

Haunted Downtown Las Vegas Visitor Guide



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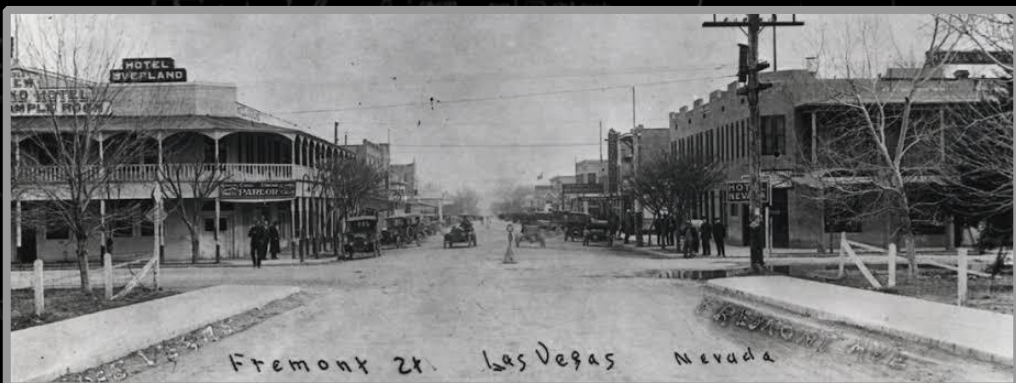
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Welcome to the Haunted Heart of Downtown Las Vegas...

We're thrilled to be your guide to one of America's most haunted downtown districts. From its beginning Las Vegas has been a loose and wild town that served as a refuge - and temptation - to millions of hopeful desert travelers.

This is a guide for those of us who are drawn to places with twisted histories, perhaps the chance to encounter a paranormal presence, or the search for secrets still waiting for the open and inquisitive.

Let us know how your visit goes...



DTLV Travel Directory

DTLV 24/7 Services

24/7 Emergency Medical Service: Don't need 911? Try 24-Hour Vegas Hotel Doctor, urgent care for tourists. In room visits and free phone consultations: 702-499-9952

24/7 Emergency Veterinarian Service: Tropicana Animal Hospital 702-736-4944

Downtown Phone Repair Service: Phone Remedy, 707 East Fremont St., Unit # 1330, 562-370-3475

24/7 Downtown Garment Care: Linen Fresh Laundromat - 2448 East Bonanza Road - 24/7 self-service and dry cleaning. Circa, The Plaza, and Golden Nugget also offer concierge and personal laundry services.

24/7 Downtown Dispensary: Green Express Marijuana Dispensary, 111 East Ogden Ave., shopgreencodispensaries.com. They offer 30-60 minute delivery wait times and hotel delivery, but your hotel may have policies about smoking or possessing cannabis on property, so check first and plan ahead.

24/7 Downtown Eateries:

Taqueria Casa Del Sabor 2, 530 Las Vegas Blvd.

Saginaw's Delicatessen, 8 Fremont St.

Market Street Cafe, 12 East Ogden Ave.

Street Tacos LV, 506 Fremont St.



Tour Companies that pick up in DTLV:

- ❑ **Grand Canyon Destinations** - picks up at most downtown properties, 725-224-8086
- ❑ **Pink Jeep Tours** - picks up at most downtown properties, (800) 873-3662
- ❑ **Big Bus Tours Las Vegas** - picks up at the Plaza Hotel and the Mob Museum, 702-685-6578

DTLV Travel Tips



Tipping: Unlike the Strip, most Downtown Las Vegas properties are smaller, older, locally owned operations run by staff dedicated to their unique Vegas traditions. Your tips go directly to keeping that “people first” culture alive.

Downtown Las Vegas Culture: As we love to tell visitors, downtowners are personally invested in making their neighborhood work, and they genuinely appreciate your interest and patronage. Don't be surprised if that approach gets you more personal service than it would on the Strip!

Downtown Resort Fees: Resort fees are here to stay in Vegas. Downtown fees are a bit lower (about \$10-20 less than most Strip resorts), but most resorts have them now... except for two: Hotel Apache and the 4 Queens currently charge no resort fees. The Plaza and Circa also offer seasonal packages that either waive or include those fees. If you're interested in a property not mentioned here, sign up for their newsletter and watch for promotions that waive extra amenity fees.

Street Performers: We love our talented downtown street performers, especially how well they play by the rules (usually). We encourage you to tip them generously when they do, since they aren't allowed to ask you for payment.

Reservations: Walk-ins may be welcome, but your destination may also be busy! If they offer reservations, take one! Always spend less of your vacation waiting and more of it doing what you want!

Booking Directly: To avoid unnecessary surcharges and scams, book directly with businesses and attractions whenever possible.

OpenTable: The OpenTable app is the travel foodie's friend. When you book your table through OpenTable you earn dining credit to use toward other eligible OpenTable reservations and gift cards. With more than 500 Las Vegas restaurants to pick from, check to see if your destination of choice participates.

Hotel Food/Liquor Delivery: Have food or booze on the way to your door? Make sure your room isn't off limits to your driver! Check with the front desk for where to meet couriers before sending that order.

Uber Pickup/Dropoff: Remember some properties have different locations for rideshare arrivals and departures, and drivers only have five minutes to wait for you. If you're not sure where to wait, ask the front desk or valet stand, because your driver will know street loading/unloading isn't allowed.

Taxi Services: Prefer taxis to rideshare apps? DTLV has you covered 24/7. Every major downtown hotel has a staffed taxi line with a valet ready to assist you. Just remember street hailing isn't allowed.

Parking: DTLV has plenty of street level spaces, paid public lots, and ample garages attached to most properties, most with low daily price caps for the public and validation for paying customers. Prefer free parking? El Cortez offers free public parking in their self-parking garage (707 East Ogden Ave.) for motorists aged 65 and older.

DTLV Bus and Bicycle Transit

DOWNTOWN BUS TRANSIT

The Deuce (Fremont Street Stops): The 24/7 double-decker bus stops downtown on Las Vegas Boulevard near the Fremont Street Experience, the Mob Museum, and at several median stops along Casino Center Drive. (Single ride, \$4; 24-hour pass, \$8; 3-day pass, \$20)

Downtown Loop: A free city shuttle service connecting major downtown spots like Fremont Street, the Mob Museum, and the Arts District. It runs continuously, arriving at stops every 20 to 30 minutes. It operates Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Bonneville Transit Center (BTC): 101 East Bonneville Ave., the central station for RTC of Southern Nevada public buses, connecting local routes, airport buses (like the CX, 108, and 109), and the Deuce on the Strip.

