



Galena Ghost Tour Getaway

Do you believe in ghosts? Galena's first documented sightings go back to the 1800s when ghost stories were openly published in local newspapers. Since then, paranormal activity has been reported in mines, on bridges, in museums, hotels and restaurants with some tales being passed down and told for over a hundred years.

Local tour operators have spent countless hours interviewing modern day witnesses and sifting through Galena's historical archives uncovering unusual occurrences and experiences.

Whether you're looking for a creepy stroll, an informative historical tour with a ghostly spin, or a little fun entertainment, now is the time to plan a unique Galena Ghost Tour Getaway. Just pick your favorites from our list of ghost tours and haunted pub crawls and get to Galena!

GHOST TOURS & HAUNTED PUB CRAWLS

All About a Ghost Tour (230 S. Main St., Galena) shares a mix of history and mystery. Walking tours are guided by a local historian/library archivist with extensive knowledge of Galena's past. Tours depart Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. from the DeSoto House Hotel.

Amelia's Ghost Tours (303 S. Main St., Galena) feature an EMF detector and ghost box on every tour. Jump aboard a climate-controlled shuttle bus to explore several Galena locations known for their haunted past. Learn the history of Galena, hear stories of famous individuals and ponder oddities that are still unsolved. Daily tours available at 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Amelia's Haunted Pub Crawl (303 S. Main St., Galena) search for ghosts and paranormal activity as you visit some of Galena's most haunted pubs and taverns. This 2.5 hour walking tour features knowledgeable local guides. Tours available Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. (Drinks optional; cocktails available for purchase at each location.)

Performed in a true storytelling format, **Haunted Galena Tour Company** (301 N. Main St., Galena) features costumed guides leading guests through the streets of Galena by candlelight. Learn about Galena's haunted sites, its eerie legends and most frightening ghosts during this 90-minute walking tour. Tours available at 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights (June-October) and Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights (late April-October).

Matthew's Haunted Pub Crawl (108 N. Main St., Galena) is entertaining, informative and sometimes chilling. Tour guide Matthew shares Galena's history, as well as tragic stories and documented ghost accounts on this 2.5 hour walking tour to 3 pubs on Galena's historic Main Street. Nightly year-round tours available at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturday; 7:15 p.m. tours on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays. (Drinks optional; cocktails available for purchase at each stop.)

The **Spirits & Spirits Tour** (304 N. Main St., Galena) is the perfect cocktail of dark history, ghostly tales and tasty concoctions. This 90-minute tour includes 3 specialty drinks and stops at 3 of Galena's most spirited locations (DeSoto House Hotel, One Eleven Main and Galena Brewing Company). Saturday tours available at 4 p.m. during the months of June through October.

DINING

One Eleven Main (111 N. Main St., Galena) is known for their "local flavor cuisine" but did you know that the building was once Illinois' first mortuary and funeral home? Employees have reported a piano moving on its own and a woman in a white dress wandering about the restaurant. Stop for some great food and specialty drinks, but don't forget to ask to see the photo taken by a chef that shows three swooping, ghost-like figures frolicking around a street light just outside the historic restaurant.

In addition to great Italian food and wine, **Vinny Vanucchi's 'Little Italy'** (201 S. Main St., Galena) has a storied past of ghost encounters. Workers have reported feeling taps on their shoulder, hearing whispered names and seeing a mist-like figure. Consider making a reservation to dine at Vinny Vanucchi's before or after your guided tour.

ACCOMMODATIONS

After your ghost-seeking adventure, retreat to **The Irish Cottage Boutique Hotel** (9853 Hwy 20 W, Galena) to enjoy a spacious room and warm hospitality. The W.B. Yeats Library and The Auld Dubliner Lounge at The Irish Cottage are perfect spots to find a quiet corner, sip a glass and ponder your goose bump-inducing experience.

PLAN YOUR GETAWAY

To begin planning your Galena Ghost Tour Getaway, visit www.TheIrishCottageBoutiqueHotel.com or call 866.CU.IRISH (866.284.7474).