

A Peep into Mysterious Places that Defy Scientific Explanation

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ABSTRACT

We have all heard about 7 wonders of the world, the Taj Mahal being one of them. Ever heard of a place where clouds shower fish while raining, a place where big stone boulders move by themselves, a place where river water has boiling water, a village famous for having more than 200 twins where only 2000 families live and so on... There are many mysterious places which are beyond scientific explanation and their list is endless. Mother Nature has infinite mysteries under its fold and these manifest in mysterious places across the globe. This paper takes a peek at such mysterious places which are beyond scientific explanation.

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Mother Nature has many mysteries in her fold and we are wonderstruck when we face them. The places or events are mysterious in that they defy scientific explanations. My paper, "Parascience-Some Perspectives"¹ recently published did take a peep into some mysterious places apart from discussing the paranormal phenomena that defy scientific laws.

I talked about a place in Kutch, where I came across a patch on the road from Runn of Kutch to Kalo Dungar where when our car driver put the car in neutral gear and switched off the engine, the stationary car started climbing uphill slope in reverse position defying gravity. I discussed the Bermuda Triangle where airplanes and ships often disappeared and their wreckage was never found.

The paper mentioned several places that exist in the world which are famous for scientifically unexplained happenings. Due to the paucity of space, many such places could not be discussed as the paper had already become unduly long.

This paper is devoted only to exploring other mysterious places where weird mysterious phenomena happen which defy scientific laws.

Continuing with the mysterious place in Kutch defying the laws of gravity, I take you to similar places In India and other places of the world:

Places famous for phenomena defying laws of gravity:

The first on the list is the Magnetic Hill of Ladakh

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Leh, Ladakh: The Magnetic Hill

Nestled amidst the breathtaking landscapes of Leh in Ladakh, lies one of the most *mysterious places in India*. Here is a phenomenon that challenges our understanding of gravity. This intriguing natural wonder has fascinated locals and tourists alike with its seemingly magnetic properties. The Magnetic Hill of Leh is a popular tourist destination, and many people come to experience this mind-boggling phenomenon. The mystery of the Magnetic Hill lies in its ability to defy the laws of gravity. Vehicles parked on the hill with the engines turned off, appear to roll uphill, seemingly defying the force of gravity. This phenomenon has left visitors bewildered, wondering about the mysterious forces at play.



(Source: <https://www.sotc.in/blog/indian-holidays/mysterious-places-in-india-to-visit>)

Mohammed Jazib² brings forth more places with the same phenomenon of stationary cars climbing uphill while the engine was shut off and the car put in neutral gear:

Gravity Hill Armenia

Nestled at the base of Armenia's loftiest peak, Gravity Hill stands as a testament to the peculiarities of our world. Here, gravity's conventional rules cease to apply. Not only does the river flow uphill, but vehicles placed in neutral mysteriously inch upward, leaving onlookers astounded.



Location: Mount Aragats, Armenia

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This baffling phenomenon extends to rolling objects and even pedestrians, who find uphill strides surprisingly effortless. It's no wonder that this unique locale has become one of Armenia's most sought-after tourist destinations.

Another destination with the same phenomenon is in Brazil

Rua Do Amendoim



Location: Peanut Street, Brazil

In the streets of Brazil, there lies a thoroughfare that temporarily suspends the laws of physics, causing perplexity among those who traverse it. This steep incline of Rua Do Amendoim is renowned for propelling stationary cars uphill with remarkable vigour, forcing owners to swiftly engage their brakes. Various theories abound, from notions of an invisible force to substantial underground iron ore deposits.

Mohammad describes a mysterious waterfall as follows:

Naneghat Reverse Waterfall



Location: Maharashtra, India Altitude: 750 m (2,461 ft)

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Amidst the enchanting tapestry of nature's marvels lies the bewitching phenomenon of Naneghat Reverse Waterfall, India. In stark contrast to conventional waterfalls worldwide, here, water defies gravity by cascading upwards, a spectacle that unfolds between two majestic mountains. Tucked away in the serene hamlet of Naneghat, nestled within the Western Ghats of Maharashtra, this extraordinary natural wonder never ceases to confound visitors. We assume that gravitational force is the same throughout the world but there is this place that defies this law:

Hudson Bay Canada

Darren Orf³ posits that Earth is far from the perfect “blue marble” we like to picture. In reality, our planet is filled with deep trenches, towering mountains, and centrifugal bulges that make its mass uneven across the globe — and that unequal distribution can really mess with gravity. One famous example is the Hudson Bay region in northeastern Canada, where gravity reaches some of its weakest levels in the entire world. These levels aren't extraordinarily low — residents weigh only one-tenth of an ounce less than they would elsewhere — but it's enough for scientists to take notice and wonder why this particular area experiences gravity differently.