Intercity Buses (FlixBus / Greyhound): Regional and long-distance buses board on the west side of South 1st Street, across from the Bonneville Transit Center.

BIKE SHARE AND RENTALS

Downtown Las Vegas offers an urban cycling environment featuring over 30 RTC Bike Share stations and local community routes.

RTC Bike Share: Operates 24/7 with classic and electric bikes across more than 30 downtown stations. Passes include the \$5 Dasher Pass, \$15 monthly Explorer Pass, and \$125 annual Downtowner Pass. Nearby kiosks are at 9th & Ogden, 4th & Bridger, 6th & Carson, and Garces & Las Vegas Blvd.

RTC Bike Center: Located at the Bonneville Transit Center (101 E. Bonneville Ave), offering bike rentals, repairs, secure parking for up to 75 bikes, and showers.

Popular Downtown Routes & Sights:

The Arts District & Container Park: Great areas to explore via street riding and bike share kiosks, connecting local murals, eateries, and shops.

Self-Guided Tour Highlights: Paved urban routes connect the Mob Museum, the Las Vegas Healing Garden, and Fremont Street art installations.

Safety and Rules: Obey all traffic signals and ride in the same direction as traffic. Avoid sidewalk riding when possible, and yield to pedestrians.

Helicopter Tours Including DTLV

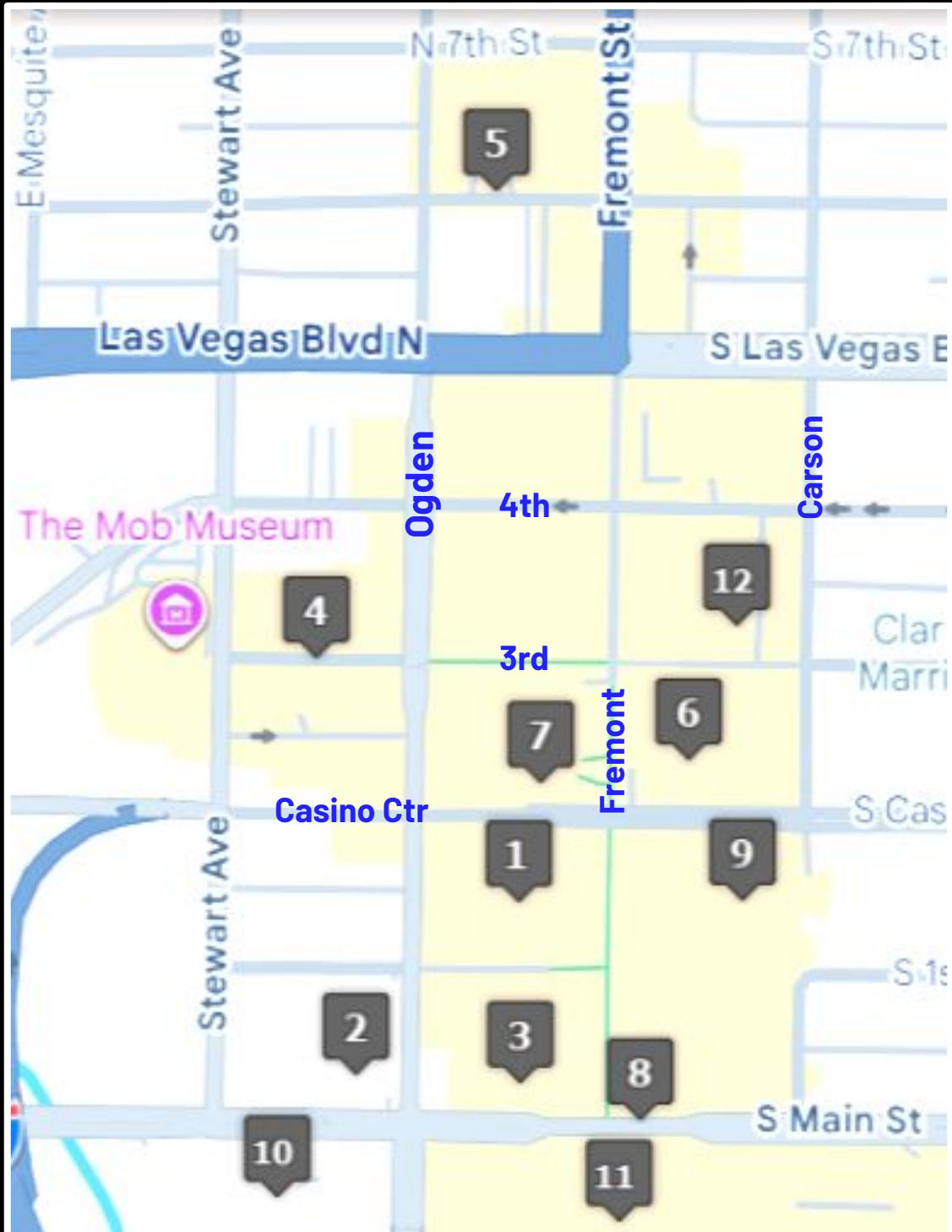
5 Star Helicopter Tours - 702-565-7827

Papillon Airways Tours - 702-736-7243

Maverick Helicopter Tours - 702-489-0431

The Big 12

These 12 downtown casino resorts set the pace for Glitter Gulch. Everything you need to know to plan your DTLV stay is here, from great amenities to paranormal hotspots and activity recommendations. Enjoy!



The Downtown 12

1. **Binion's Gambling Hall / Hotel Apache**

Opened 1951 / 1932

81 rooms

128 East Fremont St.

(800) 937-6537

702-382-1600

- Hotel Apache is Fremont Street's most haunted hotel and asks guests to record and share paranormal experiences. Ghost detection kits are available for rent. Guests note room 400 as a hotspot for ghostly encounters. Some believe the hotel contains a spirit portal.
- Binion's is the birthplace of the World Series of Poker and the famous Million Dollar Display.
- No resort fee.

