


Haunted¹ Castles in Scotland

 Scotland is a land with a lot of old castles and people say some of them are haunted.

Glamis² Castle is a big fourteenth-century castle in Angus County, northwest Scotland. It is famous because Shakespeare's play *Macbeth* is set there. This castle has a long history of terrible secrets and ghosts.

'The White Lady' is a famous ghost of Glamis Castle. But who is 'The White Lady'? Lady Janet Glamis was a kind and beautiful lady who lived in the castle during the early 1500s. King James V of Scotland did not like her and said she was a witch.³

This was not true, but the king was a cruel man. He sent poor Lady Janet to prison. Then she was burnt.⁴ People say her ghost haunts the clock tower of Glamis Castle. Her ghost is transparent and there



Glamis Castle

1. **Haunted** : if a place is haunted a ghost lives in it.
2. **Glamis** : pronunciation [glamz].
3. **witch** : a woman who has magical powers that she uses to do bad things.
4. **burnt** : killed in a fire.

is a strange red light around her head.

Neidpath Castle is a fourteenth-century stone castle near the town of Peebles in the area of Tweeddale, Scotland. People say it is haunted by the ghost of Jean Douglas. Jean was the youngest daughter of Sir William Douglas, Earl of March. She fell in love with a poor man. Her father sent the young man away and Jean was very sad. She did not want to marry anyone else. She became very thin and ill, and died. Her ghost appears at the castle with a long brown dress.



Neidpath Castle

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LET'S PLAN A TRIP TO A CASTLE IN SCOTLAND

Work with a partner and plan your trip to Scotland. You can stay at an old castle and perhaps see a ghost!

Follow this plan:

- 1 Choose a castle.
- 2 What is the castle like?
- 3 How long do you want to stay?
- 4 How much does your room cost?
- 5 Is breakfast included?
- 6 What activities can you do at the castle?