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“Crescent City is the most Haunted Place I know”

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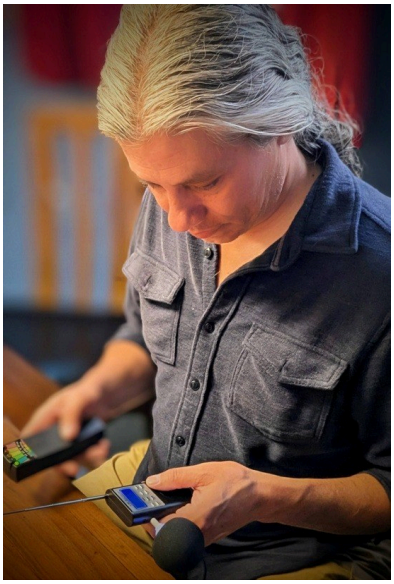

The conversation froze.

The K-2 EMF Meter spiked red lights, signaling a sudden surge of electromagnetic energy in the dead center of the room. We stopped breathing.

“Do you live here?” asked Alex in the sudden chill. He wasn’t just an investigator; as a Crescent City Ghost Tour Guide, he knew exactly who—or what—might be listening.

Silence stretched. The meter remained dark.

“Did you used to work here?”

The device flickered orange lights - an electronic recognition. Garcia pulled his notepad closer. This wasn't going to be a typical interview-

Ghost Tours: History, Empathy, and Science

Garcia's paranormal and local history interests began when he took his first ghost tour in San Francisco in the late 1990s with renowned paranormal investigator Jim Fassbinder.

But it was Crescent City that truly anchored him to the paranormal. The coastal town practically breathed mystery, wrapped in dense fog and steeped in a bloody history of frontier mayhem, gold rush desperation, and rugged logging lore.

Add regular Bigfoot sightings to the mix, and Garcia found a supernatural haven where finding ghosts felt almost too easy

"Crescent City is hands down the most haunted place I've ever lived in, 'said Garcia. "I've lived in places ranging from Alaska to South Dakota, from Montana to Wyoming, and by far, Crescent City reports the most sightings and paranormal activities."

What to Look for

when Ghost Hunting.

Garcia notes there are certain elements that help predict a successful ghost-finding expedition:

• Preserved History: Ghosts thrive in environments that remain largely unchanged and still feel familiar to them.

• Sudden Cold Spots: Stepping into a localized, freezing pocket of air often signals a nearby spectral presence.

• K-2 Meters: These devices track sudden spikes in electromagnetic fields, which are frequently linked to spirits.

• Spirit Boxes (SB7): Also called EVP amplifiers, these capture real-time spectral voices, a phenomenon Garcia and his tour guests have personally witnessed.

Voices and Presence

Once during a ghost tour, Garcia and the participants spoke with a ghost through the spirit box, who claimed to be a dead lumberjack. When asked if he had a wife, the ghost answered, "Yes." Another disembodied voice was asked how many children they had. That spirit replied, "Four." During these responses, all the K2 Meters spiked, indicating they were there.

What to Expect

on the Tour?

Guests might meet a ghost—or not—but every participant will enjoy a frontrow seat to Crescent City's colorful, turbulent, and lawless history.

Led by Garcia, this captivating 90-minute walking tour, which is less than a mile, reveals the chilling stories behind the city's five most haunted spots, all located along historic H Street.

What Next?

Garcia will continue to host ghost tours as a fun way to learn local history, enjoy spooky thrills, and create exciting memories with friends.

There is no better place for these adventures than Crescent City, where participants can deepen their appreciation for California's northernmost redwood forests and coastal landscapes.

To book a tour or learn more, visit the Crescent City Del Norte County Visitors Center: https://visi t d e l n o r t e c o u n t y. c o m / event/crescent-city-california-ghost-tours/, or you can call 1 (949) 690 6448 or email AlexG8254@ gmail.com.