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Baker Hotel, Mineral Wells, TX

Often referred to as The Grand Old Lady of Mineral Wells, the Baker Hotel originally opened in 1929. The hotel is said to be haunted by the ghosts of those who were sick seeking the healing power of the mineral water pools. The most famous ghost is believed to be TD Baker himself who is said to haunt the 11th Floor. The floor is often filled with the smell of cigar smoke and disappearing items. His mistress, with her tragic end and unmistakable lavender perfume, seems to be just as active, if not more so, in haunting the hotel. Along with TD Baker and his mistress there are the ghosts of the Bellhop and the Little Boy. The bellhop, tragically cut in half in an elevator accident in the 1950s, is said to haunt the hotel, appearing as only the top half of his body. Another spirit often seen is that of a young boy who died around 1955 and is frequently accompanied by a chocoy dog and has even communicated with local mediums, asking for help.

Image Source: www.hauntedhouses.com

Stockyards Hotel, Fort Worth, TX

Opening in 1907 the Stockyards Hotel has seen many travelers, even the occasional outlaw. The Bonnie & Clyde Suite (Room 305) is particularly notorious for ghosts, with reports of water turning on and off by itself. Other guests have experienced TVs and radios switching on and off without any apparent cause. The hotel's original elevator is also known for its mysterious behavior, often moving between floors with no passengers inside, some believe the ghost of a little girl is to blame for the odd elevator behavior. She has been seen by many guests stepping out of the elevators. Another chilling tale is that of the Cold-Caller. A night clerk at the Stockyards Hotel experienced a series of strange, unanswered phone calls. Upon investigating, he discovered the calls were coming from the empty hotel lobby. The last story is about Jake a former employee at the hotel who sadly passed away, the Hotel staff believe that many paranormal events are caused by Jake.

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Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, TX

The Adolphus Hotel built in 1912 by Adolphus Busch owner of the Anheuser-Busch company, is known for its paranormal activity. Guests often report hearing load footsteps, piano music, or big band tunes from the past, but upon inspection, no one is found. Both guests and staff frequently feel watched or followed, especially during the night shift, accompanied by the sound of doors slamming. A notable ghost is that of a woman who was a regular at the hotel's bistro. After her death, her apparition has been seen sitting at her usual table, and staff have experienced taps on their shoulders while working on the restaurant and workout floline area. The most famous ghost is a jilted bride from the 1950s, who was found hanging after her fiance didn't show. Guests on the 19th floor often hear her moans and see her apparition during parties, sometimes accompanied by the sound of a music box playing 1950's tunes.

Image Source: Dallas Photo Blog

Jefferson House Hotel, Jefferson, TX

Opening in 1851, The Jefferson Hotel is well known for being haunted. The Jefferson Hotel has written accounts appearing in what is known as the hotel as "The Book of the Dead". The hotel staff have recorded the ghostly encounters in the book and encourage guests to do the same. The Jefferson Hotel is said to be haunted by the playful spirits of two children, who are often seen and heard laughing and running through the halls. These children are believed to have been laborers during the building's days as a cotton warehouse. A mysterious tall man in a long coat and high boots has been frequently reported in the hotel. Not much is known about who he is, but he has been seen coming and going from the hotel. Room 19 is known for intense paranormal activity, believed to be linked to the spirit of a teenage girl who was a prostitute. She was reportedly stabbed by a client and left to die in the bathtub of the room. Her ghost is said to appear in the steam of hot showers and write messages on the bathroom mirror, warning or pleading for help. Libby in white is believed to be the ghost of one of two women who stayed in the hotel 50 years apart. Both women were abandoned on their wedding days and hanged themselves from the tall headboard of the bed. Libby seems to be attached to the bed where she died. She has been known to follow it around the hotel. She has been spotted in rooms 12, 14, and even room 19.