For more than 40 years, scientists have tried to figure out what's causing large parts of Canada, particularly the Hudson Bay region, to be "missing" gravity.



Gravity in the Hudson Bay area and surrounding regions, including Quebec, is lower than it is in other parts of the world.

In other words, gravity in the Hudson Bay area and surrounding regions is lower than it is in other parts of the world, a phenomenon first identified in the 1960s when the Earth's global gravity fields were being charted.

Another mysterious place in line is where it is strange to observe a large stone boulder hanging precariously and not rolling down defying the gravitational law:

Kyaiktiyo Pagoda

Myanmar's Kyaiktiyo Pagoda, with its weird deflection of gravity, is a thing that will leave people speechless. One of the most famous places in the world, it is topped by a precariously balanced rock that stays miraculously in its position for more than a thousand years. It hangs in a precarious balance, baffling visitors and scientists alike, in complete defiance of the laws of physics.

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A strand of hair from Buddha's head supports that rock according to the local legend. That has turned the place into one of the most important places of worship, and people from all over the world come to either pay a visit as a pilgrim or as a tourist. The pagoda on the top adds to the spiritual and mystique appeal of the place.

Besides being a wonder of natural balance, the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda or the Golden Rock is the embodiment of the enduring power of faith and legend. It remains one of those places that continues to enchant all visitors with its unique blend of natural wonder and spiritual significance. Whether viewed as a geological oddity or as a place of pilgrimage, Kyaiktiyo Pagoda remains a place of interest that simply boggles the imagination with notions of gravity and inspires wonder and piety in about equal measure.

(Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/etimes/trending/5-impossible-places-on-the-earth-that-defy-scientific-norms/articleshow/113443192.cms>)

Lastly, I take you to a place where you can lean without falling:

Mystery Spot, California, United States



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Mystery Spot, Santa Cruz, California

The Mystery spot in Santa Cruz is the perfect spot to enjoy a gravity-defying experience. Visitors come to this tilted wooden house by the thousands every year to do things they would not normally do in many parts of the earth. The site was discovered in the 1930s, and here balls roll uphill, and people lean forward, backwards, or sideways without falling.

Location: 465 Mystery Spot Rd, Santa Cruz, CA 95065

(Source: <https://www.thetravel.com/places-on-earth-with-no-gravity/>)

Having explored places that defy gravity, let us now move to spine-chilling mysterious places that are haunted.

Several places in each country are supposedly inhabited by ghosts and spirits and their presence is felt by weird happenings there. Some of the places are said to emit strong negative energy which can be felt from the time you reach the place.

Mysterious Haunted Places

One such place in India is Kuldahara village in India:

Kuldhara-Jaisalmer

Kuldhara is a name most people fear and why not? The place is shrouded in mystery and haunted tales. Set in the expanses of the Thar Desert near Jaisalmer in Rajasthan, the village of Kuldhara was abandoned centuries ago. Now a ghost town, the place carries with it an eerie reputation, woven into local folklore and unsaid tales. Kuldhara, set in the 13th century, was once a prosperous village inhabited by the Paliwal Brahmins. Legend has it that Salim Singh, the then diwan of Jaisalmer, wanted to marry the daughter of the village chief. He demanded her hand in marriage but the girl didn't want to. Afraid of what might happen if they refused a powerful noble, the villagers sought refuge in flight rather than submission. But before leaving the village, they put a curse on it.

Locals believe that those who deserted Kuldhara also invoked a curse on anyone who tried to settle in the abandoned village. This curse, it is said, continues to linger, warding off any attempts at revival. The ruins of Kuldhara are stark and haunting, with dilapidated structures whispering tales of a bygone era. Visitors claim to have heard disembodied voices and footsteps echoing in the empty streets and witnessed inexplicable shadows that seem to dance in the moonlight. The air is thick with otherworldly energy as if the spirits of the past are still wandering the streets they once called home.

