



Newport News: The Paranormal Tour

Curious about the paranormal? Wonder if ghosts really walk among us? Come to Newport News, Virginia and experience The Paranormal Tour. It's history with a touch of mystery!

Day 1 P.M.

The tour begins with a night walk through *Newport News Park*. A park ranger will take your group on an "Owl Prowl" in search of those things that go bump in the night.

Check-in to your Newport News hotel for a good night's rest and prepare for tomorrow's adventure.

Day 2 A.M.

After a delicious breakfast, start the day with a ghost tour of *Ferry Plantation*. Located in Virginia Beach, Ferry Plantation holds stories of a native Indian tribe and Grace Sherwood, Virginia's only convicted witch, who was tried by water and found guilty of witchcraft.

Venture back up the Peninsula to hear stories and battle cries of sailors past at the *USS Monitor Center* at *The Mariners' Museum*. Recovered artifacts, original documents, paintings, personal accounts and interactive experiences will paint an exciting portrait of the *USS Monitor* and the *CSS Virginia*, Civil War icons whose historic clash changed the way ships were built. Visitors will be able to walk on the deck of a full-scale replica of the *USS Monitor*, try their hand at maneuvering a sailing frigate in battle, walk down a mock pier between a wooden frigate and the ironclad *CSS Virginia*, step inside the "battle theater" and experience the action during the Battle of Hampton Roads, and much more.

Day 2 P.M.

After lunch at any of our group-friendly restaurants, travel to *Endview Plantation*, where you will see video and listen to actual electronic voice phenomenon (EVP) recordings from investigations conducted by RTL Paranormal, a local paranormal investigation group. Completed in 1769 by William Harwood, Endview has been restored to its 1862 appearance. In the 1850s, the home was purchased by Dr. Humphrey Harwood Curtis, William Harwood's great-grandson. Dr. Curtis had his medical practice at Endview from 1856 to 1861. The home was used briefly as a Confederate hospital in the spring of 1862 and was then occupied by Union forces until 1864.



Step back in time as you enter *Lee Hall Mansion*, the only large mid-19th-century plantation house remaining on Virginia's lower Peninsula. Lee Hall, an Italianate mansion constructed c. 1859, was once home to one of Warwick County's leading landowners, Richard Decauter Lee, who achieved prominence using the scientific farming method. During the 1862 Peninsula Campaign, Lee Hall became the headquarters for Confederate generals Magruder and Johnston.

Return to your Newport News hotel for rest and relaxation. You'll need it, for tonight, the paranormal adventure continues with a candle-lit Civil War themed evening at *The Boxwood Inn*, a gracious 1896 Southern mansion *and former* home of Simon Curtis (the "boss man" of Warwick County). Tonight, you'll feast on a traditional plantation dinner, followed by an actual paranormal investigation with team members from RTL Paranormal. They will teach your group all about the tools and methods used to capture evidence of ghosts among us.

Day 3 A.M.

Enjoy another hearty breakfast before heading home with spooky memories of Newport News, Virginia.

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