

HAUNTED HISTORY TRAIL of New York State

Sample Four (or Five) Day Itinerary for Motorcoach Groups– Eastern New York – New York City Gateway

Day One

- Noon First stop, Lunch at **Silvio's Italian Villa, Warwick, NY**
- The building that houses Silvio's Italian Villa Restaurant in Warwick was built in the late 1700s by Revolutionary War Veteran Levi Ellis. The Vail family who occupied it from 1920 to 1960 has an especially frightful story. The sister of Roy Vail, a gunsmith who lived in the house and ran his business nearby, was found murdered in 1972. Her death seemed without motive and no one was ever formerly charged, but rumors surfaced about Roy's involvement. A decade later, Roy Vail walked into the room where Table 24 now sits and took his own life.
- The house was later converted to a restaurant where strange occurrences continue to this day — ghostly shapes, unexplained footsteps and sounds, disappearing items, a basement that brings on chills. Is it Roy, his sister, or someone from earlier days? Supposedly the original owners had a scandalous divorce. Is it one of them? Go dine. See what the paranormal research team found and put your own spirit sensitivities to the test.
- 274 State Rte. 94 South
Warwick, NY 10990
(845) 987-1500
<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/silvios-italian-villa/>
- 2:30pm Arrive at **Sprout Creek Farm, Wappingers Falls, NY**
- NOTE: ½ of the group will go to Sprout Creek while the other half goes to Miss Fanny's Party House – and then they switch. Bus does roundtrip drop off and pick up.
- Travel: 5minutes between sites.
- Group #1: Guided tour & cheese tasting at Sprout Creek Farm
- Sprout Creek Farm is a working farm, educational center, peaceful sanctuary and a place for intellectual inquiry. Groups will enjoy a tour and cheese tasting and shopping in their wonderful gift shop featuring artisanal products.
- Duration: 45 minutes
(845)485-8438
- 2:35pm Group #2: Guided tour of **Miss Fanny's Victorian Party House**
- Miss Fanny's Victorian Party House is a three-story farmhouse, circa-1860-70, named after the last of the Van Wyck family who lived there. The current owners share the space with spirits who have made their presence known with doors opening and closing, voices, footsteps, and even apparitions. This is a lived-in home where the owner has come to terms with the spirits who live there. You will leave a believer!
- Duration: 35 minutes
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
(845) 518-0950

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/miss-fannys-victorian-party-house/>

- 3:05pm Depart with Group #2 to Sprout Creek Farm
- 3:15pm Drop off Group #2 at Sprout Creek and pick up Group #1 and take to Miss Fannie's
- 3:50pm Depart with Group #1 to Sprout Creek Farm; pick up Group #2 at Sprout Creek
- 4:30pm **Tour Wing's Castle, Millbrook, NY**

Wing's Castle is the brainchild of artists Toni Ann Wing and her late husband, Peter. Their unique home has been featured on Extreme Homes on HGTV, Roadside Attractions on TravelChannel.com and American Pickers on the History Channel. A visit and tour there will leave you mesmerized by the antique memorabilia and collectibles; everything from military to primitive trinkets, each with their own story to tell. The owners relate stories of unexplained events in and around the castle house—why Toni took an axe to a goat-headed artifact embedded in the castle wall; why trick-or-treaters never seem to venture past the jack-o-lantern at the driveway entrance... one visit inside and you'll know why.

After your tour, take in the unbelievable views of the Hudson River Valley, framed by their impressive "Stonehenge" style hilltop setting, complete with a dinosaur footprint found on property.

Duration: 1 hour

717 Bangall Road

Millbrook, NY 12545

(845) 677-9085

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/wings-castle/>

- 6:00 pm Arrival into the greater Albany area for your home for the next two nights. Visit the website for several options for groups, both hotels and charming restaurants.

<http://www.albany.org/hotels/>

<http://www.albany.org/things-to-do/restaurants/>

Day Two

- 9:00 am Travel north to your first visit of the day at **Fort William Henry Museum**.

The area surrounding Fort William Henry has been the scene for countless battles, terrible disease and harsh climate. With hundreds of years of history, there are bound to be some ghost stories. Join us for a tour of ghostly places. See first-hand, the equipment used by investigators in their quest to research paranormal activity. Hear the stories that have been handed down over the years, as well as the personal experiences of those leading the tour.

From late May to late October, Fort William Henry conducts ghost tours. View our events page to find dates and times.

