

HAUNTED HISTORY TRAIL of New York State

Sample Four Day Itinerary for Motorcoach Groups– Western New York – Buffalo Gateway

Day One

10:00 am Arrive at **Iron Island Museum in Buffalo, NY**

The Iron Island Museum is in a building that was a former church, built in 1883. The church closed in the late 1940s and it sat empty until 1956, when it was purchased and turned into a funeral home. The building is haunted by many spirits, some have been able to be identified, such as Edgar Zernicke, whose cremated remains went unclaimed in the basement and two 6-year-old boys who were both waked out of the funeral home in the 1960s. Spirit voices have been recorded along with pictures and videos of the spirits that haunt the building. Many different spirits seem to come and go, but many stay to visit with the guests. Guided “haunted” tour are available.

Suggested Duration: 1 hour

998 Lovejoy Street

Buffalo, NY 14026

(716) 892-3084

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/iron-island-museum/>

noon Arrival at **Red Coach Inn in Niagara Falls, NY**

When the Red Coach Inn, a Niagara Falls USA historic hotel and B&B, opened its doors for business on August 30, 1923, Niagara Falls had finally gained a hostelry befitting its rank as the “honeymoon capital of the world.” Situated near the center of town overlooking the spectacular Upper Rapids, the Inn was an imposing structure, three and one-half stories high, and built in the architectural style of the old English Tudor period. The owners, William Schoellkopf and Charles Peabody, spared no expense or effort in recreating the atmosphere and style of the Bell Inn in Finedon, England. History says the Old Bell “was granted a license during the reign of the Saxon King Harold and Queen Editha who often rested there when stag hunting.”

The Inn offers special motorcoach group menus for lunch or dinner and will provide a narration of exactly why they say ‘the Inn is haunted.’

2 Buffalo Avenue

Niagara Falls, NY 14303

(716) 282-1459

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/red-coach-inn/>

2:30pm Arrive **The Winery at Marjim Manor in Appleton, NY**

What is the difference between a wine and a spirit? At the Winery at Marjim Manor, wine is what you taste; spirits are who you meet. As you taste our fruit and grape wines, you will hear stories about the former residents. We love sharing wine and food pairing tips along with the ghostly tale. If you are a “Pear Made in Heaven” and wanted to live “Applely Ever After,” please visit the Manor. We always “Peach for the Stars” while we share our “Gift from the Vine.” Visits are a “Treasure Beyond Measure,” so please come soon. Watch a video here of the Haunted History Trail of New York State visit to Winery at Marjim Manor.

Duration: 1.5 hour

7171 E. Lake Road (Rt. 18)

Appleton, NY 14008

(716) 778-7001

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/winery-at-marjim-manor/>

4:00pm

Arrive the **Van Horn Mansion in Burt, NY**

The Van Horn Mansion is most known for being haunted by a number of spirits, the most famous being Malinda Niles Van Horn, who died over 150 years ago. In 1836, 28-year-old James Van Horn Jr. married a 20-year-old beauty named Malinda Niles. Within a year Malinda would die, the cause remaining a mystery even now. There have been unusual sightings which still continue. In the attic, the maid's bedroom door has closed by itself. The door to the attic has also slammed as well. Other claims of activity include whistling, which is said to be done by the servant who worked out in the carriage house, and also the smell of tobacco in the men's smoking room on the second floor when no one's there. Others have witnessed a shadow like figure in the attic, and volunteers have captured video evidence of an unidentified figure peeking out of view in the kitchen of the mansion. Docent narrated group tours.

Duration: 1 hour

2165 Lockport-Olcott Road

Burt, NY 14028

(716) 622-6709

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/the-van-horn-mansion>

5:30 pm

Arrival in Batavia, NY for your first night stay. Visit the website for several options for groups, both hotels and charming restaurants.

<http://visitgeneseeny.com/where-to-stay>

<http://visitgeneseeny.com/where-to-eat>

OR perhaps chose to stay in the Greater Rochester Area for your first night.