Kuldhara has become a magnet for paranormal enthusiasts and thrill-seekers, drawn by the allure of the unknown. Numerous reports of strange occurrences have been documented, including sightings of apparitions, flickering lights, and unexplained sounds. Some visitors have even reported feeling an inexplicable heaviness in the air as if the very essence of the village is reluctant to let outsiders in.

My friend, Dr Ashwin Pillai, A Parapsychologist and Paranormal investigator visited the place and shared his experience:

“Having the chance to visit Kuldhara myself, I sought to unravel its mysteries. The widely known tale of Salem Singh, the Sarpanch, and his daughter has been told repeatedly, but I approached the village with an open mind, ready to receive any valuable insights for my research.

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Walking through the ruins, I saw fallen towers and rooms, mere fragments of what was once a thriving settlement. I planned to perform a psychometric reading, a type of psychic reading that uses the sensitive nerve endings on one's body to touch and receive the memories stored in objects like stones, trees, and iron artefacts.

While some people reported seeing apparitions of men, women, and children, all I could hear/feel/sense were cries for help: "*Hume niche se bachao*" i.e., "Release us from below"



Ruins at Kuldhara, outside the residential ruins.

This immediately pulled me out of my emotional state. Looking around, I realized that this place did not seem abandoned in the traditional sense. Instead, it reminded me of earthquake ruins I had recently investigated in Kutch.

A quick search on Wikipedia led me to a geological survey conducted by Prof. A.B. Roy and Harsh Bhu. It revealed that Kuldhara had experienced a series of earthquakes due to the seismic activity of unstable plates. These natural disasters, combined with harsh famine and drought conditions for 200 years, led to the gradual abandonment of the village by the Paliwal Brahmins. Tragically, the day of Raksha Bandhan is remembered as a Black Day by the Paliwal Brahmins, marking the time when calamity struck and their loved ones were lost under the ruins."

Next is the place which I personally visited and experienced an eerie feeling :
Dumas Beach, Gujarat: Whispers of The Dead



Nestled along the shimmering Arabian Sea in Gujarat, Dumas Beach holds a haunting secret. Known for its pristine shores and picturesque sunsets, Dumas Beach carries an air of mystery and intrigue that makes it top the list of mysterious places in India.

Mystery: The mystery of Dumas Beach lies in the unexplained phenomena reported by those who have ventured there. Visitors claim to hear inexplicable whispers, disembodied voices, and unsettling sounds during their walks along the shoreline, especially during the twilight hours. Some have even reported encountering apparitions or feeling an unseen presence lingering nearby. These experiences have given rise to chilling tales and legends of the paranormal associated with Dumas Beach.

Theory: The eerie occurrences at Dumas Beach have given rise to various theories attempting to explain the whispers of the dead. One prevailing theory relates to the historical background of the area. Dumas Beach was a cremation ground for centuries, where the bodies of the deceased were traditionally cremated and their ashes scattered into the sea. People believe that the spirits of those departed souls may still linger around.

(Source: <https://www.sotc.in/blog/indian-holidays/mysterious-places-in-india-to-visit>)

You will be amazed to hear of a place which carries unlimited storage of human skeletons:
Roopkund, Uttarakhand – The Skeleton Lake

Every year as the ice melts in Roopkund, a glacial lake located at an elevation of 16,500 feet, hundreds of human skeletons are seen floating. Rediscovered in the year 1942 by a forest ranger, the skeletons in the **Roopkund Lake** have since then been shrouded in mystery. With the help of forensics and radiocarbon tests, researchers believe that the corpses are around 1,200 years old.

