

**A Haunted Tour
Guide to the Pacific
Northwest** (Revised)



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About The Tour Guide

Hello All;



I am in the process of updating my book, *A Haunted Tour Guide to the Pacific Northwest*. I published the first tour guide in 2001. I published a revised tour guide in 2010, with my (then) wife Janine. In the years since, especially after covid, many haunted businesses have failed, changed hands, or vanished under new construction. However, not as many as I feared. At this point, I have gone through the old tour guide, cross checking old listings. Perhaps 15% of the businesses listed no longer exist, or have opted out of the revised tour guide. This has caused something of a dilemma, since I need to remove 50 locations.

The old book includes nearly 200 locations from Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia. I want to remove 50 locales from the earlier edition, and add just as many to the new ones. These haunted destinations range from hotels and bed & breakfasts, to restaurants, to museums, to haunted outside locales. I am removing several cemetery locations from the old tour guide.

In the last ten years, I noticed an increase in cemetery vandalism and I do not want to fuel it in any way. Having said that, there are some prominent, well-visited locations such as Bruce Lee's Grave, which I left in the tour guide. In the revision, I am focusing on ghost walks, which are a good way for people to learn about local history in a relatively safe way. Many ghost walks failed during covid, but many new companies have sprung up.

This update document is merely intermediate. I do not have a complete list of 50 new locations to put in the new tour guide. However, I will publish more information as I find these new places. As it is, in the following pages, you can see the places I am taking out of the new guide. For the most part, the places still exist. Their current owners or managers have opted out of the new tour guide. I think I can say though, that they would welcome everyone as clients or patrons, just leave your ghost hunting equipment home.

ENJOY PLANNING YOUR TRIP!!!

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Locations Removed From the Tour Guide

Depoe Bay, Oregon



Name: Spouting Horn Restaurant (Changed Owners)
Address: 1105 US Hwy 101
Depoe Bay, OR 97341
Prices: \$\$
Theme: Oregon Coast
Cuisine: Northwest & Seafood
Open: Monday 11:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Wednesday – Sunday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Special Facilities: Views of the ocean and bay

The Spouting Horn restaurant is located on the shores of Depoe Bay. The restaurant was originally a hotel and has two stories, with dining rooms on each floor. Across Hwy 101 is the Devil's Churn and Spouting Horn. The Devil's Churn is a hundred foot deep hole in the coastal rock. At high tide, the water rushes through the chasm and is forced upward, into the air. The Spouting Horn of seawater rises up to 40 feet in the air.

The Spouting Horn was built in the 1930s, as a boarding house, and was a U.S. Coast Guard station in World War II. Betty Tauton and her husband Vaughn moved to Depoe Bay and bought the Spouting Horn in 1951. Though Vaughn has passed on, Betty and her family still run the restaurant. She is an accomplished chef, having studied cooking in Provence (near Nice) and Perigord, in France. Her pastries have earned her local fame.

The Ghosts

The Tauton family calls their ghost Ralph and is comfortable with his practical jokes. When Betty and her family converted the old building into a restaurant, they remodeled the upper floor. While they were doing this, some invisible person pelted workers with old nails. People have heard disembodied footsteps; dishes, and pans in the kitchen fall with a clatter. There is a quiet back lounge on the second floor. The bartender and others reported seeing a ghostly man walking across the hallway there. In 2001, psychics and paranormal investigators detected a strong male presence in the hallway leading from the second floor dining room to the back bar. On a tape recorder, they captured a voice saying, "I'm not goin' in there!" This voice mocked one psychic, who refused to walk through the hallway.

Hammond/Astoria, OR

Name: The Officer's Inn Bed and Breakfast (No Longer Operating)
Address: 540 Russell Place
Hammond, OR 97121
Rooms: 7 rooms, 2 suites
Prices: \$\$
Theme: Turn of the Century Military Lodging
Open: Year around
Special Facilities: Mystery nights, fireplaces, free wifi, pet friendly, hiking, and bicycle trails, special events

The Officer's Inn was built between 1904 and 1905 as a residence for military officers serving at Ft Stevens. It was a duplex with identical quarters. Each half included a parlor, dining room, laundry room, bedrooms, servant's quarters and a back servants stairway. Ceiling tiles are elaborate pressed tin, with a wraparound porch and many other classical design elements. After World War II, the local school district bought it as a rental property and B&B. In 2005, the current owners, Steve and Kim Nurdning purchased it.

The Ghosts

People have seen shapes of people in rooms that are empty. The bedspread will be mussed even after special care to make sure the covers were smooth and straight when the room was cleaned. In one of the upstairs rooms, a table moves across floor with no one touching it. At the end of the room is a rocking chair which some times rocks by itself.

People reported seeing a little girl in the linen room. Other people sensed a woman associated with the little girl, and a man dressed in a long wool jacket. In the Commander's Room, a paranormal investigator looked outside and saw soldiers dressed in khaki uniforms standing in the park. Was this a glimpse of a past formation? A hundred years earlier the park was an old parade ground. And in one of the parlors, several people felt a wave of cold filter in, and then out of the room.



Name: Hotel Elliott

Address: 357 12th Street

Astoria, OR 97103

Rooms: 32 rooms and suites

Prices: \$\$\$

Theme: 20th Century Elegance

Special Facilities: Free internet, heated bathroom floors, Non-smoking rooms. Special events and meeting space available. Rooftop Terrace. Wine Bar. Cigar room.

