning House during the war. As legend had it, he tripped rushing down a flight of stairs, broke his neck and died instantly. Since then, anyone who loses their footing on that same staircase has reported feeling a hand which prevents them from falling.

The tour guides – always in historic dress – with <u>Ghost of Georgetown Lantern Tours</u> regale their audience with this story, as well as many other paranormal tales found in the historic district.