

GHOSTour 2021 - ITINERARY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

May 9, 2021 SUNDAY

Keep telling yourself: *this is only a vacation... only a vacation... only a vacation...*

We fly with our host, landing in London (it's a 7 1/2 hr flight) on Monday Morning, May 10. The time in England is 5 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. We can't check into the hotel until the afternoon, so we expect to do some initial sightseeing after we land. **LAND-ONLY PACKAGE TRAVELERS** will meet us when we land at London's Heathrow Airport.

May 10, 2021 MONDAY

Orientation on coach on the way into central London.

Afternoon visit to **Highgate Cemetery**

7pm – Dinner at the **Spaniard's Inn** very haunted location

About Spaniard's Inn--

Two Spanish brothers built this pub in the 1500's; unfortunately soon after opening The Spaniards Inn they killed each other in a duel over a woman. Surprisingly they don't haunt the pub leaving that to the more illustrious figure of the notorious highwayman Dick Turpin.

Highwayman Dick Turpin was born in the Spaniards Inn on 21 September 1705. His father was landlord of the Spaniards Inn during the 18th Century. The upstairs room at the pub is named The Turpin Bar in his honor and is believed to be the site of his childhood bedroom. Turpin is said to have used the Spaniards Inn as a hideout from which to plan and execute his many highway robberies; the victims of which are said to roam the surrounding heath.

On dark evenings, the upstairs room has been known to turn unnaturally cold as a figure, believed to be that of Turpin, drifts through the walls. In the downstairs bar, the spectral hand of 'Black Dick', a moneylender who was run down by a coach and horses on the road outside, has been known to tug at drinkers' sleeves. Outside the Spaniards Inn, there is a horse that haunts the car park and a female ghost in an ethereal white dress that stalks the garden. It's no wonder the Spaniards Inn is notorious for being one of the spookiest pubs in London.

The garden also has a literary history: Dickens chose the Spaniards beer garden as the setting for Mrs Bardell's arrest in The Pickwick Papers, and Keats allegedly wrote his Ode to a Nightingale here. The Spaniards Inn is featured in Fluid Foundations Halloween Special on London's Most Haunted Venues.

Coach will return us from Spaniard's Inn to our hotel, but we won't see the coach or driver again until Wednesday 13 May.

May 11, TUESDAY

Depart hotel at 9am or 9:30am

Doors open 10:00am – **LONDON DUNGEON**

12:30- Independent Lunch

2pm - **TOWER OF LONDON**

6pm - Dinner

8pm arrive Tower Hill Tube Station for **Jack The Ripper Haunted Walking Tour**
Followed by Pub Crawl

12 May 2021 - WEDNESDAY

9:00am – Check out of Hotel & Depart London

11:00am - Arrive @ Borley Rectory In the Village of Borley, Essex **The Most Haunted House in England**

NOON - Depart Borley Rectory and visit Liston Church (**Liston** is a small village and civil parish in North Essex, on the banks of the River Stour. Its parish church dates back to the 12th century, in parts. The parish borders the river as the boundary between Essex and Suffolk

1:30pm - Arrive at Mill Hotel in Sudbury – Stop for Lunch

The hotel stands over the river which once drove the mighty wheel that can still be seen encased behind glass in the restaurant. When the building was a mill a lady is said to have drowned beneath the wheel and her ghost still haunts the older sections of the hotel. Cleaning staff will not venture alone into some of the older rooms, and those who find themselves alone in the restaurant late at night can find it an unnerving experience. Displayed beneath the floor in the hotel foyer lie the mummified remains of a cat, its facial features frozen in an eternal snarl. Bricked up to bring good luck to the original mill building, it was rediscovered in 1971 when the mill was converted to a hotel. Whenever the cat is removed from the hotel a spate of bad luck always follows. In 1999 the cat was removed. Over the next few weeks the Road outside the hotel exploded, the manager's office flooded several times and the person who had removed the cat met with an accident. All returned to normal once the cat had been returned.

2:30pm – Depart Mill Hotel

Ghost videos on the coach – travel through British countryside

5pm – Arrive at the **Ye Olde Trip To Jerusalem**

Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem, Brewhouse Yard, Nottingham England

The original Castle of Nottingham was established on the rock in the year 1068 by William Peverill for William the Conqueror. Peverill caused the course of the River Leen to be altered to pass by the foot of the rock, partly as a moated defence and partly as a water supply for the Castle. After the building of the Castle, one of the first additions would have been the Brewhouse. Since water for drinking was notoriously bad in the Middle Ages, ale was brewed and drunk, because as well as providing alcohol, the brewing process served to sterilize the drink. The brewing of ale requires a steady temperature and the caves at the foot of the Castle Rock were ideal because they provided not only a very effective 'air-conditioning' system, but also necessary storage space.