Image Source: www.jeffersonhotel.com

Gage Hotel, Marathon, TX

Commissioned by Alfred Gage, The Gage Hotel opened in April 1927 and was designed and built by Henry Trost. Alfred Gage sadly passed away just a year after the hotel was opened. The hotel is now said to be haunted by the ghost of Alfred Gage himself. Guests have reported seeing antique clothing wandering the halls who many believe belong to Alfred. Aside from the ghost of Alfred, Room 10 of the hotel seems to be haunted by a frightening and aggressive spirit, many people avoid staying in this room.

Image Source: www.gagehotel.com

Excelsior Hotel, Jefferson, TX

Built in 1850, the Excelsior House Hotel is the "oldest continuously operating hotel in East Texas" and the most haunted place in Jefferson. The hotel is home to many strange and unexplainable occurrences with every room having its own unique story to tell. For one, it is believed the hotel and the town are haunted by Diamond Blackie who was found in her room with a bullet in her head in 1877. People have claimed to see her spirit wandering the streets of Jefferson and the halls of the Excelsior. Several, have reported seeing the ghost of a headless man and a woman in black holding a child. In the Jay Gould Room, guests have reported seeing the old rocking chair in the corner rocking by itself, doors slamming shut on their own, and the feeling of being watched.

Image Source: www.historicjeffersontx.com

Hotel Paisano, Marfa, TX

Built just before the stock market crash in 1929, the Hotel Paisano has been featured on both the travel channel and in the movie, Giant staring James Dean and Elizabeth Taylor. During its feature on the Travel Channel, Jack Osbourne reported having eerie experiences. Guest have also reported supernatural events such as feeling physical contact from unseen hands and seeing ghostly figures like a women in a white dress and even an old man. While the records of ghosts at this hotel are unclear, it seems there are visitors of the hotel that never seem to have left.

Image Source: www.thehotelmarfa.com

Driskill Hotel, Austin, TX

Built in 1886 by Jesse Driskill, The Driskill Hotel is the oldest and most well-known in Austin and is among the most haunted hotels in North America. Visitors may be lucky enough to have an encounter with Col. Driskill himself among other spirits. Room 525 is considered the most haunted room in the hotel. It is the site where two women are said to have committed suicide, twenty years apart. Guests who have stayed in the room reported strange noises, apparitions, unexplained leaks, and even distant voices. The hotel's fourth floor is said to be haunted by the spirit of a woman who committed suicide. Staff have reported hearing a woman crying on that floor, even when no one is present. Additionally, there's a story about a young girl, the daughter of a Senator, who tragically died while playing on the grand staircase.

Austin Texas

Hotel Galvez, Galveston, TX

Originally built in 1911, the hotel Galvez now named "Grand Galvez" is considered by some as the most haunted location in Galveston. Lovingly referred to as the Queen of the Gulf the Galvez has served many guests in the over 100 years it has been in operation; it is rumored that some of these guests have chosen to stay forever. Today the hotel is home to the spirit of a young lady name refer to as "The Lavender Lady". She is rumored to be the spirit of a woman who checked into Room 500 while waiting for her fiancé to return from sea. However, when news came that his ship sank off the coast of Florida, she hanged herself in her room. Because of this it is believed that she haunts the 5th floor of the hotel.

Image Source: www.galvezhotel.com

Tremont House Hotel, Galveston, TX

While the current Tremont House is the third hotel since 1859 to bear this name, it still holds the classic and elegant hotel experience as its name sakes. The hotel is known for 3 resident ghosts, the Dancing Ghost, Jimmy, and The Civil War Soldier. Often referred to as Sam or the Lucky Man, The Dancing ghost is believed to have been a gambler who stayed at the boarding house that used to be located where the Tremont sits today. It is believed that he was murdered in his sleep after a successful night of gambling. Since the Tremont has been open, guests staying on the 4th floor have stated that a loud pounding hits their door before the sound of a heavy footsteps and the dragging of a leg can be heard. The pale ghost of a small boy often referred to as Jimmy has been seen wandering around the hotel. He has been created over the front desk and in the kitchen by staff. He has been known to slide chairs off the bar. The Civil War soldier is the best known of all the ghosts of the Tremont. He has been known to haunt the entire first floor of the hotel. He has been seen and heard marching up and down the hallway to the lobby.

