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Top 10 haunted cities in the US Haunted Halloween Travel Destinations

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Looking for the ultimate ghoulish adventure for Halloween? Try a scary holiday vacation to one of the following haunted cities, compiled by Rent.com. You may not even have to make Halloween travel plans – your city may be on the Haunted City list.

The Top 10 Haunted Cities to visit for Halloween

Haunted City #1 Savannah, GA

Named "America's Most Haunted City" in 2002 by the American Institute of Parapsychology, this historic city was home to a Revolutionary War battleground and was the site of the Civil War capture of General Sherman. Many tourists choose to take haunted [ghost tours](#) while they're in town, and are excited to learn about the city made famous by the bestselling novel *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*.



Haunted City #2 Gettysburg, PA

Gettysburg's Civil War battle left 51,000 American casualties and as a result, it is believed that nearly all 40 miles of the Gettysburg battlefields have paranormal activity. Another city steeped in our nation's history, Gettysburg is home to many ghosts that show up in photos, including the ghost of Confederate General Robert E. Lee, who died after the war, but played an important role in the battle.



Haunted City #3
Salem, MA

Salem not only makes the list as the site of the infamous Salem Witch Trials in the 1600s, it is also home to Gallows Hill, which is believed to be haunted by the spirits of the 19 "witches" hanged there. Known as "Witch City, USA," Salem has one of the largest Halloween celebrations in the country for people of all ages... and beliefs.



Haunted City #4
New Orleans, LA

The Big Easy has both voodoo and slavery in its past, with famous voodoo priestess Marie Laveau, "The Voodoo Queen of New Orleans," as its most famous ghost! In addition to all of the voodoo magic, the city's St. Louis Cemetery is considered one of America's most haunted cemeteries.



Haunted City #5
San Antonio, TX

San Antonio is regarded as the most haunted city in the state of Texas, with dozens of ghostly sightings throughout its quarters. The city is also the site of the historic Battle of the Alamo, and the fort is said to be haunted by those brave souls who died during the conflict.



Haunted City #6
St. Augustine, FL

St. Augustine is the nation's oldest city and first permanently occupied European settlement. Castillo de San Marcos is an amazing star-shaped fort rumored to be haunted, and the St. Augustine Lighthouse, which has appeared on the popular TV show *Ghost Hunters*, is also a haunt to put on your Halloween must-visit list.



Haunted City #7
Charleston, SC

The downtown area of Charleston, known as The Battery, was a protective artillery installation during the Civil War. The area is known for its ghost stories that originated with the Gullah, a West African people whose descendants populate parts of South Carolina and Georgia. The [Battery Carriage House Inn](#) is the city's famous haunted hotel, where visitors



Haunted City #8
Chicago, IL

The Windy City is rumored to have been one of the Prohibition-era gangsters' favorite places to dump bodies, and its [Bachelor's Grove](#) cemetery is said to be haunted by those unfortunates. There are also over 6,000 Confederate soldiers and sailors buried at Oak Woods Cemetery, and it is believed that strange figures often appear in photos taken at this location. Don't forget your courage or your camera.



Haunted City #9
San Francisco, CA

The Bay City's Chinatown is home to countless ghost tours and creepy folklore. The [Queen Anne Hotel](#), which was originally a school for girls in the 1890s, is said to be haunted by the ghost of its former headmistress, Mary Lake. If the Queen Anne Hotel isn't enough to scare you, visitors to Alcatraz often claim to see ghosts walking the cellblocks and hear voices in the cafeteria!



Haunted City #10
Portland, OR

Portland has developed a reputation as the most haunted city of the Pacific Northwest due to the Shanghai Tunnels. These haunted tunnels were used to kidnap people in the 1800s and shuttle them to the harbor to be shipped off as slaves and prostitutes in the Far East. Want to eat with the ghosts? The city's White Eagle Café, a former brothel, hotel and boarding house, is also said to be haunted.

Tour the Shanghai Tunnels

Take a tour of the Shanghai Tunnels in Portland, one of the most haunted places in the United States.

