

WWH--HAUNTED PLACES--MALLORY

Take a Halloween field trip and investigate these supposedly haunted places.

SAN ANTONIO

The **Menger Hotel** is located next to the Alamo at 204 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio 78205 (800/345-9285 or 210/223-4361). Its historic bar, site of ghostly sightings, is open 11 a.m. to midnight daily.

Alamo Street Restaurant & Theater, 1150 S. Alamo St., San Antonio 78210 (210/271-7791), is open Mon-Fri 11:30-2 for lunch buffet (\$5.25). Friday and Saturday nights, Sept. 19 to Oct. 31, its theater performs a murder mystery, "Dead-icated to the Ones I Love." Tickets with dinner are \$24.95 or \$13.50 for play only; dinner starts at 6, show time at 8. After the play on Oct. 31, stay for "A Halloween Midnight Special" featuring overnight ghoulish entertainment and continental breakfast; call for price.

BOERNE

The **Country Spirit Restaurant**, located at 707 S. Main, Boerne 78006 (210/249-3607), offers a varied menu ranging from pastas to hamburgers...and maybe three spirits. Hours: Sun-Thur 11 to 9, Fri-Sat 11 to 10. Closed Tue. The **Boerne Public Library**, housed in the historic Dienger Building, is located at 210 N. Main, Boerne 78006 (210/249-3053); open Mon and Thurs 9-6, Tue-Wed 9-8, Fri 9-4, and Sat 9-1. Watch for falling books.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Look for ghosts in the engine room of the **USS Lexington, Museum on the Bay**, 2914 N. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi 78402 (800/LADY-LEX or

512/888-4873). Open daily 9-5. Admission: \$8 adults, \$4 kids 4-12, and \$6 retired military and seniors 60+.

WAXAHACHIE

Catfish Plantation Restaurant is located at 814 Water St., Waxahachie 75165 (972/937-9468). Take your camera and try to photograph a ghost at this cajun eatery. Open Thurs 5-7:30, Fri 5-9, Sat 11:30-9, and Sun 11:30-7:30.

JEFFERSON

The Grove Restaurant, 405 W. Moseley, Jefferson 75657 (903/665-2638), serves up haute cuisine and lively spirits. Reservations preferred. Open Fri-Sat, 6 until whenever. Available for parties and weddings. Presents a dinner-theater performance quarterly; call for details.

Watch for cold spots at two hotels. **The Jefferson Hotel** features 24 recently renovated rooms. Room 19 is popular with phantom fans. Located in the heart of the historic river front district at 124 W. Austin, Jefferson 75657 (903/665-2631). Down the street, **Excelsior House**, a landmark historic inn at 211 W. Austin, Jefferson 75657 (903/665-2513), features antique-bedecked rooms with Southern breakfast, plus daily tours at 1 and 2 (fee).

BOOKS

Check out spirited books by Docia Schultz Williams, perhaps the state's most prolific "ghost writer." Titles include *Spirits of San Antonio and South Texas* (1993, co-authored with Reneta Byrne), *Ghosts Along the Texas Coast* (1995), *Phantoms of the Plains* (1996), and *When Darkness Falls* (1997). **[note: last one due out by press time, please verify]** Available at bookstores or through Wordware Publ., 1506 Capital Ave., Plano 75074 (214/423-0090). Also look for *Ghost Stories of Old Texas, II* by Zinita Fowler (Eakin, 1992) and *Ghost Stories of Texas* by Ed Syers (Texian Press, 1981)

