

Reading - The most haunted places in Scotland

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Behind Edinburgh, the most gruesome* place in Scotland is Glasgow, which is quite a way behind Edinburgh with just 44 sightings reported. People say that one of the spookiest spots is Scotland Street School. It opened in 1906 and educated the children of families working in shipbuilding on the south side of Glasgow. It is now a museum and it has become a site for paranormal activities.

The third most haunted Scottish city is Aberdeen with 19 sightings, including sightings of a UFO*. Most of the haunted places in Aberdeenshire seem to be castles. Castle Fraser, which looks like a castle straight out of a horror story, is said to be haunted by a princess who was murdered while she slept in the Green Room.

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3. Circle these 3 cities on the map.
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