<http://www.visitrochester.com/hotels/>

<http://www.visitrochester.com/restaurants/>

Day Two

9:30 am

The truly 'haunted' experience begins. Visit and tour of **Rolling Hills Asylum, East Bethany, NY**

Established in 1827, the Genesee County Poor House (originally a working farm) soon became a refuge for some of society's less fortunate. Widows and orphans mingled with the mentally ill and the unclaimed dead were buried on the property. With over 1,700 documented deaths and hundreds not recorded, it's no wonder Haunted North America rated it as the second most haunted site in the United States. Narrated Guided Tour of the entire facility.

Duration: 1.5 hours

11001 Bethany Center Road

East Bethany, NY 14054

(585) 502-4066

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/rolling-hills-asylum/>

NOON

Arrival at **Heaven Sent B&B in Portageville, NY**

Located at the southern end of Letchworth State Park, this 1800s converted church and rectory is now a delightfully charming, yet haunted bed and breakfast. Hear the haunted tales and then the adjoining Anastassia Event Center is charming and serves a delightful catered luncheon for groups.

Duration: 1.5 hours

6440 Pike St.

Portageville, NY 14536

(585) 468-5968

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/anastassia-events-heaven-sent-bb/>

2:00 pm

Venture into **Letchworth State Park, known as the "Grand Canyon of the East."** A very knowledgeable step on guide will provide enlightening narration of both the natural wonders of the park and also the stellar history that includes tales of Native Americans and the life of humanitarian William Pryor Letchworth. Perhaps the guide will tell you about the Native American sightings recorded over the years. Exit the Park at the Mount Morris, NY gate.

Duration: 1.5 hours

1 Letchworth State Park

Castile, NY 14427

(585) 493-3600

<http://parks.ny.gov/parks/79/details.aspx>

5:30 pm

Arrival in Canandaigua, NY for your next two night stay. Visit the website for several options for groups, both hotels and charming restaurants

<http://www.visitfingerlakes.com/hotels/>

<http://www.visitfingerlakes.com/wineries-and-restaurants/>

6:30 pm

Your dinner experience awaits at **The Naples Hotel**

Built in 1895, has been home to countless travelers over the years, some of whom have never left. Today, the hotel's 32 rooms are haunted by at least six friendly spirits, including a woman and her children, as well as a gentleman named Topper. They are known to move pictures, turn lights on, and lock doors!

Candlelight Dinners and Ghost Tours: Have dinner at the Naples Hotel and a talk with innkeeper Dominick Gallo. After dinner, enjoy a ghost tour of the entire hotel. Dominick has experienced numerous ghostly events, and as you tour the hotel he will be there to validate the spooky happenings that occur every day!

111 South Main Street

Naples, NY 14512

(585) 374-5630

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/naples-hotel/>

Day Three

9:00 am

Travel north to the **Fox Sisters Property/Hydesville Memorial Park**, Hydesville, NY.

Two young girls Maggie and Kate Fox that began Modern Spiritualism started in humble dwellings. The girls had moved from Rochester, NY with their parents to build a new home and be closer to their brother David. When they

moved into the cottage, it already had a reputation of strange noises and phenomenon, often ending in the families moving in fear. The noises started immediately for the girls, but what took place on March 31st, 1848 would change the world. The girls had gone to bed early. The strange rapping noises had been keeping the family awake. On this night the girls yelled out, "DO AS I DO" clapping three times. The rapping noises, in turn rapped three times. This went on for some time when their mother asked the noises, "Is this a spirit that makes this noises, rap two times. An affirmative two raps were heard. By communicating with the "spirit" they learned his name, Charles B. Rosna, a peddler had been murdered in the house and his body buried in the cellar. Although digging was started the next day, due to flooding in the cellar, nothing was found. The girls moved on to become famous mediums and traveled the world. In 1904, long after the Fox Sisters had passed, the peddlers bones were discovered in the crumbling walls of the home. While the house is now gone, the original foundation remains and so do the rapping's. Come visit the site where Modern Spiritualism began, listen to the story and listen for the famous "rapping".

