

I.E.S. Maimónides Website Project : Ghosts and Castles

Cardiff Castle, Cardiff, Wales



The second Marquess of Bute started to restore Cardiff Castle but died in 1848. He is said to appear by walking through the fireplace of the library. He leaves this room by passing through a thick wall into a corridor, then goes through the wall of the chapel into the room in which he died.

The main dining-hall of the castle is also disturbed. At precisely 3:45am heavy doors open and shut by themselves and the lights flash on and off.

A "faceless vision in a flowing grayish-white skirt" has also appeared in a room close by, where things get disarranged!

Lowther Castle, Cumbria, England



This castle is said to be haunted by Sir James Lowther. He was very unhappy with a prearranged marriage, and then fell in love with a farmer's daughter. When she suddenly grew ill and died, Sir James refused to believe she was dead and left her on the bed. She was finally placed in a coffin with a glass lid, which Sir James put in a cupboard so that he could look at her. She was finally buried, and Sir James died unloved and unmourned. At his funeral his coffin began to sway as it was lowered into the ground. His spectral coach and horses can be seen being driven through the grounds of the castle.

Tower of London, London, England

In 1816, a guard saw what he described afterwards as "a shadowy bear walking up the stairs in the twilight." He lunged at it with his bayonet, which shattered against the wall. The ghostly presence walked on unaffected and the guard, having told his unlikely story to others, died of shock a few days later.



Duntrune Castle, Argyll & Dunbartonshire, Scotland

Scottish Coll Macdonnell had a personal argument to settle with the Campbell family of Duntrune. As Coll approached the castle where the Campbell family lived, a piper played a warning tune. Coll turned back. The Campbells cut off the piper's hands. A handless skeleton was later found at the castle, and pipe music can still be heard in the castle!

Ballygally Castle, Antrim, Northern Ireland

The original castle was built in 1625 by James Shaw and his wife, Isabella Brisbane. James was from Scotland and went to Ireland to seek his fortune. He acquired land from the Earl of Antrim and built the castle. If you stay in the hotel, you can visit Lady Isabella, one of the resident ghosts, in her room!