Jeremiah Elliott came to the Astoria in 1922, shortly after a disastrous fire that destroyed most of Astoria. The Elliott Hotel was originally named the Niemi Hotel. Elliott leased the building at first but soon bought it outright. The hotel opened in 1924 with 68 rooms. Elliott and his family lived in the hotel with the basement acting as a combination living room, kitchen, and household working space. Jeremiah's daughter and daughter-in-law detested each other so each had their own kitchens rather than sharing. Many of the Elliotts died at the hotel, including Mrs. Elliott and the daughter. Jeremiah's son John ran the hotel until 1969. Over the next thirty years, the hotel declined, becoming a 'fleabag hotel' and low-income residence. Chester Trabucco bought the hotel in 1999, and completely restored it. It is now a luxury boutique hotel with old-fashioned touches.

The Ghosts

Jody was the first night auditor during the remodel. One night while doing paperwork at the front desk, he bent over a drawer to find something. When looked up, Jody saw a man in a chair near the front door; Jody clearly saw the man's profile. He was bald with glasses and wore a black suit with a bow tie. Only he was transparent. The man stood, made eye contact with Jody, and disappeared. According to Elliot family descendants, the man was Jeremiah's brother. When not working he spent his time in a chair by the front entrance looking outside.

One night a guest staying in **Room 405** called the desk, reporting an elderly man moving around her room. She heard a voice from outside her door calling for someone to come out. The man turned and

walked out through the door. Another witness visited a friend in **Room 306**. She lay down on the bed to watch television, while her friend took a shower. She became aware of a hand, stroking the outside of her leg. It felt like someone was tentatively reaching out, making sure she was really there.

A woman staying in **Room 307** complained about children playing in the hallway. When she opened the door to shush them, she found the hallway empty. Julie, an employee, reported seeing children's shadows running down the hallway and around the corner, outside of the same room. People in the Wine bar report seeing a reflection of something in the Cigar Room windows. Some report seeing a white, misty shape in the same area.



Name: Knappton Cove Heritage Center

Address: Across from Gill Netter Display
Highway 401, Knappton, WA

Prices: \$

Theme: U'S. Customs Pest House

Open: Summer Saturdays, 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. or
by appointment

Special Facilities: Gift shop. November “Living
History” and open house event.

Knappton is located on the North side of the Columbia River, across from Astoria. In the 19th Century, ships brought many exotic goods and people to the United States. Along with people and their goods came unwanted immigrants like rats and fleas. Both people and pests carried diseases like typhus, yellow fever, cholera, as well as small pox and bubonic plague. The U.S. Government established several immigration facilities to stop these diseases before people or goods disembarked.

At the Knappton facility, ships docked at a pier and everyone walked to an inspection building. People stripped, showered, and doctors checked them, their clothes and luggage for disease while the ship was fumigated. The U.S. Health Service detained any sick or possibly contagious people at the facility. By 1950, the main port of entry for the Columbia River was Portland. The Knappton facility became a sports angler's club. Later, the owner's daughter, Nancy Bell Anderson, turned the isolation hospital into a museum, to preserve the history of the area.

The Ghosts

In the late 1990's a paranormal group investigated the facility. They marked a line on a cup of coffee and asked any entities to drink some. At the end of the experiment, the level was down about three quarters of an inch. One intuitive person saw a woman dressed in 19th Century clothing walking on the beach. This may have been Jane Barnes, a woman brought to the Pacific Northwest in 1814, as a companion for the Chief Factor, or manager of the Hudson's Bay Company post. She stayed at Knappton Cove for many years.

Seaview, Washington



Name: Rod's Lamplighter Restaurant (No Longer Operating)

Address: 3807 L Place
Seaview, WA 98644

Prices: \$\$

Theme: Historic restaurant

Cuisine: Northwest

Open: Year Round

Special Facilities: Lounge

The Ghosts

The Lamplighter Inn has been a part of the Long Beach community for over 125 years. The primary candidate for the ghost is Louie Sloan. Louie owned the restaurant for decades, before selling it in 1963. He stuck around as a regular until he died in 1977. One night shortly after Louie's death, the manager had to turn off the bar lights to chase out some late customers. She walked away from the light switch and was surprised when the lights came back on. She walked back to the switch and found it was still in the off position.

In 1990, an employee heard a clicking noise and looked at the pool table. She watched as the pool balls began moving across the table, bumping into each other without anyone nearby. This continued for several minutes. When he died, Louie was cremated and his ashes went unclaimed until 1992. The owners of the Lamplighter accepted the urn containing Louie's ashes and placed it in the lounge. Since that time, most of the physical manifestations have ceased.

Starting in the mid-2010, there seemed to have been a flurry of activity at the lamplighter. The reported activity included seeing a woman, or two women dressed in period clothing going into the north side bathroom. Photographs taken in the main dining room sometimes contain orbs. There is also the sound of glass breaking, even though no one has dropped anything on the floor.

British Columbia



Name: Bridge House Café (No Longer Operating)

Address: 3650 Capilano Road
North Vancouver B.C. V7R 4J1

Prices: \$\$

Theme: Historic Home restaurant

Cuisine: West Coast gourmet

Open: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 2nd —May 17th
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 18th thru summer.

Special Facilities: Intimate dining, banquet room, call ahead for reservations. Afternoon tea available for special events.