Duration: 1.5 hour

48 Canada Street

Lake George, NY 12845

518-668-5471

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/fort-william-henry-museum/>

11:00 am

An interesting little experience awaits you at the **Mystery Spot of Lake George**

In Lake George, NY there is a very peculiar spot inside Mayor Blais Park on Beach Road. You walk to the center of a map of Lake George and speak out loud. Your voice will come back louder than when it left – almost as if you're talking inside a cone. There is legend that it was the spot where a great Native American god shouted his wisdom for the mountains, lake and landscape to hear. One thing we do know, it's a perplexing audio phenomenon that has stumped scientists and visitors love!

Duration: ½ hour

Beach Road - Mayor Blais Park

Lake George, NY 12845

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/the-mystery-spot-of-lake-george/>

Travel to Saratoga for a variety of great restaurants and a very charming Main Street

2:00 pm

Visit the **Ghosts in the Yaddo Garden**

Experience the Spirits of the Gardens. Feel the energy and creativity of the forces of the Earth. Share in the spiritual intrigue from Native Americans, Edgar Allan Poe, the Trask family and other contemporary visitors. Docent-led tours begin at the Yaddo Garden parking lot and last for approximately one hour. Private docent-led ghost tours may be arranged at a date convenient to your group from mid-September through October 31.

Duration: 1 hour

312 Union Avenue

Saratoga Springs, NY 12886

518-584-0746

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/ghost-in-the-yaddo-garden-tours/>

3:00 pm

Saratoga Springs History Museum/Historic Canfield Casino

Ghost Hunters investigated Saratoga Springs' Canfield Casino in 2010. The investigation was prompted by reports of unexplained phenomena in the 140 year old landmark building in Congress Park. According to Jamie Parillo, Executive Director of the Saratoga Springs History Museum, while unusual events had taken place sporadically in the building in recent years, they accelerated after the opening of an exhibition of antique clothing once owned and worn by members of some of Saratoga Springs most prominent first families, now all deceased. Featuring three floors of exhibits as well as dynamic programs throughout the year, the Saratoga Springs History Museum welcomes visitors and members to learn more about this famous city and the people that made it so.

Duration: 1.5 hour

East Congress Street

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

(518) 584-6920

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/saratoga-springs-history-museumhistoric-canfield-casino/>

6:00 pm

A wonderful dinner is planned this evening at **Glen Sanders Mansion Inn**

Built as a trading port in 1658, the mansion was a family home until 1961, when it was transformed into the Inn. The kitchen area is part of the original structure. It is thought that some of the paranormal activity here is the product of a time recording or residual haunting. EVPs, ghostly sightings, and spirit interactions occur. Groups are welcome for luncheon and dinners and special menus for groups are offered.

One Glen Avenue

Scotia, NY 12302

(518) 374-7262

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/glen-sanders-mansion-inn/>

Return back to you hotel and rest up for more days of 'haunted adventure.'

Day Three

9:00 am

Arrival at **Dr. Best House & Medical Museum**

Steeped in a village over 300 years old, the House is a time capsule from the earliest formation of medicine. The property contains medical apparatus' that will turn your blood cold, tales of deaths and misfortune in this small, rural community with original obituaries, photos and death certificates. Paranormal investigations have revealed significant activity with EVPs and recordings of piano playing and distant voices.

Guided historical haunted tour with a photo gallery, eye-witness accounts of unexplained events, and discussion of evidence from previous paranormal investigations on the property. From the death of a beloved young son, the doctor's young wife, and the loss the doctor himself much tragedy befell this family – all within the walls of this house.

Duration: 1.5 hours

1568 Clauverwie

Middleburgh, NY 12122

518-641-9604

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/dr-best-house-medical-museum/>

1:00 pm

National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

Tour the Ghostly Galleries of the Haunted Hall of Fame. It's a one-hour tour of the National Baseball Hall of Fame that begins with an introduction in the Bullpen Theater, where baseball's relationship to ghosts and horror is explained. Visitors will then take a guided ghost walk through the galleries, including a stop in "Sacred Ground," where the hauntings of Wrigley Field and Tiger Stadium are revealed. There's also a visit to the Ted Williams display and the second floor timeline, where voices and shadow figures have been seen. The tour also includes a stop in the Plaque Gallery, alleged to be haunted by Shoeless Joe Jackson and Ty Cobb.

Duration: 2 hours

25 Main Street

Cooperstown, NY 13326

607-547-7200

baseballhall.org

3:30 pm

Visit to Hyde Hall

Hyde Hall mansion is a National Historic Landmark and a New York State Historic Site. Mostly restored and filled with original furnishings from 1817-1835, Hyde Hall is the source of many stories about hauntings and a curse. In addition to regular tours, Hyde Hall offers ghost tours in July – August and special October haunted tours.