2. **The California Hotel and Casino**

1975

781 rooms

12 East Ogden Ave.

(800) 634-6505

702-385-1222

- Hawaii-themed, casual casino resort and a favorite of visitors from the Island State, offering two Hawaiian cuisine restaurants and the Holo Holo Bar.
- The casino declared a "golden arm" craps player in 1989 when Stanley Fujitake rolled 118 times for 3 hours and 6 minutes without losing.
- Daily resort fee.

3. **Circa Hotel and Casino**

2020

618 rooms, adults only

8 Fremont St.

(833) 247-2258

702-247-2258

- Circa's Garage Mahal transport hub offers a Hertz rental car counter, rideshare, valet, self-parking, long-term parking and luxury shuttle service to Allegiant Stadium and T Mobile Arena.
- Circa's Stadium Swim is a 4,000 capacity, year-round pool with a 134-foot screen.
- Concierge service.
- Barry's Downtown Prime by Chef Barry Dakake.
- 60th floor rooftop lounge, the Legacy Club.
- Daily resort fee.



4. Downtown Grand Hotel and Casino
2013 *1,124 rooms*
206 North 3rd St.
(855) 384-7263 *702-719-5100*

- Hosts seasonal Halloween events and attractions.
- Triple George Grill, San Francisco-style steakhouse.
- The Gallery Tower exhibits a rotating collection of works by contemporary artists.
- Daily resort fee.

5. El Cortez Hotel and Casino
1941 *364 rooms*
600 East Fremont St.
(800) 634-6703 *702-385-5200*

- The hotel's Original 47 rooms are some of downtown's most haunted.
- Vintage Vegas entertainment onstage in the Parlour Bar and the Piano Bar.
- History Hallway exhibit in partnership with the Mob Museum.
- Speakeasy Barbershop, a traditional 2-chair hotel barbershop offering hot towel shaves, opened in 1973. Reservations recommended: 702-352-7170.
- Terry Rae full-service hair and beauty salon. Reservations recommended: 702-682-5699.
- Daily amenities fee.

6. 4 Queens
1966 *690 rooms*
202 Fremont St.
(800) 634-6045 *702-385-4011*

- Calls itself the least haunted hotel in Vegas.
- Home to Hugo's Cellar, an upscale, fine-dining steakhouse opened in 1976 that still retains its vintage Vegas atmosphere.
- The Canyon Club features two back-to-back stage shows, Mike Hammer Comedy Magic and Kevin Lepine's Hypnosis Unleashed, Tuesdays thru Saturdays. Consult show schedules before booking.
- No resort fee.



7. Fremont Hotel & Casino

1956 447 rooms
200 Fremont St.
(800) 634-6460 702-385-3232

- Owned 1974-1983 by Argent Corporation, a front for the Chicago mob.
- Economy hotel and casino offering free valet parking and front desk assistance.
- Daily resort fee.

8. The Golden Gate Hotel & Casino

1906; 1955 122 rooms
1 Fremont St.
(800) 426-1906 702-385-1906

- Opened in 1906 as the Hotel Nevada, the Golden Gate's Original 10 rooms are still available to guests seeking the paranormal or a closeup view of the Fremont Street Experience's video canopy. Guests say room 243 is a hotspot for ghostly encounters.
- Booking an Original 10 room includes two tickets to the Mob Museum.
- The hotel prefers not to publicize its haunted side, but welcomes curious guests.
- GG is the proud creator of the Original Vegas Shrimp Cocktail.
- Daily resort fee.

9. Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino

1946 2,149 rooms
129 E. Fremont St.
(844) 468-4438 702-385-7111

- The infamous Sinatra Suite is a 2-story palace atop the Spa Tower where the legendary singer is still encountered. Guests also report an eerie presence in the older Carson Tower. Gamblers have mentioned the invisible presence of a woman at the roulette tables telling them to "bet it all."
- Home of Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse, upscale dining with an award winning wine list.
- Golden Nugget Showroom features Vegas headliner Gordie Brown.
- Provides the only spa on Fremont St.
- Shoe shine attendant.
- Daily resort fee.



10. Main Street Station Hotel & Casino
1978; 1991 406 rooms
200 N. Main St.
(800) 713-8933 702-387-1896

- Opened in 1978 as Holiday International Hotel & Casino, rebranded as Main Street Station in 1991 with a Victorian railroad theme and decorated with antique Victorian relics, including four lavishly restored Pullman railcars that are said to hold strong residual energies. Self-guided tours of the collection are available.
- Guests have seen the specter of a woman in a white dress lingering near the front desk.
- Daily resort fee.

11. Plaza Hotel & Casino
1971 995 rooms
1 Main St.
(800) 634-6575 702-386-2110

- Opened on the site of Vegas' original Union Pacific station (1906-1970), the Plaza casino level has also served as a station for Amtrak and Greyhound.
- Guests taking photos in their rooms and around the sites of the former station platforms have captured hazy images of hurrying human figures.
- Home of the famous Oscar's Steakhouse in the iconic glass dome above the Carousel Bar at the main lobby entrance.
- Boasts 16 pickleball courts and an equestrian center.
- Daily resort fee.

12. The D Casino & Hotel
1980; 2012 629 rooms
301 Fremont St.
(800) 224-5825 702-388-2400

- Opened by Moe Dalitz in 1980 as the Sundance Hotel & Casino, it was soon closed due to skimmming allegations. It became the D Casino & Hotel in 2012 (D for "Downtown").
- American Coney Island, a Detroit icon since 1917, offers their signature chili dogs 24/7 with access from the Fremont Street Experience.
- The D's casino floor is home to the 1,000-foot LONGBAR.
- Concierge and shuttle services available.
- Daily resort fee.
- Rideshare stand in the D's parking garage.



DTLV Non-Gaming Hotels

Looking for a stay away from the gambling scene? We have you covered.

