



HOTEL DEL CORONADO

History



The Hotel Del Coronado (The Del) is situated on the Coronado peninsula, across the bay from San Diego, CA.

When plans for the structure were initially proposed by two Midwestern businessmen, Elisha Babcock and H.L. Story, they promised "the largest hotel in the world. The Hotel Del did live up to that promise and was also the first hotel to use electrical lighting. The impressive wooden Victorian structure has hosted presidents, royalty and celebrities throughout the years. The hotel has been featured in numerous movies and books and is widely reported to be haunted.

The notorious room of Kate Morgan # 3327 is widely reported to have activity (there has been multiple room number changes over the years). The 'supposed' Maids room # 3519 is also notorious for things going 'bump in the night'. Apart from both rooms, there have been numerous other sightings around the old hotel

API Log

For years the Hotel Del Coronado has always been on the 'list of things to do'. The stories intrigue many people and especially the Kate Morgan story having become, over the years, rather romanticised. Not quite convinced of the 'popular' romanticised version of the story itself, we were eager to experience what many others have, as well as spend the weekend in such a grand old hotel.

API spent 2 nights in #3327 and #3519. It was rather comical that when we got in the old cage lift to the rooms, the lovely old gentleman who is the Lift Operator at the hotel, had to enquire, "do you know what room that is?" and also every time we walked out of the rooms, other hotel guests would stare at us as if to say "do you know the stories of that room?". Of course we do, that's why we're here!

Kate's room



Maid's room



Findings

Maid room #3319

No anomalous readings. No EVPs recorded

No footage as such, although reason it could not be determined was due to interference with our electrical equipment, mostly camera turning itself off after 10 minutes (when it was on constant charge). The camera was not faulty.

Kate Morgan room #3257

Some minor EMF fluctuations

Temperature fluctuations seemed to coincide with specific questions being asked.

Some interference with our night vision camera.

Conclusion:

Well we certainly did not experience the height of activity that other people have reported (typical of course). The Hotel Del is just a stunning old place. There was enough little teasers and certainly some personal experiences that wouldn't rule out another visit, but nowhere near the level was experienced that we would have expected.

After spending some time at the grand hotel and hearing the stories as well as having our own personal thoughts, if any of the Kate Morgan story is true, I doubt it will be the romanticised version we so often hear. Why would a con artist take her own life? Did she simply get involved in something that was way above her head? And the possibly a 'Lottie Barnard' after all, but where she fits into the web of 'assumptions', who knows....