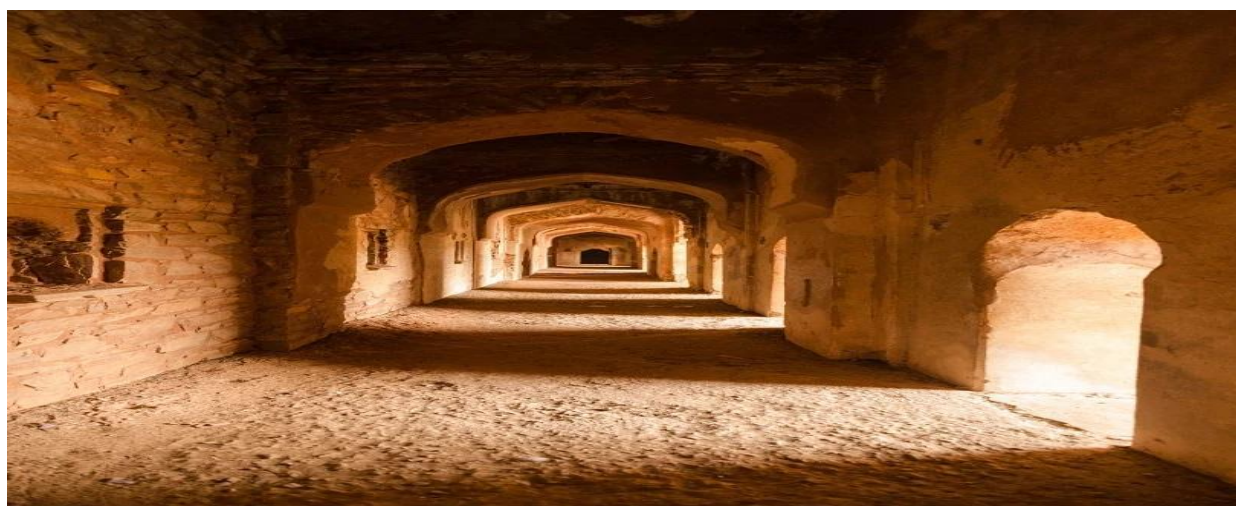


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Nobody knows for sure who these people were, and what they were doing in such an inhospitable region of the Himalayas. According to popular folklore, the skeletal remains are of King Jasdhawal of Kanauj, his pregnant wife and hundreds of servants, who were headed to Nanda Devi shrine on a pilgrimage. However, before they could reach their destination, they were caught in a terrible hailstorm, with hailstones the size of cricket balls. Unable to find any place to hide, the entire group perished near the lake.

Bhangarh Fort, Rajasthan – Most Haunted Place

Built in the 17th century, Bhangarh Fort was a hub of activity in Rajasthan. According to legend, it was so beautiful that the Pink City of Jaipur was modelled after its design. However, the fort's good days ended soon and now the Bhangarh Fort is recognized as one of the most haunted places in India. So much so, that even the Archaeological Survey of India's notice board near the fort, forbids tourist entry between sunset and sunrise.



Some call it a curse, others believe that the place is home to the evil soul of a magician who was in love with the princess of Bhangarh. Although there is no evidence to prove any of the rumours, tourists report a sense of uneasiness on entering the premises.

(source: <https://www.makemytrip.com/tripideas/blog/mysterious-places-in-india>)

According to local legends, the fort was cursed by a wizard named Singhia. He fell in love with Ratnavati, the beautiful princess of Bhangarh. To win her love, he used a magical potion, but Ratnavati saw through his plan and caused the potion to backfire, leading to his death. Before dying, he cursed the fort and its inhabitants, stating that it would be inhabited and doomed to destruction.

After a series of battles, the fort was abandoned in the 18th century and is now in ruins. The eerie atmosphere and dilapidated structures contribute to its ghostly reputation. Many visitors and locals have reported strange occurrences, such as unexplained noises, shadows, and feelings of being watched. Some claim to have experienced sudden drops in temperatures and other sensations.

My friend Dr Ashwin Pillai investigated this haunted place and on exploring it as an accomplished Parapsychological Researcher and Paranormal investigator, he arrived at a different explanation:

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"I kept my instincts on as a paranormal investigator, when I visited Bhangarh. It is 2km deep inside from the main highway leading to this mysterious fort. Bhangarh fort is not just a fort, it is a big village housing many houses, shops, temples etc. The feel there is of a habituated small normal village. Ahead on a slope, there is the actual fort. When I reached the fort, as usual for tourist places, I saw engravings on the walls of the fort made by tourists- "Raj loves Anita" Pratik loves Reena" The place did not reflect anything unusual. There in a corner of the fort was a Baba giving some discourse to his disciples. At some dark corners, there were lovers cuddling. This was happening before 2 pm. Such normal happenings were observed by me during my stroll inside the fort.

*Finally, I reached the spot which is reportedly haunted. All I could feel there was **stagnancy**. The feeling was like we get on opening a room which had been shut off for many years. I explored all around but apart from density and stagnancy, I could not sense anything else. On the way further, there was a strong stench of a rotten rat coming from stagnant water.*

Further down I found some teenagers dancing on loud music being played on the music system. The place was so much disturbed by visiting public that it was impossible to sense any haunting.