Image Source: www.tremonthotel.com

Kendall Hotel, Boerne, TX

Built in 1859 in the heart of Boerne, Texas, the Kendall formerly known as the "Reed House", is one of the few 19th century resort hotels in Texas. The original owners, Erastus and Sarah Reed haunt the hotel. Notable paranormal occurrences include flickering lights, unseen contact, flying objects, and even the sound of a horse and carriage coming through the lobby. Some guests and staff have reported seeing sightings of the third owner of the hotel Henry King, who died tragically in a hunting accident. He has been seen wandering through the courtyard and even sitting at his favorite table in the hotel's restaurant. But perhaps the most puzzling tale is that of the Victoria Room, where a claw-foot tub is said to fill with water overnight without a sound. And the Marcella Room where made beds appear to have been laid upon by unseen visitors.

Image Source: www.kendallinn.com

Emily Morgan Hotel, San Antonio, TX

Originally built in 1924 as a medical facility, The Emily Morgan Hotel is renowned as the most haunted hotel in San Antonio. The 3rd, 7th, 9th, 11th, and 12th floors were used for treating psychiatric patients and are said to be the most active. The most often occurrences include guests being touched by unseen hands on the 12th floor, hearing hospital gurneys on the 11th floor, sounds from unoccupied rooms on the 9th floor, seeing dark human figures roaming the 7th floor, and hearing humming and crying and seeing a young girl roaming the 3rd floor. The hotel is also known for having haunted elevators that mysteriously make calls when empty and persistently go back and forth between the 6th and 7th floors.

Image Source: www.emilymorganhotel.com

Menger Hotel, San Antonio, TX

Built in 1859 The Menger Hotel is one of the oldest and most well-known historic and haunted hotels in Texas. One of the most famous apparitions is that of former President Teddy Roosevelt. He is often seen at the Menger Bar, where he once recruited unsuspecting roughnecks for his Rough Riders to fight in the Spanish American War. The most often seen ghost is that of "Ellie White", a chambermaid from the Victorian era. Tragically, she was attacked by her husband while working at the hotel and succumbed to her injuries a few days later. Guests often see her in her Victorian maid outfit, carrying towels. Captain Richard King, the owner of the famous King Ranch, spent his final days in his personal suite at the Menger Hotel. His ghost is often seen in what is now called the "King Ranch Room," where he spent his last month's writing his will and saying goodbye to friends.

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Sheraton Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, TX

Built in 1909, The Sheraton Gunter Hotel in San Antonio is known for its haunted history, particularly due to a brutal murder that occurred in 1965 in Room 636. Guests have heard noises coming from the room even when it is empty and have seen the ghosts of a woman, possibly the murder victim, with her arms outstretched looking for help. Two loud and playful but harmless spirits, Ingold and Pecos, haunt opposite sides of the hotel's second floor. They enjoy throwing things at each other, slamming doors, and sometimes tugging guests between them. Room 414 at the Gunter Hotel is reportedly haunted by the ghost of Robert Johnson, who started the first recording of his music career on November 23rd, 1936, in this very room. Many believe Johnson was still be heard in Room 414 even though he died two states away. Room 636 is said to be haunted by the murder victim of Walter Emerick the false name of a man checked into the hotel.

Image Source: www.sheratongunterhotel.com

Crockett Hotel, San Antonio, TX

Built in 1909 on what were was the Alamo battlefield, the Crockett Hotel is believed to be haunted by the ghosts of the soldiers from the Battle of the Alamo. Situated across from the Alamo Chapel on Bonham Street, the hotel is haunted by the soldiers that lost their lives fighting in the Spanish-American War. The most active areas in the hotel appear to be the lobby, the bar, and some of the guest rooms. Staff have been known to witness the front door to the hotel opening and closing on its own, and a man in a blue coat, much like those worn by the soldiers in the war, has been spotted by both staff and guests. Along with the sightings there have been reports of faint whispers throughout the hotel, sudden appearances of cold spots, and even disembodied footsteps. And most unsettling are the unsettling shouts and sounds of hurting horses.

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