The ENGLISH Hotel - 921 South Main St., 725-444-6835 (\$\$,****)

Cabana Suites - 651 East Ogden Ave., (800) 634-6703/702-385-5200 (\$\$,***)

AC Hotel by Marriott - 730 South Grand Central Pkwy., 702-530-5990 (\$\$,***)

Element by Marriott - 330 South Grand Central Pkwy., 702-530-5990 (\$\$,***)

Sterling Garden Hotel - 1808 East Fremont St., 702-382-3990 (\$\$,**)

Oasis at Gold Spike - 217 Las Vegas Blvd., 702-768-9823 (\$,***)

Thunderbird Boutique Hotel - 1215 South Las Vegas Blvd., 702-489-7900 (\$,***)

Downtownner Boutique Hotel - 129 North 8th St., 702-553-2553 (\$,***)

Bridger Inn Hotel - 301 South Main St., 702-385-5560 (\$,**)

Desert Hills Motel - 2121 East Fremont St., 702-309-5891 (\$,**)

DTLV, a Baymont by Wyndham - 700 East Fremont St., 702-751-0925 (\$,**)

OYO Oasis Motel - 1731 South Las Vegas Blvd., 810-475-8016 (\$,**)

Shalimar Hotel of Las Vegas - 1401 South Las Vegas Blvd., 702-388-0301 (\$,**)

Super 8 by Wyndham - 1213 South Las Vegas Blvd., 702-331-0545 (\$,**)

Sin City Hostel - 1208 South Las Vegas Blvd., 702-885-0845 (\$,**)

Villa Inn - 225 South Las Vegas Blvd., 702-382-3878 (\$,**)

Bungalows Hostel - 1236 South Las Vegas Blvd., 702-380-6902 (\$,*)

Desert Moon Motel - 1701 East Fremont St., 702-382-5535 (\$,*)

Desert Star Motel - 1210 South Las Vegas Blvd., 702-382-3450 (\$,*)

Main Street RV Park - 425 North Main St., (800) 465-0711 (\$)

Riviera RV Park - 2200 Palm St., 702-457-8700 (\$)



DTLV Haunted Tour

Downtown's Most Haunted Hotspots

El Cortez Hotel and Casino

Opened in 1941 and soon taken over by Bugsy Siegel and Meyer Lansky, El Cortez is faithful to its roots and reflects an early 20th century standard for hotel luxury. With many expansions and renovations over the years, this vintage resort experience still offers guests its Original 47 Rooms and the oldest continuously running casino in Las Vegas, where disembodied voices and shadowy figures are often encountered.

Many employees refuse to go in the basement because of a certain cryptlike room that houses a collection of urns, the cremains of former hotel employees who had no next of kin when they passed. Workers will experience a sudden coldness and a close, invisible presence, and the door to the urn room will suddenly open without explanation. Fat Irish Green, a former Mob associate of Siegel and Lansky, died while a resident of the hotel and is often still seen there, both in spirit and in his urn.

Golden Gate Hotel and Casino

The oldest surviving downtown hotel and casino, the Golden Gate opened in 1906 as the first hotel structure in Las Vegas, rising at 1 Fremont Street, and receiving Vegas' first telephone (phone number: 1). The Golden Gate is the original name in Vegas Class, inventing the 50 cent Vegas Shrimp Cocktail and the town's first large, outdoor electric sign.

Guests looking for a spirited night can't do better than the Original 10 rooms in the oldest part of the hotel. Looking out over Fremont street through windows that have witnessed 120 years of life in Glitter Gulch, shadowy figures and disturbing voices are frequently cited experiences here, as well as that of a 1970s piano lounge singer who has been seen roaming the building for decades. Those who book an Original 10 room receive two tickets to the Mob Museum, an excellent offer. The hotel prefers not to emphasize its haunted history, but is happy to accommodate curious guests.



DTLV Haunted Tour

The Hotel Apache

Widely considered to be the most haunted downtown structure, the Hotel Apache was opened in 1932 at the height of the Boulder Dam project by P.O. Silvagni, who famously warned his guests the streets of Las Vegas would run red with blood after Bugsy Siegel was assassinated. He soon sold the hotel to Texas gangster Benny Binion, who added secret rooms and passages, where those who crossed the Binions could be dealt with quietly. One of those secret rooms is still sometimes used today for seances where victims of the hotel's bloody past will often manifest.



The Apache is widely considered in paranormal research circles to be a "spirit portal," or crossing point between the material world and the spirit world. Orbs are frequently captured by photographers here. Guests interested in a haunted night should let the friendly front desk staff know their interests, and

they will do their best to place you in a room with a haunted reputation, and perhaps loan you a ghost detection kit if you left yours at home. If you're lucky Room 400 might be available. Pleasant dreams!



DTLV Haunted Tour

The Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino

Golden Nugget's claim to ghostly fame is a big one: it's haunted by none other than Ol' Blue Eyes himself. Staying in the palatial Sinatra Suite atop the Spa Tower puts you right in the Vegas legend's path, and even in the casino pit some guests will catch a glimpse of him passing by and out of sight.

Golden Nugget's otherworldly energies seem to concentrate on the Fremont Street side of the property. Ask for a room in Carson Tower if you want to feel the press of footsteps following you in empty halls and strange cold spots in your room. Orb photographers often get interesting results here.



The Plaza Hotel and Casino

Since 1905, when Las Vegas went from being a railroad maintenance shed to a budding frontier town, the land on which the Plaza stands has been its beating heart. The site of the original Las Vegas railroad station, the Plaza still served as the passenger rail stop for Amtrak into the 1990s, with the casino floor serving as the station platform. Even with the platform gone people still see the shadowy shuffle of hurrying feet across the casino floor where the station was located.

The iconic Plaza central tower also has a more tragic paranormal association. The tallest downtown structure when it first opened in 1971, it became an obsession for those seeking to end their lives. Those watching the top of the tower on some nights will see a silhouetted figure standing in front of the giant red neon P. The figure will then be seen dropping down the tower, sometimes by multiple people, and yet nothing ever hits the ground.

DTLV Haunted Tour

Harrison Guest House

A place of deep emotional power that often calls to paranormal enthusiasts, the 1942 Harrison Guest House was listed in the *Negro Motorist Green Book* as a refuge for African Americans traveling to Las Vegas at the height of segregation and Jim Crow. Today the house is a museum preserving the experiences of the ugly racial divisions that once governed Vegas hospitality and life.