Walking further into the village, I reached a small depilated structure which must have been a temple a long time back. The temple had a ground floor and a first floor. On the ground floor, I found good vibes, there was no stagnancy. The feeling was of positive energy as you have when you are inside a temple.

But when I came to the first floor, I suddenly felt bad. I felt so repulsive and demonic feeling. The feeling was so nauseating as if I am going to step on shit. There was no ghostly place inside the Bhangarh fort. But on this first floor of temple, I could feel some dark energy. From the first floor I could see the fort and also the houses of the village. I felt that this was the place which could have a haunting mystery.

I had learnt from a psychic lady Tanirika that if you wish to learn about a mystery of a place, you should sit calmly with eyes closed in a meditative position and question yourself as to what had happened here and invite answers. You will start getting thoughts and suddenly amongst the thoughts you will get a psychic reading about the place which would be totally different from thoughts. You will find it evident that this is not an idea but Psychic Reading. I sat there in meditation and invited readings to come to my mind. Deep into meditation, a realization came to me that the fort was not cursed but the land itself was cursed. The curse did not happen after the fort was built and hence all prevailing stories about the curse happening in the fort are not correct. The reading which came to me suggested that the land is cursed and even if the fort was bought down and another building made there, it would not survive because it is made on the cursed land.

This was one aspect of mystery on which I got a different explanation. There is another prevailing mystery which says that since the place is haunted, anyone staying in the fort after sunset would not come back alive.

When I came out of the temple, I moved forward and met some security personnel and innocently I asked them "Sir, why the public is not allowed to enter the area after sunset. What they replied gave me an explanation of this second mystery. They said, "You must have seen

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that at the back of the fort, there is a dense forest and wild animals live there. There are wild monkeys of huge size living there and they are a threat to visiting public."

I got my answer to the second mystery as the people who want to overstay are those who because of their curiosity to understand the ghost actions must be exploring the fort and while exploring they must be straying into the forest to explore the satanic curse and since they offended privacy of the wild animals, they must be tearing them apart. This seems logical because Archaeological staff sometimes stayed in the fort at night and since they did not venture out they were not killed. (source Podcast by The Awaara Musaaqir Show--https://youtu.be/ZgPwkSOB_DU?si=ajSlBIkCzrZPBT5w)

So, this is another way of looking at the mystery of Bhangarh fort.

Moving on to another haunting place there is a haunted place at Shimla

Poltergeist activities are observed in a mansion at Shimla:

Charleville Mansion In Shimla



The century-old deserted Charleville Mansion, originally built during the British Era, gained notoriety due to its association with a mysterious poltergeist. In 1913, the mansion was rented by a British officer named Victor Bayley and his wife. Unbeknownst to them, a supernatural entity resided within its walls. Upon hearing local tales of the poltergeist, Officer Bayley decided to investigate the authenticity of these claims. He chose to lock the room where most of the reported paranormal activities had occurred. However, when he finally opened the room, he was astonished to find it in a state of complete destruction.

Following this incident, the Bayleys and subsequent residents of the mansion reported numerous similar stories of unexplained phenomena. The Charleville Mansion gradually gained a reputation as one of the most haunted places in Shimla, drawing the interest of paranormal enthusiasts and thrill-seekers.

Kundanbagh Witches' Lair In Hyderabad



According to popular folklore, there is a chilling tale associated with a two-storey house located in Kundanbagh.

Legend has it that a daring thief once broke into this house, only to stumble upon a haunting scene. To his horror, he discovered the lifeless bodies of the three owners within the premises. Overwhelmed by fear and the macabre sight before him, the thief hastily made his way to the nearest police station to report the disturbing incident. The authorities took immediate action and called in forensic experts to investigate the crime scene. The subsequent forensic reports revealed a shocking revelation—the date of death of the owners was estimated to be approximately three months before the break-in.

However, the plot thickened as the investigation progressed. The neighbours residing close to the house claimed to have witnessed sightings of the mother and her two daughters even up until the day before the bodies were discovered. Astonishingly, they recounted seeing lights emanating from the house at the stroke of midnight, suggesting the presence of some mysterious activity within.

This eerie series of events has left an indelible mark on the house, earning it a notorious reputation as one of the most haunted places in Hyderabad. Its dark history and the unresolved mysteries surrounding the deaths of the owners have fueled countless ghost stories and urban legends, captivating the imagination of locals and visitors alike.

To this day, the house stands as a chilling reminder of the unexplained, drawing the curious and the thrill-seekers who are eager to delve into the paranormal realm and experience the spine-tingling atmosphere for themselves.