The ghost of a young four year old girl haunts the caves below the pub. Five years ago, the landlord, who now has a pub in Chesterfield Market Place, told of weird goings on re hauntings of the pub. One was concerning his keys disappearing from the bar and then just reappearing – after he'd been upstairs to check if he'd left them up there... and no one else was in the building at the time... and he'd not had a drink either! His wife would not go down the deep cellar...she'd only been down there once and refused to go down there again following 'an experience.'

6:30pm – **Depart Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem**

8pm **Check into DERBY – visit Haunted Derby Jail**

13 May 2021 -THURSDAY

9:00am – Depart Derby

11:00am - Arrive York

NOON - York Minster

2:00 pm – Explore the city of York Independent shopping. Lunch on your own. The Vudu Lounge bar is located at 37-39 Swinegate in York. We can't attest to the food, but it's a cool name. You may consider "period ghost photographers" address: 10 Shambles. There is also the Odds Bodkins of York shop with crystals, books, tarots and much more. Located in Bootham Tower, 2 Bootham. If you loved the London Dungeon very much, there is also a very similar York Dungeon that is worth visiting if time allows (closes at 5:30)

6pm – **THE GOLDEN FLEECE GHOST WALK** begins and ends at The Golden Fleece, one of the oldest and certainly most haunted pubs in the heart of York. It is a three hour entertaining tour hosted by our very own **Richard Felix** from British Television's "**MOST HAUNTED.**" Richard Felix was born in Stanley, Derbyshire and came to prominence as the historian on LivingTV's successful paranormal programme Most Haunted where from series two to his final episodes of Series 8 he performed the role of folklorist and historian. In recent years, Richard has become a celebrity via media in the UK, due to his paranormal research projects. He is one of the most respected paranormal investigators in Europe today.

He is known for his famous Derby Ghost Walks and overnight public ghosthunts at Derby Gaol, and as well as *Most Haunted* has produced a series of successful DVDs called the *Ghost Tour of Great Britain* which outline the folklore and hauntings of British counties, a DVD on investigation techniques *A Guide to Ghosthunting*. His most popular books include 'Ghosts of Derby' (with Wayne Alexander) and a series accompanying the Ghost Tour DVD; including *Ghosts of Derbyshire* (2005)

May 14, 2021 - FRIDAY

11:00am – check out of hotel & depart Leeds

1:00pm – Arrive in **Whitby (Abbey Ruins) !**

3:00pm - Dracula Experience - The colorful "Dracula Experience" at 9 Marine Parade, offers an interactive journey through the novel. With the help of live actors, animation, special lighting and sound effects, this well-designed house of horror tells the story of the most famous vampire of them all. AFTER WE LEAVE THE DRACULA EXPERIENCE (BACK DOOR EXIT), VISIT "GOTHIC CRAFTS" SHOP AT HAGGERSGATE.

The property 9 Marine Parade Whitby has amazing history dating back hundreds of years. Originally a Captains Reading room the building has seen many changes, the first Title Deeds show Sir Isaac Newton to be one of the original owners . The Dracula Experience has been a resident of this property for over 15 years, it has wonderful character and upon entering there is and undeniable creepy feeling that overcomes you. Several employees have witnessed strange and unexplainable events that happen long after the special effects have been turned off. Sightings of a ghost of a young girl with ringlets in her hair playing on the first floor are not uncommon.

5pm – Dinner

6pm: Royal Hotel visit – Bram Stoker’s Hotel - go inside & check it out

6:30pm - **Whitby Dracula Walk** "Welcome to my house! Enter freely and of your own free will!"
Walk and talk where Dracula stalked. Follow the trail and linger in the streets where vampires still
abound? From outside the Royal Hotel, West Cliff. followed by...

8:00 pm - **Whitby Ghost Walks** will ensure that you reach the parts of Whitby that others miss.

Transfer to Hell ooops, we mean Hull for our overnight stay at

May 15, 2021 - SATURDAY

9am – Depart HULL hotel

12:00pm - WARWICK CASTLE

1:30pm – Dungeon visit

3:00pm – one other surprise visit in Warwick

4:30pm – depart Warwick

Go directly to London - Heathrow

6pm hotel check in

8pm (depending on when we get to the hotel & change into our costumes)– meet at group
meeting room for our farewell party:

Group Buffet Dinner & Banquet/Masquerade Ball and (maybe) Dance Party

May 16, 2021 – SUNDAY

Depart London Heathrow for Return Flight Home