The Capilano Suspension Bridge, built by George Grant Mackay in 1889, was a swinging rope

bridge that many were afraid to cross. It is still there, 450 feet long, swaying 230 feet above the Capilano River. Mac and Elizabeth MacEachran built the Bridge House in 1934 as their home. They owned the bridge as well. Today the bridge and surrounding area is a public park. The house is now a restaurant, which includes many original fixtures, such as stone fireplace. The restaurant promotes casual, gourmet-dining specializing in local foods.

The Ghosts

There are many stories of Elizabeth, who haunts the restaurant building. Elizabeth seems to want the house looked after. She watched an employee iron linen in the basement once. Both employees and customers hear footsteps and bottles have been pushed off shelves by invisible hands.

Name: Jake's Crossing (No Longer Operating)
Address: 2414 St. Johns
Port Moody, B.C. V3H 2B1
Theme: Railroad saloon
Cuisine: Pub grub
Open: Lunch and dinner
Special Facilities: Bar

The Ghosts

When Jake's Crossing was named the Port Moody Arms, the caretaker was a man named David 'Slim' Kirkpatrick. Slim lived in the basement, near the beer keg storage area. In the late 1970s, he died in the hospital. Afterward, some of the employees felt strange in the basement area, but reasoned it may have been memories of the departed Slim rather than a true ghost.

In the mid-1980s, the owners sold the Port Moody Arms and management changed. The new owners and clientele reported seeing a tall man dressed in a plaid shirt in the restaurant lounge. He always disappeared when confronted. One night a broken record player began playing on its own. Liquor bottles fall off the bar of their own accord, appliances turn on or off without being touched. Doors open when they were locked. Slim seems content to play tricks on the staff and customers. I visited Jake's Crossing in 2000 and was told that was still active.



Name: Irish Heather Pub (Changed Owners, Opted Out)

Address: 217 Carrall St
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 2J1

Prices: \$\$\$

Theme: French-Inspired Pacific Northwest Fare

Open: Open Tuesday – Saturday 5 p.m. daily for dinner.

Special Facilities: Private dining rooms, happy hour, chef's menu.

For non-French speaking Americans [I do not include non-French speaking Canadians, since they all speak French), the name L'Abattoir means, The Slaughterhouse. I do not know if that is paying homage to the history of the building, which had been part of the street of butcher shops, or the police gaol complex. It resembles a 19th century European building, in part due to its age. The brick building is narrow, but long, and has several nooks and crannies to pass the time in partial privacy. The men's bathroom is small and poorly ventilated, because (according to legend) it used to be one of the cells.

The Ghosts

It may be difficult for female ghost hunters to contact the Gastown Ghost inhabiting the Irish Heather Pub. Apparently, he occupies the men's room. People report the clanking of chains and low moans or groans, and the sound of heavy doors slamming while using the facilities there. The witnesses swear that these noises had nothing to do with bad plumbing.



Name: Camille's (Changed Owners, Opted Out)

Address: 45 Bastion Square
Victoria B.C. V8W 1J1

Prices: \$\$ - \$\$\$

Theme: Romantic fine dining

Cuisine: Northwest gourmet

Special Facilities: Late night menu focusing on pub grub.

Camille's is located in the basement of the old Law Chambers Building in Victoria's Bastion Square. Its architect, F.M. Rattenbury, tried to model Bastion Square along the lines of a European Piazza. In 1899, he designed the Law Chambers with an Italian flavor. Many of the court buildings became vacant in 1962, when a new courthouse was built. In 1970, Peter Neve Cotton restored and renovated the building using many regional architectural motifs.

The menu for Wind Cries Mary Restaurant states they are "ever-changing with a focus on nose-to-tail butchery". I am guessing this is synonymous with "farm-to-table." However, the menu lists more seafood than land animals for meat courses.

The Ghosts

The haunting at **Camille's** is ongoing, and the staff has learned to live with it. The most common facet of this haunting is the smell of cigar smoke mixed with women's perfume. This happens frequently and centers in one spot. The staff moved the table where it appears, because the smell disturbs patrons. They do not know who the ghost or ghosts might be. There were public executions in the square when it was a fort and people are buried there. The staff takes it in stride. They greet the ghosts when they walk in and the place smells like it is full of cigar smoke. Camille's frequently hosts Dinner Ghost tours.

The Puget Sound



Name: The Equator

Address: Near the entrance to the 10th Street Boat Launch and
Marine Park The Port of Everett
Everett, WA 98201

Theme: Historic sailing vessel

Open: Year around

Special Facilities: It is slowly decaying due to a lack of funds to restore it.

The Equator is a two-masted schooner, built in San Francisco in the late 1880s as a "copra" trader. Copra traders went from port to port, picking up cargo at one port in the hopes that it might be sold at the next port. Two important people who were aboard the ship were Robert Louis Stevenson and King Kalakaua of Hawaii. Stevenson spent several months living in Waikiki and was a frequent guest in the palace of Hawaii's king, Kalakaua. Stevenson booked passage on *The Equator* for himself and his family. King Kalakaua escorted the Stevenson party on their way and had a final luncheon on the ship. Stevenson lived aboard the ship for six months, before settling in, and later dying in Samoa.

The Ghosts

In the 1980s and early '90s, observers reported seeing strange people on her deck, and workmen's tools began disappearing. Many people also saw floating lights above her decks. This led to her caretakers allowing a séance to on *The Equator*. During the séance, two glowing lights appeared and hovered near the psychics. The psychics stated that the two glowing lights were the ghosts of Robert Louis Stevenson and King Kalakaua of Hawaii.