Duration: 1.5 hours

267 Glimmerglass State Park Road

Cooperstown, NY 13326

(607) 547-5098

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/hyde-hall/>

Check In to your Cooperstown area hotel and enjoy a relaxing dinner.

<http://www.thisiscooperstown.com/lodging>

<http://www.thisiscooperstown.com/groups/dining>

Day Four

9:00 am

Travel to the **Herkimer Home State Historic Site**

Visit the Georgian-style mansion that was the home to courageous Revolutionary War hero, General Nicholas Herkimer. He completed construction of his mansion about 1764 in the Mohawk Valley frontier. General Herkimer's place in history was assured in 1777. Herkimer was en route to help defend Fort Stanwix when he and his men were ambushed by British-allied Loyalists and Iroquois at Oriskany. Although seriously wounded in the leg, Herkimer kept command during the fierce combat. After the battle, Herkimer was carried home and his leg was amputated 10 days later. Infection had already spread and hours later, when Herkimer died reading from his Bible, he was immediately regarded a martyr to the cause of American freedom, and his home became a shrine. Visitors to Herkimer Home today will marvel at the grandness of this Georgian-style mansion that once stood on the colonial frontier. The unspoiled landscape, including the Herkimer family burial ground, is remarkably unchanged from that of the 18th century. Visit to learn the accounting of unusual sightings and sounds that still occur today. Reports of ghostly voices, footsteps and doors shutting are heard throughout the mansion. A tour guide has reported that a candlestick flew across the room. There is also a strange mist seen in the cemetery.

Duration: 1.5 hour

200 State Route 169

Little Falls, NY 13365

(315) 823-0398

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/herkimer-home-state-historic-site/>

11:00 am

Guided tour of the **Rome Capitol Theatre**

One of the most interesting and stylish haunts in Central NY is the depression-era Capitol Theatre. Built in 1927, this art-deco theatre seats 2,500 and boasts a Moller Organ in the orchestra pit. Paranormal occurrences date back more than 30 years. Witnesses have reported a shadow figure of a man, organ music (despite the lack of a working organ until 2003), whispered conversations, opening doors, and even the sounds of an ongoing show late at night.

Duration: 1 hour

220 W. Dominick Street

Rome, NY 13440

(315) 337-6277

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/capitol-theatre/>

2:30 pm

After lunch, visit the **Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum**

The drydocks at Chittenango Landing, built in 1855, are where craftsman constructed and repaired the 96-foot long cargo boats that carried materials along the Erie Canal. The Erie Canal boatmen and workers of the 19th and early 20th centuries had a superstitious nature. Thieves and murderers often lurked along the Erie Canal in the 19th century. It's no wonder many believe the victims' spirits may still roam the towpath in search of justice. Find out about the origins of these superstitions, the language and culture of the canal folk, and some of the most

popular ghost stories along the Erie Canal. Watch a video here and learn a little more about this interesting place. Pre-scheduled ghost tours are welcome in-season .

Duration: 1.5 hour

717 Lakeport Road

Chittenango, NY 13037

(315) 687-3801

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/chittenango-landing-canal-boat-museum/>

5:00 pm

Enjoy Dinner at The Brae Loch Inn

The Brae Loch Inn is a warm, inviting Scottish inn nestled beside picturesque Cazenovia Lake. Perhaps the Inn is too inviting, as guests have reported a ghostly girl in a long blue dress offering to show them to their room. And many more tales, such as a man and woman walking through closets, have also been told. Watch a video here on when Haunted History Trail of New York State visited the Brae Loch Inn. The Inn is also open year-round for those who would like to dine.

5 Albany Street

Cazenovia , NY 13035

(315) 655-3431

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/the-brae-loch-inn/>

Return to Cooperstown and a good night's rest.

Day Five

10:30 am

(May Visitors) Hamlet of Pine Bush: UFO Capital of East Coast

The Pine Bush UFO Fair & Parade in May offers the most fun, but serious visitors need only ask the locals for the latest sightings and where to see them year-round. The UFO Festival in May offers the most fun, but serious visitors need only to ask any of the townspeople for the latest sightings and where to see them. Festival is being held May 20, 2017

121 Route 302

Pine Bush, NY 12566

(845) 744-8230

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/pine-bush/>

NOTE: HHT has developed this sample itinerary. Each asset on the itinerary must be contacted directly to book your visit.