

Ghostie Squad

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Steven Ngo: Hello! My name is Steven and welcome to the Ghostie Squad adventure. Have you ever been on a ghost hunting adventure before? No? Then you are probably wondering where we are going. Today we're bringing you to haunted places in San Francisco. But first let's all meet at Union Square! Be there or be square!

Jennifer Tran: Do you guys believe in ghost? Love going on adventures and hearing ghost stories? If you thought yes then I have great news for you! Now we will be heading down to the Palace Hotel on 2nd New Montgomery between Mission and Market. The new Palace Hotel was distinguished from the original 1875 Palace Hotel, which had been demolished after being gutted by the fire caused by the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Outside of the hotel looks like a office building but inside is absolutely stunning and classy with gold touches. Let's get started on our tour inside the hotel, shall we? First, let me tell you about "The Lady in Red" a succubus who wanders the halls and walk through the walls of room where businessmen are traveling alone or staying, paralyzing them in their beds with fear. Another story involves at the Pied Piper Bar, a ghost who enjoys tapping people on the shoulder. Pretty funny right? Now this story will really creep you out. During August 2, 1923, president Warren Harding died in his sleep in one of suites. People say the nature of his death and circumstances surrounding it are still somewhat a unsolved mystery. Woah, no ghost touching my shoulders today! If a ghost didn't touch your

shoulder, let's move on to our next destination where Angela will guide you through her location.

Angela Lei: After going to the Palace Hotel, we are going to walk to the haunted Public Health Service Hospital located at 1801 Wedemeyer Street. Head to the 38 bus stop toward the Presidio. The bus stop is Geary and Powell. The bus fare for adult is \$2.25 and for children ages 3 to 17, it cost \$1.00. For those under the ages of 3, the bus fare is free. After 45 minutes, you will arrive at Geary Blvd & Park Presidio Blvd. The walk to the PHSH is 12 minutes. Head west on Geary Blvd toward 14th ave. Next, turn right onto 14th ave. Then, turn left onto Wedemeyer St. The destination will be on your right. The Public Health Service Hospital, also known as building 1801, was built in 1931 on the site of the old U.S. Marine Hospital (1875). It is a 480-bed hospital. Between 1982 and 1988, it housed of the San Francisco branch of the Defense Language Institute. It was closed in December 1988, and all remaining students were moved to Monterey, with plans to sell the hospital to the city of San Francisco. It opened in 2010 as the Presidio Landmark apartments. There have been stories or incidents of hearing ghosts. It was used as U.S. Marine Hospital, so many soldiers died there. It was also used as a laboratory for medical testing on animals, so many animals died there too. There was an incident of a person being murdered inside the PHSH in 2002. (Silence) Uhhh...Guys can we go now? I see something in the corner. Let's make a run to Steven's location since it's safer at the park.

Steven: Hey it's me again! If you guys are still alive, let's move on to our next destination, the Golden Gate Park! First, walk down south to Park Presidio and California Street where you will

catch the 28 muni bus. After, get off on Park Presidio Blvd .and Fulton street to catch the 5R bus going towards the east side. Then, hop off on Fulton street and Arguello Blvd to catch the 33 bus. Finally, get off the 33 bus on Stanyan Street and Hayes street. Now we'll just walk down to Stanyan street until we reach John F Kennedy Dr. Just follow the path and ta-da we made it to the Golden Gate Park. I bet you are amaze of how beautiful the park is but hold onto your pants because theses ghost stories might give you the goosebumps. The Golden Gate Park have three ghost stories that might knock your socks off so while you take a tour around the Park make sure to listen carefully and tie your shoelaces. The first ghost story started back in the 1900s at the Stow Lake. A woman was casually walking with her a baby in the stroller when she met a women and they started a conversation. While they were talking, the baby stroller began falling into the lake unnoticed. Soon the mother realized that her baby went missing and she went to search for the baby day and night. Once, the police was able to find the deceased baby's body, the mother of the baby disappeared like she was never there. From that moment on she was know as the "white lady". People driving at night through the Golden Gate Park have said they saw a glowing white woman in front of their car and said, " Have you seen my baby?" If that didn't scare you well I bet this next story will. This ghost story is really bizarre because many people believe this story connects to the " white lady". So it began with a statue at the entrance to the stow lake called the pioneer mother. The statue shows a women with two children with enough space for a third children. It was said that the women was the statue for the white lady. It was reported that the statue head would move left to right looking for the third child, the baby that drowned in Stow Lake. Now for our final story, the ghost police. This one for sure will make you cuddle with a teddy bear after. He story begins at night where a cop will pull driver for