Name: Guided Historical Sidewalk Tours (No Longer Operating)
Address: 820 Tyler Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368
Prices: \$ group rates for seven or more people.
Children half-price
Theme: Old Town Port Townsend
Open: Call for tour times.

There are three separate tours; Waterfront Tour, Homes Tour, and the Saloon & Brothel Tour. After the formal tour ends, Joyce might be persuaded to tell some ghost stories. For a modest fee, Joyce sells a Historic Homes Self-Guided Tour Book, so you can walk around yourself.



Name Maltby Cemetery
Address: Withheld

The Maltby Cemetery is a small family cemetery located outside of Seattle. It has a reputation for being haunted. People searching the web can read fantastic stories about climbing thirteen steps (to Hell) that lead into the cemetery. Or, that there are 13 gravestones, for the Damned Souls there. Stories about Maltby have grown until they have become an urban legend.

One thing that is not an urban legend is that curiosity seekers have vandalized this very small, very old cemetery. The owners hire guards to shoo away tourists at Halloween. I discourage any curiosity seekers from visiting this cemetery, if only as a matter of respect.



Name: Market Ghost Tours (No Longer Operating)
Address: 1410 Post Alley
Pike Place Market Seattle,
WA 98101

Phone Number: 206 805-0195
Website: www.seattleghost.com
Prices: \$15 per person
Theme: Ghost walk

Open: Monday – Sunday 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Special Facilities: Private tours upon request

Please arrive 15 minutes before the tour starts. This is one of the oldest ghost walks in the Pacific Northwest. This tour takes customers through the Pike Place Marketplace, with mention of spirits in or near Pioneer Square. The earliest scheduled ghost walks are more family friendly, focusing on history rather than the more gruesome elements of the ghost stories.

Skykomish



Name: Skykomish Hotel (No Longer Operating)

Address: 102 Railroad Avenue
Skykomish, WA 98288

Phone Number: Unknown

Rooms: 22 Rooms

Prices: \$\$

Theme: Turn of the century rustic hotel

Cuisine: Café inside the hotel.

Open: Spring and summer

Special Facilities: The hotel is closed for

renovation but may reopen soon.

The Skykomish Hotel was built in 1904 and has 22 rooms. The Skykomish looks and feels a little like the *Shady Rest Hotel* seen in a 1960s television series. The rooms are simple, with the bathrooms down the hall. Depending on where you step, the floors squeak or sag suspiciously under foot. A small 1950s style café on the main floor serves ordinary American food. In late 2008, engineers picked up and moved the hotel to a different location, while hazmat crews cleaned up the original hotel lot. In 2009, they moved it back to its original site. The Steven's Pass Company owns the hotel. As this book goes to press, it is unclear if they will reopen it to the public. If they do, it will be worth the visit.

The Ghosts

The 1920s, someone, a customer or a jealous lover, killed a prostitute named 'Mary' in **Room 32**. The last manager claimed he saw and felt Mary's ghost several times. Once she followed him down the stairs. On a different occasion, he watched the door to room 32 unlock; open, close and saw the lights go on.

Several people have heard voices talking in and around the third floor bathrooms. The haunting extends from the third floor down into the café attached to the hotel lobby. One morning a new cook heard the sound of a knife and fork scraping and cutting against a plate. He listened and heard a clank, as if silverware was put down on the countertop. He had not started cooking and the café was empty. He told another employee, who confirmed that she had heard ghostly eating herself, more than once.

"...a massive environmental remediation effort by the railroads is now giving the historic structures in Skykomish a potential shot in the arm. While most property owners hope this work can serve as a catalyst for revitalization, the Skykomish Hotel has remained vacant and largely neglected for several years, and further inattention will likely lead to insurmountable maintenance needs, leaving demolition as the only option."

https://preservewa.org/most_endangered/skykomish-hotel/



Name: Oxford Saloon & Eatery

Address: 913 First Street
Snohomish, WA 98290

Price: \$\$

Theme: Turn of the century tavern.

Cuisine: Pub food

Open: Daily, 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 a.m.

Special Facilities: Specializes in live blues music, pool tables.

Built in the late 1800s, the Oxford Saloon led a checkered past. The owners carefully preserved the turn-of-the-century Boom Town image of the place. It looks like the kind of restaurant many trendy chains try to look like, but fail to imitate. The main floor is an open bar with old saloon style tables and chairs. The basement has rough walls, benches, and several pool tables.

It has always been an eatery and bar, but the upstairs was a combination rooming house and bordello. Madame Kathleen ran the bordello there in the past. She herself was forced into prostitution and hated her profession and her customers. The basement was used at times as a men's card room and bar. Local historians record several brawls, knifings, and shootings there.

The Ghosts

The owner of the Oxford Saloon has detected at least eight distinct spirits and perhaps many more crowding the Oxford. A few patrons have seen Kathleen on the second floor. She is a middle-aged woman, usually wearing a long purple dress and a hat with purple bows and violets. Two other female ghosts, known as Mary and Amelia, may be responsible for things being rearranged or moved on the second floor. Some people also see a male presence in the upstairs from time to time.

Henry is a very active ghost that inhabits the first and basement floors. Henry was a local policeman and regular customer at the Oxford Saloon. One night Henry was on duty and came to the saloon to break up a fight. During the melee a drunk patron knifed and killed Henry. Many women using the downstairs bathroom have complained that an invisible hand has pinched them. He has also been active on the second floor.



Name: Thorne Castle Inn and Garden

Address: Technically south of Lakewood, but is usually identified with Tacoma.