(Source: <https://vagatrip.com/blogs/20-spine-chilling-haunted-houses-in-India-that-will-send-shivers-down-your-spine-in-2023>)

Since Indian Philosophy believes in spirits and reincarnation, we often come across haunted places where the presence of ghosts/spirits is evidenced. Almost each state of India abounds with haunted places and I have just picked a few.

But it is not confined only to India, even outside India, people are baffled by poltergeist activities. Several haunted places are reported from different parts of the world and we are perplexed whether we continue to live after death.

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I present below a few haunted places outside India

(source: <https://traveltriangle.com/blog/most-haunted-places-in-the-world/>):

Mysterious Haunted Places Outside India

Monte Cristo Homestead, Australia

Monte Cristo Homestead is a haunted mansion in the New South Wales state of Australia.



The mansion is popular as one of the haunted places in the world because of the haunted stories related to Mrs Crawley. The erstwhile owner never came out of the house for 23 years after her husband died. And when she died, it is believed, her body-less phantom had been haunting her room. People have claimed to have witnessed her body-less ghost in the window, strange voices, flickering lights, and the floating ghost in the corridor. Reports of accidents and murders in the mansion have also been there in the past.

Highgate Cemetery, England

Established in 1839, the Highgate Cemetery in North London is one of the most haunted places in the world. The final resting place of over 1,70,000 people has been the site of many supernatural reports.



But it is the tale of the 7-foot tall phantom of the Highgate Vampire with hypnotic red eyes and a long black coat. The vampire is believed to cause sudden drop in temperature, time

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freeze, and more. The story of the vampire gained significant popularity when a badly charred body of a woman was found decapitated.

Mark King's Close, Scotland



The Mark King's Close was a series of underground streets and tunnels in Edinburgh that led to several homes and business houses in the 16th and 17th centuries. When a plague broke out in 1645, the area was abandoned. Currently a part of the city tours, the Close has been in the news for sightings of ghosts of an elderly lady, a woman in black, and young Annie. These paranormal sightings have made the Mark King's Close one of the top haunted places in the world.

Akershus Castle, Norway

Many claim the erstwhile strategic fortress and prison built in the 1290s to be the most haunted place in the world.



The castle that was also a site for Nazi executions is said to be haunted by a robed woman and a Malcanisen dog. It is said that whoever sees the spirit of the Malcanisen is doomed to die soon.

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Paris Catacombs, France

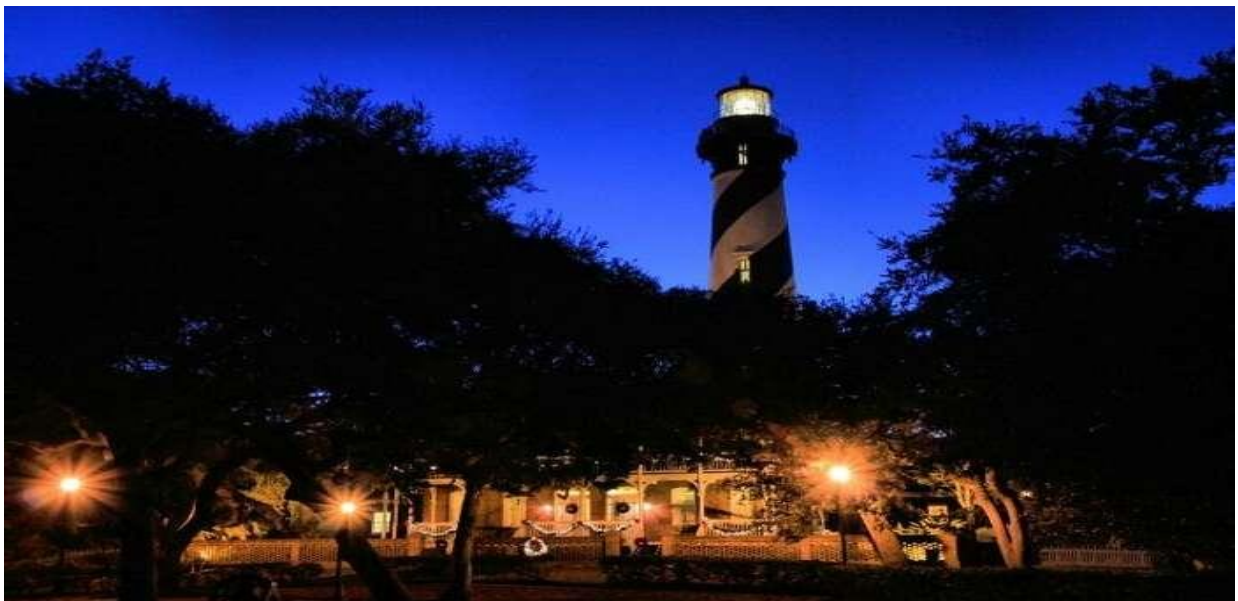
The very appearance of these spider-webbing tunnels beneath the French capital can scare the hell out of you. Though the catacombs were not meant to house human remains, many remains were laid in artistic arrangements in the tunnels due to the overcrowded cemeteries in the 18th century.