speeding. The cop will therefore give the driver a ticket but here where it's gets mysterious, the driver will go to pay for it. However, the ticket shown wasn't issued and the one that issued the ticket has passed passed away for a considerable time. Now lucky you guys are walking in the daytime instead of driving in the dark, so don't worry you won't get any ticket for a ghost. Now I bet you are just tired and bored of hearing my voice so I am handling the mic to my buddy Agustin where he will direct you guys to our final destination. But first let's grab some food, I can hear your stomach growling like a beast. Bye for now!

Jasmine: If Steven's stories about the Golden Gate Park creeped you out, you'll LOOOOOOVE this one! These stories actually comes from the UCSF Medical Center, yes again, another hospital. But I promise you'll love this one. To get there, we will be heading east on Lincoln Way toward 40th Ave and make a turn right onto 40th Ave. We then will turn left onto Judah St to take the N car heading towards Caltrain/Ball Park, for 14 stops, and exit at Irving and 4th Street. Head east on Irving St toward 3rd Ave and we will be making a right onto 3rd Ave. Turn left onto Parnassus Ave and the residence of the living dead should be on your left.

Someone: Was that suppose to be a joke because I really didn't get it.

Jasmine: Because the hospital serves the actual living people but I guess someone let the dead in too.

Someone: That is so lame!

Jasmine: Whatever dude. Moving on! This hospital is resided by many failed childbirth deaths of mothers, ghostly children and ghostly patients. The 15th floor is home to the Intensive Care

Nursery and is known for ghosts to attack mothers who had survived during their childbirth. The 8th floor hosts the pediatric unit and also the—

Someone: But there is no 8th floor, do you even know this hospital?

Jasmine: Let me finish, Jesus! The 8th floor holds the deceased spirits of young children and they can be heard running around, screaming, laughing, and crying. On top of that, so many pranks were pulled on the patients and staff there that the entire floor had to be cancelled. That's why there is no 8th floor, in case you were wondering. The 13th and 9th floor also hold the record for the most ghost sightings as many patients have reported seeing "regular patients" wandering around the hall until they walk into the wall and disappear. I'll leave you with that much as I don't want to scare you away for the last and final destination of this trip— the famous Alcatraz Island with Agustin.

Agustin: Did you have fun hearing ghost stories from Jasmine about the creepy halls of UCSF? Feeling spooked yet?! Well now it's my turn. Hello, my name is Agustin and I'll be your guide for Alcatraz. To go to Alcatraz from UCSF you get on the M and get off at Market walk to the bus stop going to Fisherman's Wharf. Take the 47 and then get off at the last stop and walk through the pier and take a boat to Alcatraz. So the first story I'll be telling you about is cell 14D. 14D has been one of the most haunted cells in the whole jail. Legend says that a man was screaming throughout the night that a creature with glowing eyes was killing him. The next day guards found the man strangled to death in the cell. Another story that will give you second thoughts of actually going to Alcatraz. So one day a tour was given and while Johnston and his group were walking through Alcatraz they heard someone sobbing from inside the prison walls, and then a

cold wind whisked past the group. Johnston could never explain any reason for the occurrences. The last and final creepy story about experiences in Alcatraz is cell blocks A and B claim they have heard crying and moaning. A visiting psychic wrote that, while in Block C, he encountered a disruptive spirit named Butcher. Prison records show that another inmate in block C murdered Abie Maldowitz, a mob hitman known as Butcher.

Everyone: Thank you for having us as your tour guides for this ghostie adventure and hope you have a wonderful day!

Someone: Oh wait no, is something touching my leg? OH MY GOOOOOOOD! Something is touching my legs!!!

Someone else: Dude it's just the wind chill bruh.

Everyone else: Haha, or is it?