Rooms: Eight suites. See website for full details

Prices: \$\$\$

Theme: Traditional English Manor

Cuisine: Traditional English **Prices:** \$\$\$

Open: See website for details

Special Facilities: Many amenities, TV/VCR, radio/CD, coffee, common rooms, reception rooms, extensive grounds, lakefront, and English garden.

Favorite for weddings.

In 1908, Chester Thorne began building his 54-room home. He imported materials from England, like some windows are original stained glass from 15th century manors. The oak staircase is original, down to the wooden pegs holding it together. It was three years before Thorne moved in, in 1911. The cost to build Thorne Castle was about \$1,000,000.

Thorne and his family were not always happy in this dream estate. One of Thorne's son-in-law's shot himself in the gun closet, though he did not die. The young grandchild of a former owner died in American Lake. In recent times, the house appeared in several scenes from a Steven King mini-series entitled *Rose Red*. Many of the scenes were filmed in the Rose Red Suite.

The Ghosts

Both Thorne and his wife are reluctant to leave their castle. People have seen both of them there. Many times, the owner, Deanna Robinson has tried to turn the lights on and off in the former Gentlemen's Smoking Room. When she does that, she has found the light bulb unscrewed. The estate gardener has also seen Mr. Thorne's ghost. People have seen Mrs. Thorne in her bedroom, which is now the Bridal Suite. Guests have seen her reflection in one of the mirrors in the Bridal Suite. Concerned guests report a child standing by the lake, with no adults in sight to supervise. When this has happened there have been no children staying at Thornewood Castle.



Name: Tacoma Old City Hall (Under Renovation)

Address: 625 Commerce Street
Tacoma, WA 98402

Prices: \$\$

Theme: Historic building.

Cuisine: Northwest

Open:

Special Facilities: Studio, gallery, theater.

One of Tacoma's great landmarks is the Old Tacoma City Hall. Its Italianesque tower rose above the city in 1893, celebrating Tacoma's prestige as a rail and shipping center. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wallace, a former U.S. Ambassador, donated the building's bells in memory of their daughter who had died at the age of 12. The building held the offices of city employees, council members, as well as a series of hearing rooms.

According to maintenance and security staff, the basement had a series of temporary holding cells for prisoners. Over time, Tacoma outgrew its municipal center and moved to other locations. Fortunately, the building remains an architectural landmark, though managers converted it into upscale businesses as diverse as architect offices and aromatherapy shops. A large portion of the ground floor is now the Commercial Street Galleria. In the past, it was a rustic charming restaurant.

The Ghosts

In 1979, the police hurried to the old building several times, when burglar and fire alarms went off. Each time, they found the building secure, with no trespassers on the premises. Even though the bells were disconnected in the 1950s, they rang repeatedly in the past.

An employee of the restaurant escorted me to the basement. He showed me a solitary confinement cell. This door opens into a small three foot by three-foot room. He told me that several people have seen the figure of a man walking around in the basement. He may be Gus. Gus is harmless and engages in the occasional poltergeist prank. One night, all of the wine glasses resting on a sideboard shattered. The restaurant owner watched bottles tumble off the shelf, one by one. It was as if someone walked along behind the bar, knocking them down with a finger.

Portland Basin and Willamette Valley



Name: Portland Walking Tours (No Longer Operating)

Prices: \$\$

Themes: Tour Portland

Special Facilities: Group/private tours, indoor/outdoor team building activities, specialty tours

This is a great place to go to explore Portland. It focuses on various aspects of the city; from delicious food, to bizarre happenings, to the history of the city. At the same time, explore the neighborhoods, parks, artwork, and fountains around the city.

The four most popular tours are as follows; The Best of Portland, Underground Portland, and the Epicurean Excursions—all available seven days a week. I was the consultant who provided much of the background information for the Beyond Bizarre tour. The Beyond Bizarre tour is available on weekends. This tour has two versions; one at 7 p.m. for the under-18 kid friendly version, and at 10 p.m. for the over-18 crowd, which covers more controversial subjects. The owners prefer keeping the tour size

small, particularly the late night version. This keeps things more intimate. It is best to register online for all tours.



Name: Hoodoo Antiques

Address: 122 NW Couch St
Portland, OR 97209

Mike opened Hoodoo Antiques in 2000, and named his store after the Rolling Stones song, *HoodooVoodoo Lounge*. To him and others, Hoodoo was an English slang term for Voodoo, magic, or some-thing unexplainable. As a wedding gift to Mike and his wife, his mother-in-law gave him a special gift. She had worked in downtown Portland, in a building that had been a brothel. One day she looked behind a wall panel and found

an old, oval pencil drawing. Years later, she gave it to Mike. He thanked her and put it up above the entrance to his store.

Several times people came to Mike, telling him they saw a woman standing in the shop, late at night. The woman wore an odd hat or some kind of headscarf. When Mike showed them the drawing, they said the woman's headgear was exactly like that in the drawing. Mike had a hard time believing them, since he had a motion sensor burglar alarm. It never tripped. Except for three New Years in a row, when the alarm system went off, but Mike never found an intruder. Mike will never sell the picture; which still hangs above his shop entrance, as a good luck charm.