Guided tour of the property and a history of the Fox family. Tours can be made by contacting caretaker. Park is open to public but enclosure is only accessible through caretaker. Come and hear the story about two little girls and how they communicated with a spirit rapper that can still be heard there today.

Duration: 1 hour

1510 Hydesville Road

Newark, NY 14513

(315) 879-8804

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/the-fox-sisters-propertyhydesville-memorial-park/>

11:30am

Visit and Tour **The Landmark Theatre** in Syracuse, NY

The historic theatre, built in 1928, had people talking of hauntings just years after it opened. After falling from a balcony to her death in 1930, Clarissa's spirit has been haunting The Landmark, often seen by workers and visitors. The theatre can be contacted for more information or to arrange group tours.

Duration: 1.5 hours

362 S. Salina Street

Syracuse, NY 13202

(315) 475-7979

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

1:00 pm

A fun and 'frightful' lunch awaits at the **Wayside Irish Pub**.

The original building or "Munro House" was built in the 1800s. Reports of ghostly activity at the location date back to at least the 1960s. While the building was closed after a second fire, a passerby looking in the windows saw a transparent woman in a long dress on the stairs. There have been numerous reports of the apparition "Sara" since this event. Sara is believed to be the young girl who hung herself on the third floor. Since the 1960s there have been many sightings of various ghostly beings and reports of paranormal events in the building.

Most of the poltergeist-like activity is attributed to a friendly ghost named Harry. However, there are other ghosts also thought to be spending their afterlife in the building. They include the Inn's original owner, Squire Munro, and an unknown traveler who died in the building. Multiple reports from employees and patrons tell of a male figure dressed in a soldier uniform, and shadow figures in the basement.

Many of our patrons and bartenders have felt "touches", "pokes", and "cold" spots. It is not unusual to have a female patron complain of having her hair tugged on with no one around her. You are also liable to have a glass fly off the bar without explanation. Pictures just might drop off the walls or an orb may show up in a photo you have taken here.

You can watch a video when you visited Wayside Irish Pub.

Duration: 1.5 to 2 hours

101 West Main Street

Elbridge, NY 13060

(315) 689-0040

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/wayside-irish-pub/>

4:30pm

Wine Tasting and 'haunted' tales at **Miles Wine Cellars, Himrod, NY**

Located in a Greek revival mansion that overlooks Seneca Lake, the home was originally built in 1802, and there is little doubt that today it is inhabited by more than the rieslings that the Finger Lakes is known for. Strange happenings such as slamming doors, footsteps, and unexplained sounds have manifested on the property for years. To celebrate these otherworldly residents, Miles Wine Cellar now produces a "Ghost" wine, a chardonnay, and Cayuga blend. Hear the tales then it's time to sample the wine!

Duration: 1 hour

168 Randall Road

Himrod, NY 14842

(607) 243-7742

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/places/miles-wine-cellar/>

After a very active day exploring the trail, return back to your cozy hotel for dinner and a restful nights sleep.

Day Four

Bid farewell to the heart of the Finger Lakes and head back west for your 'haunted finale.'

10:30 am

Visit the **Saints & Sinners Lake View Cemetery in Jamestown, NY.**

Take a walking or horse-drawn carriage ride tour through the beautiful 1859 cemetery and hear costumed actors tell the stories of Jamestown's famous and infamous past residents.

Duration: 1 hour

(716) 664-6256

<http://hauntedhistorytrail.com/event/saints-and-sinners-lake-view-cemetery-tours>

noon

Visit the world's largest center for the science philosophy and religion of Spiritualism, **Lily Dale Assembly, Lily Dale, NY.**

Lily Dale hosts entertainment, sacred music, daily services and special workshops as well as clairvoyance and healing during their 10-weeks of operation End of June through End of August. Restaurants available for individual lunch options.

5 Melrose Park

PO Box 248

Lily Dale, NY 14752

(716) 595-8721

<http://lilydaleassembly.com>

Add on a fifth day and stay overnight in the Greater Buffalo Area to see the many sites this fine city offers.

Happy Hauntings!

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