In addition to reports of people witnessing apparitions in these catacombs, people have been reported ‘disappeared’ altogether within these tunnels.

St Augustine Lighthouse, USA

Built in the 19th century, the lighthouse located in Florida is still functioning.



However, thanks to repeated paranormal sightings, it has been rated as one of the world’s most haunted places. Several ghosts have been reported by visitors. These include the ghost of a

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former lighthouse keeper smoking a cigar, the spirit of a woman in a blue velvet dress crying for help, and the ghosts of two girls wandering through the lighthouse.

Screaming Tunnel, Canada

The tunnel at Ontario is located beneath the railway track from Toronto to New York via Niagara Falls.



The legend talks of the death of a young girl about 100 years ago when her farmhouse, located at the south entrance of the tunnel, caught fire. The girl, burning in the fire, ran towards in search of help but died inside the tunnel. Ever since, if anyone lights a fire inside the tunnel, the screams of the girl are heard and the fire dies out.

Poveglia Island, Italy

One of the top haunted places in the world, Poveglia has a very dark history that will send shivers down your spine.



When the city was suffering with plague, there was no cure for the people and they were left to die. Several corpses were buried in graves without treating them. Their ghosts now haunt the island and the island is not visited by anyone. The shores remain quiet and dull.

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Gonjiam Psychiatric Hospital, South Korea

A psychiatry hospital gone haunted, sounds like a common story right? Well, the story of Gonjiam Psychiatric Hospital goes like, the students who were studying or learning psychiatry started committing suicide without any reason. It is also said that there was a doctor who used to ill-treat his psychic patients. The hospital is a haunted building now and is closed by bars and posters telling to stay away.



Mother Nature holds innumerable places that defy logical scientific explanation and we have explored the ones that defy the laws of gravity and the ones depicting unexplainable acts of ghosts/spirits; we shall be concluding the paper with wonders that were created by Mother Nature herself and are unexplainable by the laws of nature:

Self-Created Wonders of Nature

There are places which are wonders of nature. These are not man-made wonders but nature created these wonders. Wikipedia⁵ describes one such wonder.

The Crooked Forest

The **Crooked Forest** is a grove of oddly shaped Scots pine trees located in the village of Nowe Czarnowo near the town of Gryfino, West Pomerania, in north-western Poland. It is a protected natural monument of Poland.



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This grove of 400 pines was planted in around 1930. Each pine tree bends sharply to the north, just above ground level, then curves back upright after a sideways excursion of one to three meters (3–9 feet). The curved pines are enclosed by a surrounding forest of straight pine trees.

It is generally believed that some form of human tool or technique was used to make the trees grow or bend this way, but the method has never been determined, and remains a mystery to this day. It has been speculated that the trees may have been deformed to create naturally curved timber for use in furniture or boat building. Others surmise that a snowstorm could have bent the trunks, but there is little evidence of that.

The site is open to the public and is a tourist attraction in the region.

It is a wonder that all the trees are crooked in a similar way and it is a wonder thrown up by who else-the Mother Nature!!

One more natural wonder where fish pours in rain:

Yoro, Honduras—Place famous for rains of fish

Throughout history, there have been occasional bizarre reports of animals "raining" from the sky. Though many different kinds of animals featured in these tales, fish tend to be the most common. In most cases, these bizarre "fish rains" are one-off phenomena that happen to strike a single location once and only once. But in the town of Yoro, Honduras, this rain of fish is something of an annual occurrence.

The town's famous "Lluvia de peces," or "rain of fish," has been reported almost every year going back over a century. Documentation of this phenomenon is somewhat sparse, but locals have consistently reported large quantities of fish raining from the sky at least four times a year. Though the fish rain can be a bit unpredictable, it reportedly occurs most often during the region's rainy season in the early fall.