At a time when safety and dignity were elusive for Blacks in every walk of life, the Harrison hosted star entertainers such as Sammy Davis Jr., Nat King Cole, Pearl Bailey, and others who weren't welcome to stay at the same resorts they headlined. At the Harrison House they would often give the neighborhood free concerts from the porch, creating cherished memories in West Last Vegas history. Some say the incredible energy of those moments lingers for visitors today, creating a profound sense of joy, peace and beauty.

Old Mormon Fort

Certain their fort would become a bustling waypoint between Salt Lake City and the Pacific coast, the Mormon settlers who built this fort in 1855 quickly saw that, despite all their toil and sacrifice, only misery and ruin were waiting for them in the Las Vegas Valley. When crops failed and their numbers only dwindled, the Mormon settlers reluctantly turned their backs on their stillborn dream. They returned to Utah, calling the valley "the Land the Lord Forgot."



After her husband was gunned down in 1884, Helen Stewart took ownership of the fort. Now commonly referred to as the First Lady of Las Vegas, Stewart became the first city postmaster and proved to be a friend and protector of the Southern Paiute people. When her husband's killers were murdered it was rumored Helen had arranged the plot, though the murders were never solved. The original homestead Helen fought to keep after her husband's murder is preserved on the fort grounds. Some report to feel her presence still firmly planted there.

Visitors to the fort report a strong impression of the former occupants, including the distant-seeming figures of laboring settlers and the sound and smell of campfires. Mediums report a deep sense of grief and suffering inside the fort walls. Guided tours are offered that address the fort's haunted history.

The Haunted Vegas Valley

Museums, Landmarks & Other Chilling Attractions

Mob Museum - Hosts several exhibits from the bloody Mob Years possessing paranormal energy, including the St. Valentine's Day Massacre Wall and the 2nd Floor Courtroom. Offering regularly scheduled speakers and a basement speakeasy bar with live music.

Neon Boneyard Park - The final resting place for the classic marquees of many of Vegas' most legendary clubs and casinos. Guided tours offered.

Atomic Testing Museum - Exhibits the eerie remains of "doom towns" of the atomic testing era and tells the grim fate of the Downwinders. An engrossing self-guided experience.

Clark County Museum - Features Heritage Street, a collection of historic homes and buildings where many visitors encounter the spirits of former occupants.

Ghost Stories with Kent Axell - A classic seance parlor show held in an intimate, secret room at the 1923 Prohibition Bar behind the bookcase at Mandalay Bay. Friday and Saturday nights only. Reserve well in advance.

Ghost City Tours - Offering nightly walking tours of many of Las Vegas' most haunted locales and chilling stories from expert guides. Book your tour directly through their website.

Floyd Lamb Park / Tule Springs Ranch - Home to the paranormally active former dude ranch and rich fossil beds from the Pleistocene, this park is an ancient and beautiful desert oasis.

Kiel Ranch Historic Park - The ranch has a bloodsoaked history of gunfights and murders unsolved to this day, and a small cemetery where the fallen were laid to rest.

Zak Bagan's The Haunted Museum - Exploring the darker side of the paranormal and hosting several infamously cursed and possessed artifacts from Vegas and beyond.

Luxor Hotel & Casino - Perhaps cursed by its casual use of ancient funerary symbols, the peak of the pyramid's cavernous interior was once a tragic temptation for the suicidal.

Flamingo Hotel & Casino - The oldest and most controversial casino on the Strip, the Flamingo's halls are charged with its volatile past, especially the spirit of its founder, Bugsy Siegel.

Horseshoe Hotel & Casino (former site of MGM Grand) - Though the Horseshoe now stands in its place, guests still experience the echo of the tragic fire that destroyed the MGM Grand and took 87 souls.

Circus Circus - One of the original Mob-owned casinos and still going, guests of the hotel encounter the wandering figures of a mother and son who died in their room.

Caesar's Palace - Jay Sarno's first mob-backed Strip casino, staff say headless figures haunt the famous Caesar's showroom and Edgar Bergen is said to still be throwing his voice somewhere in the casino.

Little Church of the West - Built in 1942 and the oldest structure on the Strip, this chapel has held numerous legendary celebrity weddings throughout its storied history.

The Boos Cruise

Downtown Lounges, Bars & Dives

Carousel Bar

A relatively recent addition to the iconic front entrance of the Plaza Hotel and Casino, this rotating bar was designed by Sam Cherry after seeing the famous carousel bar in the French Quarter of New Orleans. Rotating bar fans may also remember the carousel bar at Circus Circus, featured so prominently in *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*.

Directly underneath the famous glass dome of Oscar's Steakhouse and next to a Pinkbox with some tempting dessert cocktails of its own, the Carousel Bar incorporates not only the galloping horses and flashing lights of vintage carousels, but also a giant spinning martini glass, rare among carnival attractions.

Seating 100 guests, the bar offers the only outdoor video poker in Nevada and hosts a free silent disco on Saturdays with wireless headsets and a live DJ. You can't go wrong with their signature cocktails like the Money in the Bank and the Carousel Grand Pineapple.

Vegas Vickie's Cocktail Lounge

The 25-foot-tall Vegas Vickie had presided over Fremont Street and the Girls of Glitter Gulch since 1980. When her entire block was demolished to make way for the new Circa, the hotel made sure to relocate Vickie in style. She's now the centerpiece of her own cocktail lounge inside the new luxury, adults-only megaresort.

Incorporating Circa's mid-century aesthetic of warm wooden textures, low amber lighting and crushed velvet furnishings, Vickie's is a high-traffic cocktail lounge that offers high-end, signature cocktails, including the Grandissimo Espresso Martini (Don Julio 1942 tequila infused with Madagascar vanilla bean, saffron, Mr Black cold brew liqueur, espresso, and edible gold leaf). Guests with a Club One loyalty card can earn points gambling at Circa, the D and Golden Gate toward beverage and dining credits at Vegas Vickie's and other partnered establishments.

The Boos Cruise

Atomic Liquors

Opening as Virginia's Cafe in 1945 at 917 Fremont St., Atomic Liquors is the oldest freestanding bar in Las Vegas. Securing the very first tavern license in Clark County, Virginia's became Atomic Liquors when thermonuclear bombs started popping off 65 miles to the north at the Nevada Test Site. Guests would gather on the roof to watch the mushroom clouds rise into the atmosphere as they sipped atomic cocktails.