Name: Mint Tea

Address: Main Street
Vancouver, WA 98660

Prices: \$\$

Theme: Tudor style home turned into tea shop and restaurant

Cuisine: International, Moroccan

Open: Monday- Thursday, 9:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Special Facilities: Imported teas, vegetarian dishes

Mint Tea operates in a former home, which had been the Casa Grande restaurant for over 20 years. The owners, Jenna and Abdul did extensive remodeling to convert the building from a Mexican restaurant into a chic tea shop and bistro. These changes are in keeping with the current renaissance the surrounding Vancouver neighborhood is undergoing.

This converted home was built decades ago, when 20th Avenue was almost outside of Vancouver's main hub. The owner was so tall he had to order a special bathtub to fit his size. His wife was a small woman who he dominated, for a time. According to stories, she visited his offices in downtown Vancouver and told him that she knew he would be chasing after the wrong kind of "Does" when he left home on an upcoming hunting trip. Later, he was found dead at the foot of the stairs, killed by a gunshot wound. After a brief hearing, the jury declared the matter an accident and she lived in the house for many years.

The Ghosts

There have been old stories of ghosts in the house. Some people talked about cold spots on the stairway. There were some electrical problems and lights went off and on without people using the switches. The previous restaurant owner was reluctant to talk to me about any possible haunting. He and his wife are very religious and feel it may be improper to be flippant about ghost stories. All the same, we talked, and he told me that nothing paranormal has happened since he opened the restaurant. He loves the building and he was happy to share the interesting story of the house and how it fit into the history of Vancouver.



Name: **Slocum House Theater (No Longer Operating)**

Address: 605 Esther Street
Vancouver, WA 98660

Prices: \$

Theme: Historic home turned into community theater

Open: See website or call for dates and times

Special Facilities: Sixty or so seat theater, open for private receptions

Charles W. Slocum was born in Massachusetts. In 1857, he came to the Pacific Northwest, after finishing an apprenticeship as a carpenter. By 1860, his business and trade contacts ranged from Salt Lake City to San Francisco. In 1867, Charles began building his dream house, based on the house he grew up in in New England. He and his brother did some of the fine carpentry work in the house. They built a "widow's walk" tower that used to give a spectacular view of the Columbia River, before it was moved to its present site.

In 1965, the Slocum House was threatened by an urban renewal project that destroyed the fine Victorian houses that used to line Vancouver's old waterfront district. The house was rescued by civic and preservation groups, which included a small group of citizens known as The Old Slocum House Theater Company. Since 1966 they have raised money to maintain the historic building by using it as a theater.

The Ghosts

There are two or three ghosts at the Slocum House. The first is a poltergeist that pesters the caretaker living there. This ghost does not like to have anything placed on top of the refrigerator. When the caretaker places anything there, he quickly finds the object on the floor.

The second ghost may be Mrs. Slocum. She could not have children, so she and Mr. Slocum always welcomed the neighborhood children with cookies and parties. Sometimes when children are present in the house, people have reported feeling a presence there. A few have reported seeing a misty figure, silently

looking at the gathered children.

There are more spirits in the theater prop areas. One of the caretakers was taking a bath and saw wall hangings in another room rustling and billowing. He was later told that there were no curtains or windows in that room, just costumes. Was it a ghost in the room, brushing against the clothes hanging on the walls?



Name: Tad's Chicken and Dumplings (No Longer Operating)
Address: 1325 E Historic Columbia River Hwy
Troutdale, OR 97060
Prices: \$—\$\$
Theme: American Food
Open: Monday—Friday, 5:00 p.m.—10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 4:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Tad Johnson opened his roadhouse, Tap Pot Inn at the east end of the Sandy River Bridge in the late 1920s. At that time, the Columbia River Gorge Scenic highway was the first planned highway in the Pacific Northwest. Sandy was quite a drive from Portland for tourists. Even so, Tad's restaurant was very successful. It could not have just been the fresh or smoked fish that Tad sold, or the wonderful view of the river. Tad sold other things with the fish. Prohibition was still ongoing, and most people knew they could count on a beer or more with their dinner.

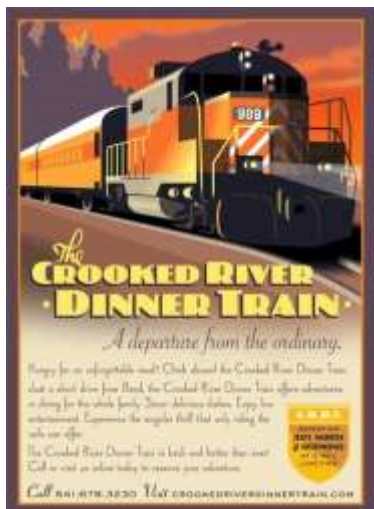
Tad sold the restaurant after WWII. The new owners' moved the building to its present location, changed the name to Tad's in honor of its founder, and started serving chicken and 'dumplings' as their signature dish.

Tad's is a wonderful rustic building along the banks of the Sandy River. The glass walls can be folded back; giving the effect of eating in a fancy tree house. The sign, "Tad's Chicken and Dumplings", is only partially lit, reading "Tad's Chic Dump". Each time they fix the sign the same lights soon go out again. The locals also complain when the owners attempt to repair the sign, which has become a source for local conversation and humor. Perhaps Tad prefers the sign this way.

The Ghosts

I talked to Mike Grover, who has worked at Tad's for five years. He and three of his sisters have all had experiences. One day, Mike was working in the downstairs employee area, next to the liquor storage room. In his peripheral vision, he saw the legs of a man, when he turned his head the legs started to disappear, floating upward like smoke. Another time Mike was coming down the stairs behind the bar when he saw a man's calf disappear. When he entered the bar, there was no one there and there had not been enough time for a person to get out of sight.

