

TOP 5 OFFBEAT TRAVEL TOURS



Experience the travel tour you won't forget. No matter if you like it historical, literary, spooky, or adventurous, the top 5 offbeat travel tours have it all. Tourism-Review.com presents the best unusual tours for discerning travelers selected by Womansday.com.

Baltimore Street Tour - Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

(Ghostsorgettysburg.com)

The Ghosts of Gettysburg walking tours based on Mark Nesbitt's book Ghosts of Gettysburg are perfect for Civil War history fans. The tour begins in a courtyard "where disembodied voices have been recorded and a child has been spotted . . . a century after his death." Tour participants can also look forward to seeing the County Courthouse, "that witnessed the battle of Gettysburg and was filled to over-flowing with wounded soldiers...and now holds visitors from another world". Next stop is the church where so many amputations had to be done that holes in the floor had to be drilled to let the blood run out. The tour guides state that today a spectral undertaker continues to walk there.

Millennium Tour - Stockholm, Sweden

(Stadsmuseum.stockholm.se)

Experience Stockholm following the lives of journalist Mikael Blomkvist and computer hacker Lisbeth Salander - the main characters of Stieg Larsson's three Millennium books (or the Girl with the Dragon Tattoo series). Over 50 million people around the world read the books turned into films and TV series. During approximately two hours tourists can learn interesting facts not only about the books and the author but about Stockholm as well. The tour starts at Bellmangatan 1, where Mikael Blomkvist lives, then passes the Millennium editorial office, Lisbeth Salander's luxury apartment and many other locations mentioned in the books and films.

Photo: Thomas Karlsson

Jack the Ripper Tour and London Ghost Walk - London, UK

(Walksoflondon.co.uk)

Popular Jack the Ripper Tours take brave tourists back in time when the infamous London serial killer lived and frightened the whole city. Over the three-hour long tour, often done after the sunset, the participants visit four of Jack's murder sites in Whitechapel. The tour guide, an expert "Ripperologist", vividly explains the history of the world's first recognized serial killer. Moreover, for those who still have the stomach Berkeley Square is the perfect place to be. With London Ghost Walks you can explore this site of what was once called the "most haunted house in London."

Dracula Tour - Transylvania, Romania

(Dracula-tour.com)

A week-long tour for the fans of Bram Stoker's Dracula, or Vlad the Impaler, includes Sighisoara - the birthplace of Dracula, Snagov Monastery with its tomb of the infamous ruler, as well as the Castle of Dracula in the Carpathian Mountains. Some itineraries however also cover the capital of Romania - Bucharest or Tokaj region where you can taste Dracula's favorite wine.

Day of the Jackal - London, England

(Quintessentiallyescape.com)

Tourists admiring the characters of Frederick Forsyth's novel The Day of the Jackal will love this day-long adventure. First the participants are taken by a helicopter to a secret place where they are trained by ex-Special Forces operatives. The intensive training session includes hands-on experience of the equipment and weaponry that the participants will be using. After the lunch the would-be spies get an opportunity to practice their new skills on a mission. Once the mission is complete, they are debriefed before returning to their hotel in an armored luxury vehicle.

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