The bar's unique Vegas energy has been captured in classic films such as *Casino* and *The Hangover*. Patrons over the years have included the Rat Pack, Barbra Streisand, Elvis Presley and Hunter S. Thompson. Their signature offerings include the original Classic Atomic Cocktail and the Hunter S. Mash, a stiff drink with a kick worthy of its namesake.



Oak & Ivy

During the revitalization of downtown Oak & Ivy made a splash at the Container Park with their inspired craft-distilled creations. Using seasonal ingredients and a selection of rare whiskeys, they specialize in aging select cocktails in oak barrels to smooth the spirits and deepen the flavor.

Whiskey lovers will relish their rotating selection of American craft whiskeys, rare bottles, and curated specialty pours. While the menu rotates, guests can't go wrong with favorite standards such as the Smoked Old Fashioned and the Ivy Garden.

The Boos Cruise

Velveteen Rabbit

Located 1218 South Main St., in the heart of the Arts District, Velveteen Rabbit opened in 2013 in a building that had recently burned. Rather than hiding their history, the owners decided to add the telltale scorching to their delightfully mismatched Victorian parlor setting.

Offering locals and tourists alike a cozy neighborhood meetup alternative to the crushed crowds of the Fremont lounge scene, the bar frequently hosts live local musicians on their famous Pink Patio.

Velveteen Rabbit is celebrated for their inventive offerings like the Ghost of Palomino, a desert cyclone of pomegranate and sage-infused tequila, Xila, cava reduction, ghost pepper tincture, lemon, grapefruit, and an ube sugar rim. If you'd like a splash of sacrilege in your libation, ask if they'll make you the often off-menu Auto-da-fé, a local favorite made with brandy, emulsified goat cheese, pomegranate-infused red wine vinegar, rosemary syrup, and a communion wafer.

Corduroy

Corduroy is perhaps the best-kept secret downtown for those looking for a dive where they might rub elbows with spectral patrons. Located at 515 East Fremont St., the bar was once Garrison Mortuary, and is now gaining a reputation as a paranormal hotspot. Employees of Corduroy believe spirits roam the building, and have seen objects fly across the room or fall with no one around them. Mediums have reported encountering the spirit of an old jazz player who isn't ready to move on.

If you're there for the booze more than the boos, you'll dig Corduroy's funky, retro-70s, rock n roll dive atmosphere and their unique lightbox photo op station. If you're not sure what to order, you can't go wrong with reliable hits like their Moscow Mule, Nitro Espresso Martini and the Spicy Flamingo (Tequila Ocho Blanco, fresh watermelon, agave, fresh lime, fire water and chili salt).

The Foodie Tour

Connect with the Flavors of Vegas Tradition

Triple George Grill

Popular Happy Hour Stop

Reservations Recommended

35-Day Aged Certified Angus Steak

Where Vegas movers and shakers love to meet. Known for their lunch specials, happy hour offerings and classic American cuisine, Triple George Grill celebrated its 20th anniversary in July 2025 and is known as one of the first (and best) independent eateries to emerge from the DTLV renaissance, paving the way for what is now a thriving and eclectic urban dining scene.

Emerging as The Power Lunch Spot in 2009, while already a vintage Vegas steakhouse experience at night, Triple George Grill is located at the Downtown Grand on 3rd Street between Stewart and Ogden. The restaurant's name pays homage to its original three owners, who love fellow Georges so much they've celebrated past milestones by letting all Georges and Jorges eat for free.

Presented by award-winning Downtown Grand Chef Nicholas Beesley, the Triple George is beloved locally for blending high-end downtown dining with the charm of a cozy neighborhood restaurant.

Esther's Kitchen

2026 Michelin Bib Gourmand

In-House Pastry Chef

Saturday and Sunday Brunch

Homemade Sourdough Bread

Las Vegas native and chef James Trees named his Michelin Guide listed restaurant in honor of his great-aunt Esther, a smart, practical woman who could always be counted on for good advice. "She was a big support to my mom when I was growing up, and that was huge," says Trees. "She was always there for us." It was Esther who set aside the nest egg for James' dream: opening a truly great Vegas restaurant, one worthy of the buzzy Arts District dining scene.

And Esther's more than delivers. Beginning with only fresh, farm-to-table ingredients, Esther's brings an authentic Italian kitchen flavor to DTLV. Famous for their homemade sourdough and in-house pastry creations, they also offer a brunch menu on the weekends and Girl Dinner options like their charcuterie board. Just be sure to reserve a week out for brunch or dinner.

The Foodie Tour

Pizza Rock

Reservations Available
Local Favorite Pizza Joint

Happy Hour
Live DJ

Pizza Rock turns up the party vibe of Downtown Las Vegas, with a thumping club atmosphere and a live DJ. Behind the scenes chef Tony Gemignani has installed a gourmet kitchen cranking out Pizza Rock's signature pies, including award winners like the Detroit Red Top and the Cal Italia. Their menu is as massive as it is critically acclaimed, but Pizza Rock fans also frequently order the Vodka Pie and the Picante.

Located between the Fremont Street Experience and the Downtown Grand, Pizza Rock is an energetic happy hour hotspot that's open until midnight on Friday and Saturday, offering 23 rotating drafts, craft cocktails, and over 60 bottled and canned beers; all served up with house party vibes.

Hugo's Cellar

Special Holiday Menus
Multi-Course Inclusive Meals

Old School Vegas Charm
40-Day Aged Certified Angus Steak

If there is any restaurant downtown immersed in vintage Vegas luxury it's Hugo's Cellar at the 4 Queens. With its brick-lined walls and deep, comfortable booths, Hugo's is synonymous with intimate dining and polished personal service.

Greeted with a long-stemmed rose for the ladies, your evening can start with their classic martini while you peruse the many exceptional menu options, which include house specialties like the Oscar Style Veal Scallopini and their decadent Beef Wellington. The menu also has a generous offering of seafood and vegetarian entrees, not to mention Hugo's Famous Table-Side Salad.



