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HALLOWEEN IN EDINBURGH GOES UNDERGROUND

Visiting the home of Ghost Fest would make anyone nervous, but touring The Real Mary King's Close, a series of underground alleys in Edinburgh, during the Halloween period is likely to prove particularly nerve-shredding.

From October 23rd until 31st, The Real Mary King's Close, Edinburgh is hosting a Supernatural History Tour - a paranormal guided tour of the 400-year old Close.

Running throughout the evenings (6pm-9pm) in the build up to Halloween, with extended late night tours for the Halloween weekend itself, guides will take visitors through the ghostly happenings at the Close since it's public opening in 2003.

Urban myths and legends will be explored. From tales of ghosts and grisly details of plague victims being walled up and left to die abandoned, to the writing of one of the most important books on witchcraft 'Satan's Invisible World' written in 1685. Halloween patrollers will also hear tales of the numerous paranormal sightings in the underground alleys, including the infamous haunting in Annie's room.

The true stories may send a shiver down your spine... or perhaps one of the ghosts just brushed past your back?

Call 0845 070 6244 to book a tour or see www.realmarykingsclose.com to find out more!

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The Supernatural history Tours will cost £12.50 for adults, £11.50 for concessions and £6 for children.

The Real Mary King's Close is open from 10am to 4pm (last tour) Sunday to Friday and until 9pm (last tour) on Saturdays between November and March and from 10am to 9pm (last tour) every day from April to October. Pre-booking is strongly recommended due to demand.

The Real Mary King's Close is an important historic site and quite unique, hidden beneath the Royal Mile. It consists of a number of underground Closes which would have originally been very narrow walkways with houses on either side stretching up to 7 storeys high and dating back several centuries. In 1753 the Burgh authorities decided to develop a grand new building, the Royal Exchange (now the City Chambers). The houses at the top of the Closes were knocked down and part of the lower sections were kept and used as the foundations for the new building, leaving a number of dark and mysterious underground Closes and ancient dwellings steeped in mystery!

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