



## DISCOVER & EXPLORE

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Celebrate spooky season at historic hotels! If you are looking for a "room with a boo," check out the eerie-sistible hotels featured in this **October 2022** edition.of **Discover & Explore** <sup>SM</sup>. These hospitable haunts offer more than the usual textbook history, from urban legends to unexplained phenomena.

Thank you for continuing this journey of conservation, recognition, and celebration of historic hotels. We are honored to share October's highlights and invite you to **Discover** and **Explore**!

# Historic Hotels of America® Spotlight: Experience Hospitable Haunts at Historic Hotels!



The Emily Morgan Hotel (1924)

San Antonio, Texas

Looming majestically over the Alamo, The Emily Morgan Hotel is an iconic Texas landmark. Its intimidating gothic architecture, complete with rows of gargoyles, stirs the imagination. However, superstitious guests need not fear as this AAA Four Diamond historic hotel has taken every precaution, even eliminating its 13<sup>th</sup> floor!

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La Posada de Santa Fe (1882)

Santa Fe, New Mexico

On grounds of La Posada de Santa Fe sits the Staab House, a Victorian mansion built in 1882. Like so many modernday visitors to this historic hotel, the matriarch of the Staab family, Julia Staab, fell in love with the property. As a former hostess to Santa Fe's high society, Julia is a benevolent spirit whose gracious hospitality lives on at this AAA Four Diamond Resort & Spa.

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### Omni Parker House (1905)

Boston, Massachusetts

Omni hotels are known for their exceptional hospitality, and the Omni Parker House in Boston is no exception. In fact, the hotel's original owner, Harvey Parker, has reportedly stuck around to ensure everything is running smoothly. A perfectionist involved in every detail of his hotel operations, he continues to play the ultimate host to ordinary folks and world-famous guests.

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### **History Mystery**

Which historic hotel reportedly held the hidden body of a United States Senator in a bathtub of ice?

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#### **Historic Hotels Worldwide® Spotlight: Discover The Legends Behind These Historic Hotels!**



The Savoy London (1889)London, England

The Savoy London has accrued numerous legends over the course of its storied history. Of these, The Savoy's resident feline statue stands apart for its unique and superstitious origins. Kaspar, The Savoy's famous black cat, was carved in 1927 by the designer Basil Ionides, and his creation was directly related to the unfortunate demise of a Savoy client over a quarter of a century earlier.

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Kilkea Castle (1180)Castledermot, Ireland

Discover the secrets of Kilkea Castle's "Wizard Earl," Gerald FitzGerald, the 11th Earl of Kildare. From 1547 to his death four decades later, FitzGerald ruled over the estate and reportedly practiced the "dark arts." According to legend, the spirit of the Earl awakes from an enchanted sleep every seven years and returns to Kilkea Castle riding a white horse with silver shoes.

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Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor (1886) Luxor, Egypt

Located on the east bank of the Nile River, across from Valley of the Kings, Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor became one of the most famous hotels in the world in 1922 with the discovery of the tomb of King Tutankhamun. As the home base for Howard Carter and his benefactor, Lord Carnarvon, the hotel became the press center for the discovery, unleashing what became known as "Tut-mania."

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Hotel Viking (1926)
Newport, Rhode Island

1886 Crescent Hotel & Spa (1886) Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Hotel Monteleone (1886) New Orleans, Louisiana

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