Sarah, one of Mike's sisters, felt someone behind her when she was sitting at the bar. She thought her manager was trying to scare her. She turned around and said "Very Funny!"; but no one was behind her. Zoe, another sister, was closing with Judy, the owner's daughter. She saw a figure through one of the inside windows, between sections of the restaurant. She thought it was Judy, who she had been looking for. She went into the room, saying, "there you are". But the room was empty.



Name: Crooked River Dinner Train (No Longer Operating)

Crooked River Railroad Company

Address: 4075 NE O'Neil Road
Redmond OR 97756

Prices: \$\$\$

Theme: Historic train ride

Cuisine: Gourmet

Open: See website for prices, times of events

Americans have an open love affair with cars. Many Americans have a secret affection for old-fashioned trains. I don't know why they do not ride AMTRACK more often though. The Crooked River Railroad Company has restored numerous old train engines and cars, and runs tours through eastern Oregon. Some of the tours are short-term excursions, others are dinner theaters, with many themes. There are murder/mystery excursions, dinner theater as well as a live action train robbery. At certain times they also have a buffet excursion.

The Ghosts

One of their dinner cars is haunted. One of their actors was performing in a dinner theater. He may have been admiring himself a bit when he glanced at a mirror hanging on the wall. He saw himself in costume, and a little boy dressed in 1900s period clothing, standing next to him. He looked down at his side, and saw that he was alone. Another employee has heard a woman's voice talking, when everyone in the car was eating quietly. The car itself dates to the 1940s, which is an interesting fact, since the boy is apparently an older spirit. Did they use parts salvaged from an older train car when this one was built?



Name: Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum

Address: 500 NE Captain Michael King Smith Way
McMinnville, OR 97128

Phone Number: 503-434-4185

Website: www.sprucegoose.org

Prices: \$\$

Theme: Historic aviation

Open: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except

for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Special Facilities: Gift shop, Imax movie and café.

The museum is not haunted, but historically significant. It houses many rare airplanes from World War II, including a B-17 Flying Fortress, a Mark XVI Spitfire, and the HK-1, the Hughes Flying Boat; also known as the Spruce Goose. The HK-1 was Howard Hughes' response to a shortage of metal for the war effort. The Spruce Goose is the largest airplane ever constructed, and made out of laminated wood. Hughes designed it to carry either two, 30-ton Sherman tanks, or 750 troops. The Spruce Goose only flew once, during a trial exercise. After that it spent decades as a tourist attraction before being moved to McMinnville.

The Ghosts

Although no one has reported any ghosts, I would be surprised if some of the combat aircraft did not retain some memory of the past.

New and Updated Places

Menlo, Washington



Name: Willie Keil's Grave State Park Heritage Site

Address: Raymond, WA

Website: <https://www.parks.wa.gov/1209/Willie-Keils-Grave-State-Park-Heritage-S>

Prices: \$

Theme: Historic grave marker

Open: Year Round, fenced off.

Directions: Willie Keil's Grave sits just off State Highway 6, around 5 miles east of Raymond, in a

small, private cemetery. Visitors can view the gravesite from the State Parks highway pullout 100 yards away. Many cyclists riding on the [Willapa Hills State Park Trail](#) take a small detour east of Raymond (crossing the highway) to stop at the site. Motorists pull off the highway to pay their respects. **PLEASE DO NOT CROSS ANY FENCES TO VISIT THE GRAVES!**

Willie Keil's grave is not a monument to his life, but to how his death saved the lives of his family. Willie was the son of William Keil, Sr, who came to New York from Prussia in the 1830s. The elder Keil settled in New York, then moved to Pittsburgh, and then to Missouri in 1844. In 1855, Keil decided to move with his colony to the Pacific Northwest. His son Willie died a few days before the trip began.

The elder Keil had Willie's coffin lined with lead, which he filled with whiskey. He put the coffin in the front seat of his wagon, draped in black and bells and set out along the Oregon Trail. Along the way, several times, Native Americans, including Sioux, Cayuse and Yakima warriors visited. Each time Keil took the lid off the coffin to show them his son. Each time, the Keils passed safely to Northwest Washington. They settled along the Willapa River and buried Willie on the day after Christmas. Unfortunately, the colony relocated to what is now Aurora, Oregon.



Name: Point Wilson Lighthouse (Pending Owner Approval)

Phone Number: 360-344-4400

Address: 186 Harbor Defense Way
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Phone Number: (415) 362-7255

Website: <https://www.pointwilsonlighthouse.org/>

Rooms: One building four bedrooms

Prices: \$ - \$\$\$

Theme: Lighthouse and Keeper's houses

Special Facilities:

Open: The lighthouse tower is open summer weekend afternoons. It can be viewed from a beach trail, which begins at a parking lot on the Fort Worden grounds. **The Chief Lighthouse Keeper's House is open as a vacation rental**

In 1879, the United States Government built a lighthouse on Point Wilson, the mouth of the Puget Sound. The wooden lighthouse tower included attached light keeper's quarters. In 1914, the old wooden tower was demolished and the present tower was built not too far from the old one. The U.S. Coast Guard maintains the lighthouse. The Point Wilson Light Station Preservation Project volunteers have restored the Lighthouse Keeper's House and rent it out to vacation goers. They do not rent it by the room, but as an entire unit.