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Whiskey Licker Up Saloon

Fresh Hangover Food With a View

Unique Rotating Venue

Whiskey Licker Up Saloon at Binion's offers some of the best people watching and cocktails in Downtown Vegas. The saloon's centerpiece is its open-air, rotating bar and floor to ceiling retractable windows that overlook the First Street Stage of the Fremont Street Experience. This one of a kind bar allows up to 25 guests to sit at the bar while enjoying the show on the street and the atmosphere of the cowboy saloon around them.

If you want a delicious cocktail to go with your people watching, the mixologist is ready for you with a menu of signature creations like the Vegas Sunset and the Downtown. No frozen bar fare here, your hangover cure will be made fresh from scratch.

Chicago Joe's Restaurant

Historic Location

Limited Seating / Book Ahead

A favorite haunt of Mob hitman Tony Spilotro, Chicago Joe's has been a local downtown favorite for 50 years, serving traditional Southern Italian cuisine in a 1930s brick cottage on Fourth Street not far from the Haunted Museum. Second-generation owner Joe Collura still runs the kitchen using cherished recipes passed down from his grandmother.

With only twelve tables the dining room makes for a very personal dining experience, and reservations are a must. But if prices on the Strip have you in shock, Joe's will be a pleasant surprise.



A Taste of Vegas Past

Taking home Las Vegas' culinary history, gone but not forgotten.

El Cortez Matzo Ball Soup

Legendary El Cortez CEO Kenny Epstein insisted that his kitchen would serve the very best matzo ball soup in the world. After much trial and error, Piero's owner Freddie Glusman came to the rescue with his mother's matzo ball soup recipe. It soon became inseparable from the hotel's identity, even after Siegel's 1941 Restaurant closed in 2026.

Matzo Balls

- 1 cup pure matzo meal
- 4 large eggs, beaten
- Schmaltz: melt 1/4 cup of chicken fat (or vegetable oil if you prefer)
- 1/4 cup seltzer water
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Soup Base

- 8 cups chicken broth (preferably homemade)
- 3 medium carrots, peeled and sliced into rounds
- 2 celery stalks, sliced
- 1 small yellow onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons of freshly chopped dill
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

1. Chill the matzo mixture: In a bowl, whisk the eggs, melted schmaltz, seltzer, salt, and pepper. Stir in the matzo meal until fully mixed. Cover the bowl and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.
2. Cook the matzo balls: Bring a large pot of heavily salted water to a rolling boil. Wet your hands with cold water so the dough doesn't stick. Roll the mixture into walnut-sized balls. Drop the balls gently into the boiling water. Turn the heat down to low, cover tightly with a lid, and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes.
3. Build the Soup Base: In a separate large pot, bring your chicken broth to a boil. Add the carrots, celery, and onion. Reduce the heat to a low simmer and cook for 20 minutes until the vegetables are soft. Stir in the fresh dill and season with extra salt and pepper to taste.
4. Transfer the cooked matzo balls directly into the hot chicken soup and serve.

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Binion's Texas Jailhouse Chili

Dallas Sheriff "Smoot" Schmid served his prisoners a mouth and eye watering Texas-style chili, a rich, spicy "bowl of red" that made waking up in the drunk tank almost worth it. When Benny Binion left Texas for Las Vegas he made sure Smoot's chili recipe came with him. For decades Binion's Horseshoe kept gamblers fueled with Dallas jailhouse comfort. Serves 6 to 8 craps players.

Fixin's

- 1/2 lb beef suet, finely ground or chopped small (or beef tallow)
- 3 to 4 lbs coarse ground beef (the cheaper the better)
- 6 cloves fresh minced garlic
- 6 tbsp red chili powder (spice it up Smoot Style)
- 3 tbsp ground paprika
- 2 tbsp ground cumin
- 1 tbsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp white pepper
- 3 to 4 cups water (low-sodium beef stock if you're fancy)
- 1 to 2 tbsp corn flour mixed with a tsp of warm water to finish

Giddy Up

1. Melt the ground beef suet in a large, cast iron pot (or Dutch oven if it's handy) over medium-low heat until the fat renders out completely. Those hard cracklings catch some real flavor but take them out if you gotta.
2. Add the coarsely ground beef, minced garlic, chili powder, paprika, cumin, salt, and white pepper to the rendered fat. Stir to thoroughly coat the meat and don't be shy.
3. Cover the pot with a tight lid. Turn the heat down to the lowest possible setting. Let it cook slowly for 4 hours, stirring occasionally so nothing sticks to the bottom.
4. Pour in the water (or beef stock). Leave the lid slightly cracked or off, and continue cooking over a low simmer for another hour until the liquid marries into a rich, thick, glossy gravy. We're getting close now!
5. Mix the corn flour with a little warm water to make a smooth paste, then stir it into the chili. Smoot always did this and I'll never stop. Now simmer for 10 more minutes.
6. Serve it up! You've got hungry gamblers to feed.

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Elvis' Filet Mignon Burger

Like most Vegas icons, Elvis loved the Golden Steer Steakhouse and had a personal off-menu dish the chef was always ready to make for him: a gourmet cheeseburger filled with the choicest filet mignon trimmings. It was a solid gold mix of comfort and luxury that helped him relax between shows at the Hilton. Golden Steer's signature spice and butter mixes are recommended to find out why this burger was fit for the King.

Ingredients

- 1 lb finely minced filet mignon trimmings
- 1 tsp Sergio's Seasoning (signature steakhouse blend)
- 1½ tsp Pepper Mafia Seasoning (bold and fiery spice mix)
- 2 brioche or gourmet burger buns
- Golden Steer Maitre D' Butter Trio
- 2 slices American cheese
- Dill pickle slices
- Caramelized onions

Instructions

Form the meat into thick patties. To avoid toughness, be careful not to overwork the tenderloin. Heat a cast-iron skillet or griddle over high heat until smoking hot. Place the patties onto the hot surface to get a deep, crispy crust. Season the exposed side generously with Sergio's Seasoning and Pepper Mafia Seasoning. Flip the patties after 2 to 3 minutes, as soon as a dark crust forms. Top each patty immediately with a slice of cheese and let it melt. Butter the buns with the Maitre D' Butter Trio and lightly toast on the griddle. Assemble the burgers with the cheesy patties and add the dill pickles and caramelized onions.



