

HAUNTED MYRTLE BEACH

Every community has its ghosts, and the Myrtle Beach area is no different. From haunted restaurants to love stories from beyond the grave, paranormal enthusiasts are in for plenty of spooks, scares and surprises when they unmask the Grand Strand's haunted history.

The Legend of Alice Flagg

A gothic love story is the best way to describe the tale of Alice Flagg, one of the Myrtle Beach area's most well-known spirits. In the mid-1800s, she fell in love with a lumberman. Alice's suitor was rejected by her brother because of the man's low economic status. That didn't stop Alice, who continued seeing her love in secret. Eventually, he proposed, which made her happy but infuriated her brother. However, Alice was never able to find happiness, as she contracted malaria and died. The engagement ring she kept wrapped around her neck was removed by her brother and tossed in a nearby marsh.

Alice Flagg's final resting place is at All Saints Parish in Pawleys Island. Legend has it she can still be spotted wandering the cemetery from time to time.

All Saints Parish is just one of the stops on <u>Carolina Safari Jeep Tours</u>, which take visitors to some of the Grand Strand's most well-known historical locations.

The Brentwood Restaurant & Wine Bistro

If you're looking for a fine dining experience and don't mind being spooked, stop by The Brentwood Restaurant & Wine Bistro in Little River.

Once a lived-in house, the Brentwood Restaurant is more than a century old and became a restaurant several years ago. When the new owners took over in 2007, they started hearing noises and voices. Customers also reported getting unexpectedly locked in the second-floor restroom. The strange occurrences eventually prompted the owners to bring in a few area "ghostbusters," or, more appropriately, investigators of the paranormal. Well, the ghosts are apparently still there, and the owners have just rolled with it.

Chef and owner Eric Masson introduced Ghost Dinner & Tour events, which combine a delicious three-course French dinner with a tour of some of the site's most notorious paranormal hot spots. For ghost lovers, this is a can't-miss stop on your trip.

Walking Shadows Ghost Tours

Georgetown, the third oldest city in South Carolina, has plenty of history packed into its nearly 300 years of existence. And it has more than its fair share of ghosts. There is the legend of the Cleland House, where a young bride died on her wedding day before she had

a chance to say her vows. Her form, still adorned in nuptial white, has been seen in the home's garden ever since.

A family of seven – a mother, father and five children – are said to have all died within days of each other. They were all buried in Georgetown's Prince George Winyah Cemetery. Often, visitors can hear the sounds of the children in the old graveyard around dusk.

These are just a few of the haunted hot spots in the city of Georgetown. Walking Shadows Ghosts and History Tours invite the fearless to venture out along the community's historic streets to hear about these spirits and others. Tours are available by reservation.

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