The Ghosts

One of Fort Worden's night watchmen saw the ghost. He reported seeing the glowing apparition of a woman wearing a long gown wandering the grounds around the lighthouse. This ghost may stem from the tragic collision between the *S.S. Governor* and *S.S. West Hartland* in 1920. Six people lost their lives and according to legend, the mother still wanders Point Wilson looking for her lost daughter. The lighthouse keeper's residence is also haunted. The ghost seems confined to the second story of one apartment.



Name: Old Town Pizza and Brewing Co.

Address: 226 NW Davis Street
Portland, OR 97209

Phone Number: (503) 222-9999

Website: <https://www.otbrewing.com/downtown-1>

Prices: \$\$

Theme: Historic building, basement ghost experience

Cuisine: Pizzeria

Open: Wed. – Sun. 3 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Special Facilities: Banquet facility, daytime delivery, haunted Shanghai tunnel experience.

Old Town Pizza takes up what was the lobby of the Merchant Hotel. The hotel, dating to the late 1800s was part of Portland's Business District. It was a medium priced hotel, built between the northern railroad depot, and more expensive hotels south. According to legend, although the hotel tried to put on a good face, as time passed, the clientele deteriorated, and for a time, prostitutes walked its hallways. Part of the intricate network of Shanghai tunnels run under Old Town Pizza. In the 1990s, I helped design a ghost walk of downtown Portland, which started here. During covid, the original tour operator, Portland Walking Tours discontinued their walk. However, the Old Town Pizza Brewing Co. operate their own [haunted tour](#) in the basement.

The Ghosts

I visited the pizza parlor with a psychic friend in the 1990s. Standing on the second floor loft, she detected a spirit in the upper spaces. She believed that the ghost was a woman, who had been a prostitute or madam. She intently watched everyone and everything in the building. According to an handout in the pizzeria, this ghost was a woman named Nina. Forced into prostitution, Nina turned police informant. Her employers found out and killed her. In the 1930s, the hotel was part of a thriving Asian neighborhood. A girl living in one of the apartments had an encounter with a woman who met Nina's description.





**Name: The Restaurant at the Historic Reserve—
Grant House (Reopening in Spring 2023)**

Address: 1101 W. 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98661

Prices: \$\$

Theme Historic building

Cuisine: Gourmet

Open: Tuesday to Friday, 11:a.m.–2:p.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Special Facilities: Wine club, weddings and

events.

The army built the Grant House in 1849. It is the first and oldest building on Officer's Row. The Grant House was originally a log cabin, but changes later added rooms to the cabin and covered the logs with milled boards. A small portion of the original logs is visible on the main floor in between the main dining room and the outside seating area.

Although it is called the Grant House, Ulysses S. Grant never lived there. He probably spent some of his time there when it was the Post Officer's Club. Many of the Civil War's generals probably visited this building when they were junior officers. The building has served as a residence, offices, a museum, and more recently, it became a very nice restaurant and special event center.

The Ghosts

A past restaurant manager often heard footsteps outside of her office on the second floor. They would always head down the second story hallway, and down the stairs. She investigated several times and never found an intruder. Not even when the footsteps crossed right in front of where she was standing.

A candidate for this ghost is General Alfred Sully. Sully was a contemporary of O. O. Howard and a Civil War veteran. When he was in residence at the Vancouver Barracks, Sully lived at the Grant House. In the late 1800s, he led several Indian campaigns across the Pacific Northwest. He was plagued by illness, perhaps stomach cancer. Sully died on the eve of a visit by his friend, Ulysses S. Grant. It would be understandable if Scully's spirit walks the hallways of the Grant House. In recent years, people encountered and spoke with the ghost, not realizing it. Some employees saw a ghostly little boy and heard the sound of an invisible dog walking around the first floor.



Name: The Hotel Condon (Pending Owner Approval)

Address: 202 S Main ST
Condon, OR, 97823

Prices: \$\$

Phone: (541) 384-4624

Website: <https://www.hotelcondon.com/>

Theme Historic Hotel

Cuisine: Buckhorn Saloon

Open: Check website for days and times

Special Facilities: Complimentary breakfast, free wifi, special events, midway between Portland and Bend. Close

to High Desert recreation.

The Hotel Condon is not the only hotel built in Condon, OR. In its heyday, there were four hotels in downtown. The Hotel Condon is one of the younger, and only surviving hotel.

The Ghosts

According to rumors, guests report seeing the apparition of a woman in 1880's clothing, as well as cold spots. More than one guest commented on the sound of footsteps in the empty building, as well as lights flickering off and on. Recently a guest noticed the elevator open and closed randomly, when no one pushed the elevator buttons.



Name: The Just Us Inn (Pending Owner Approval)

Address: 908 Clark Street
Wasco Oregon 97065

Phone: (503) 957-6114

Website: <http://www.just-usinn.com/>

Prices: \$ - \$\$

Theme: Historic Inn, most with shared baths

Open: Check website for days and times

Special Facilities: Inexpensive, rent by the day or month. Close to High Desert recreation. Innkeepers are

open to the fact that they are haunted.

Built in 1889, and named the Oskaloosa Hotel, this building became the center of Wasco, OR. Locals held parties, meetings, even court proceedings in the ground floor saloon of the hotel. The building changed hands several times over the decades. As Wasco's financial health waned, so did the hotel's. Fortunately, the current owners bought and renovated the hotel in the mid-2000s.

The Ghosts

The innkeepers believe that the many activities taking place in the hotel have left some residual energy behind. Particularly the various criminal trials, and manifold activities of the saloon.