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Caesar's Smoked Salmon

Nat Hart was the celebrity executive chef of Caesar's Palace back when the resort was establishing itself as a trendsetter in world class luxury. The menus at Caesar's informed the elite how fine dining could really be. Hart's dill-cured, Scandinavian smoked salmon was an especially coveted appetizer. Frank Sinatra loved Hart's salmon so much he would order it all the way from Palm Springs, sending a private plane to pick up the delivery.

Ingredients for 4 Servings

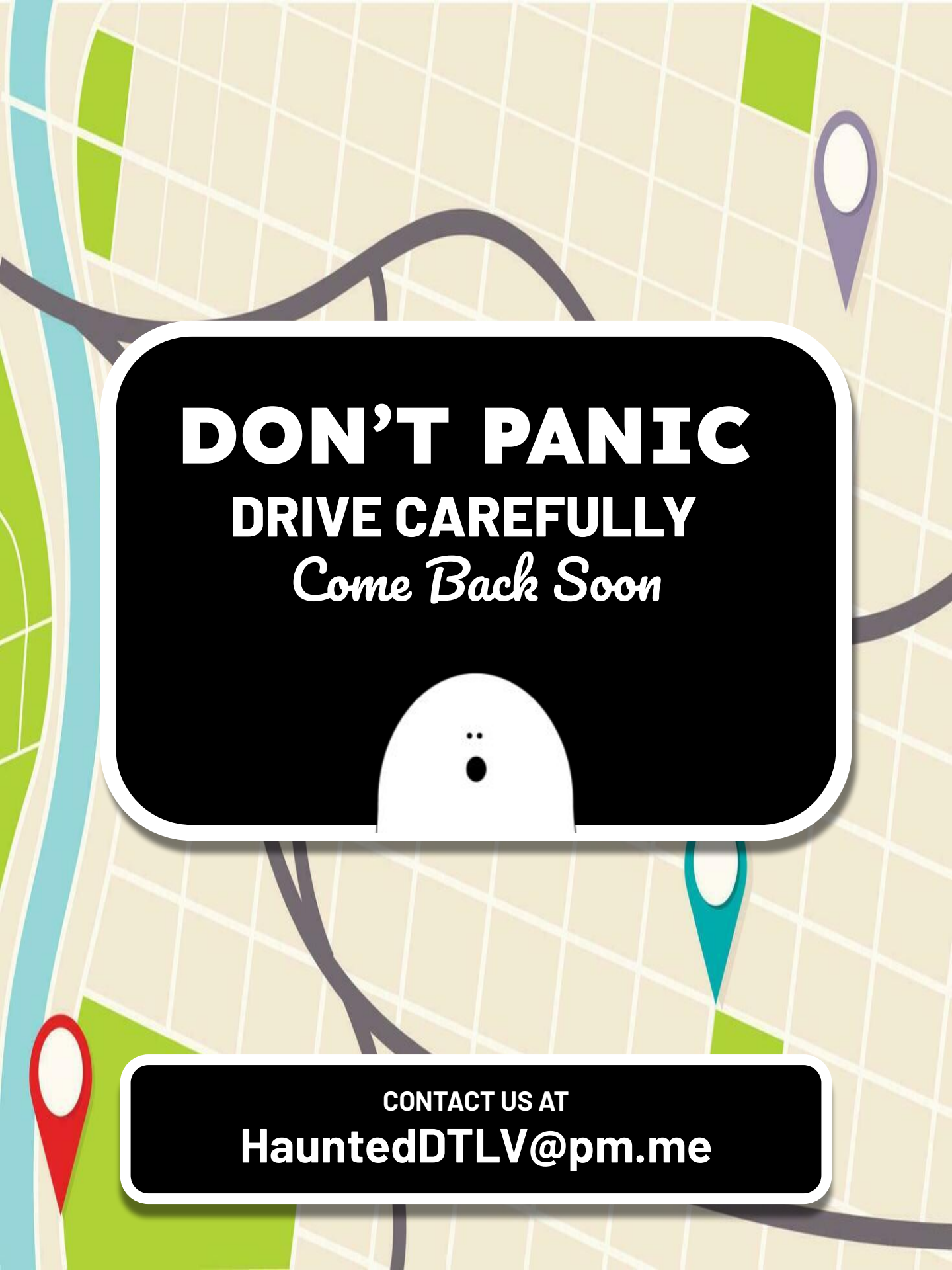
- 1 to 1.5 lb center-cut salmon fillet (skin-on, pin-bones removed). Scottish and Nova Scotia salmon are acceptable, though Hart only used Scandinavian for smoking.
- ½ cup kosher salt
- ⅓ to ½ cup white granulated sugar
- 1 large bunch fresh dill, roughly chopped (about 1 packed cup)
- 1 tbsp crushed white peppercorns
- optional: a splash of brandy or vodka

Coat the salmon in the salt, sugar, and white pepper mixture, then rest it on a bed of the fresh dill and wrap in parchment. Marinate in the refrigerator with a weight on top for 48 to 72 hours, turning every 12 to 24 hours. Unwrap the salmon and rinse off all the seasoning under cold water. Pat the fish completely dry with paper towels. Place the salmon on a wire rack uncovered in the refrigerator for 4 to 8 hours to form a tacky outer layer called a pellicle, which helps the smoke stick.

Preheat your smoker to 175°F to 200°F using a mild fruit or hardwood like apple, alder, or maple. Place the salmon skin-side down on the smoker grate. Smoke until the internal temperature reaches 125°F to 135°F for a juicy, flaky finish (usually 1 to 2 hours depending on thickness). Let it rest for 10 minutes before slicing and serving.

If you're reaching for a Michelin star, follow Hart's advice: *"Few appetizers are more enticing than glistening wafer-thin slices of smoked salmon on a chilled small white plate without lettuce bedding, but with a classic garnish of lemon wedges and chopped parsley. Nearby, place capers, possibly thinly-sliced onions, and a pepper mill filled with black peppercorns. A plate of thinly sliced and buttered pumpernickel is a perfect accompaniment - as is, of course, ice-cold vodka or champagne."*

"For a really gala occasion we twist small slices of smoked salmon into pretty little cornucopias and fill the centers with bits of fresh caviar. Or is this gilding the lily?"



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