

Lincolnshire – the haunted county

Lincolnshire is steeped in history, with many ancient monuments and sacred sites. Hear the chilling stories behind Lincolnshire's most popular tourist attractions, get a glimpse of people's lives who helped shape Lincolnshire's history - and those characters who refuse to leave the city even as ghosts.

In fact, so many places claim to be occupied by ghosts round here that some claim Lincolnshire is Britain's most haunted county.

Ghost Walks

Spooky ghost walks can be arranged for Lincoln City and historical towns. Lincoln's Ghost Walk is conducted by local ghost expert Margaret Green. The Ghost Walk has been running since 1996. Walk creator Margaret Green received the "Bronze Award" for Outstanding Customer Service in the East Midlands Tourism Awards in 2007. The tour takes in the most haunted parts of Lincoln including the Castle and the Cathedral, streets, buildings, staircases, gardens and open spaces. Margaret weaves old Lincoln legends with historical knowledge on her tour. www.lincolnhistorywalks.co.uk

Belton House

Ghost tour of this National Trust property followed by afternoon tea. Set in a 1,300 acre deer park, Belton is a crowning achievement of Restoration country house architecture. There are also formal gardens, an orangery, a magnificent landscape park. www.nationaltrust.org.uk

White Hart Hotel

The historic hotel in Lincoln City's Bailgate area is said to be the most haunted building in Lincolnshire as it lies in the heart of medieval Lincoln. The 3 star hotel is an ideal location for a short break in Lincoln and is in walking distance to Lincoln Castle and gothic Cathedral. www.whitehart-lincoln.co.uk

Jew's House restaurant

The Jew's House restaurant on Steep Hill in Lincoln dates back to Norman times and is one of the oldest buildings in the city. This part of town was once the focal point for Lincoln's Jewish community, until one night in 1255 an eight-year-old boy was found drowned. A Jewish man named Copin was arrested and under torture admitted the crime, which led to a wave of anti-Semitism resulting in the torture and death of Copin and 18 other Jews. Since then, the Jew's House is said to suffer from inexplicable thumps and rattles. As well as exploring the Jew's House in the City's Ghost Walk don't forget to eat in their superb restaurant. www.jewshouserestaurant.co.uk

Gainsborough Old Hall

The most perfectly preserved 15th Century timber-framed manor house in Britain. At its centre stands a magnificent Great Hall, and one of the best preserved medieval kitchens in the country. The building has hosted King Richard III, King Henry VIII and Katherine Howard, and it also has strong connections with the Mayflower pilgrims. www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/gainsborougholdhall

Legend of Lincoln Cathedral

High on the pillar of the Angel Choir in Lincoln Cathedral is the stone effigy of the Lincoln Imp. The 12-inch high creature is said to have wreaked havoc within the magnificent cathedral until it was turned into stone by an angel.

The haunted church at Caistor

The church is said to be haunted by a monk who plays the organ. A tape recorder was once left in the church overnight. Footsteps and organ playing can be clearly heard on the tape when it was played back the next morning.

For more information in Lincolnshire's Film locations or to arrange a visit to the county please contact Charlotte Goy, Media Executive on 01522 561670 or email charlotte@visitlincolnshire.com.