Fish Rain. The Most Unbelievable Types of Rain on the Planet

Explanations for this strange phenomenon vary. Scientists have suggested that the fish may have been sucked up into the clouds by a waterspout over the ocean and then dumped over town in a subsequent rainstorm.

Local tradition holds that the fish rain is a miracle stemming from Father Jose Manuel de Jesus Subirana, a 19th-century priest who serves as something of a folk hero in Honduras. Regardless of what explanation one prefers, the Yoro "fish rain" is a big enough event that it

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now features in the town's annual Festival de Lluvia de Peces, which occurs around the start of the rainy season each year.

Another wonder of nature is a place which has a humming sound throughout the town:

Taos, New Mexico famous for Taos Hum

One of the world's most widely reported unexplained phenomena is not a visual phenomenon at all. Rather, it is a loud, persistent, unexplained "humming" noise that seems to emanate from everywhere all at once.



Taos Hum, New Mexico: Unsolved mystery

For years, people around the world have reported hearing a low-frequency humming or droning noise that comes out of nowhere and lasts for an indeterminate period. While this strange "humming" phenomenon has been reported from locations across the world, a few specific areas have experienced it far more than others.

One such area where this mysterious humming is reportedly most prevalent is the town of Taos, New Mexico. Since at least the early 1990s, and possibly much earlier, residents of Taos have reported hearing a low, persistent humming noise that seemed to be coming from everywhere around them.

Even more strangely, this "Taos Hum" seemed to be audible to only a limited number of the town's population. In many cases, several residents would report hearing the hum, while people standing right next to them would report hearing nothing at all.

Scientists have offered many different explanations for the Taos Hum, ranging from underground gas lines to atmospheric noises to sounds made by certain types of animals. Of course, less scientific explanations have been offered as well, including accounts of alien spacecraft, government mind control devices, or supernatural events related to the ancient Taos Pueblos nearby.

Humming aside, Taos is a popular spot for tourism and artists alike and is among the best small art towns in the United States, with tons of galleries. So, even if you *don't* hear the town's famous hum during your visit, you'll still have more than enough things to do with your time when exploring one of the most beautiful towns in New Mexico.

Nature creates wonders and we are perplexed how these got created:

Naga Fireballs South East Asia

Unexplained atmospheric lights, fireballs, or glowing orbs are among the most enduring of the world's mysterious phenomena. In many cases, witnesses will report strange, floating balls of light, often several in a flow, appearing out of nowhere and floating through the air.



Naga Fireballs

While explanations still elude scientists, these strange "ghost lights" generally appear over bodies of water, most commonly bogs, swamps, and rivers.

Though unexplained lights like these have been reported across the world (such as the mysterious Marfa lights in Texas), the most commonly sighted (and celebrated) of these lights are the so-called "Naga Fireballs" of the Mekong River.

The Mekong is a long, roughly 3,000-mile river through Southeast Asia, stretching from China to Vietnam. Unexplained lights have been reported in many countries the river passes through, but the famed Naga Fireballs are mainly associated with Thailand and Laos, particularly in Northeastern Thailand's Phon Phisai District.

Unlike other mysterious ghost lights, the Naga Fireballs seem to occur with some frequency. In most cases, hundreds, or even thousands, of glowing red orbs rise from the river and ascend towards the sky before disappearing.

Local tradition holds that these lights are caused by a giant serpent that lives in the Mekong River. The scientific community, on the other hand, has offered several more grounded explanations for the fireballs.

The most commonly cited explanation is that these fireballs are the result of the river's natural phosphine gas emissions igniting in the atmosphere. Other explanations suggest that the lights may be natural plasma orbs formed by electrical currents discharging into the water. Others suggest that the orbs have a more man-made origin, such as military flares or tracer rounds from nearby firing ranges.

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But while scientists still debate the cause of these fireballs, tourists can head out to the Mekong River to witness them in person. Around late October, during the Buddhist holiday of Wan Ok Phansa, nearby towns in Thailand host the thrilling Naga Fireball Festival to celebrate this one-of-a-kind occurrence.

(source <https://www.thetravel.com/worlds-most-unusual-places-with-mysteries-still-unexplained/>)

Hristina Byrnes⁵ brings some weird creations of nature, the first is a pink lake:

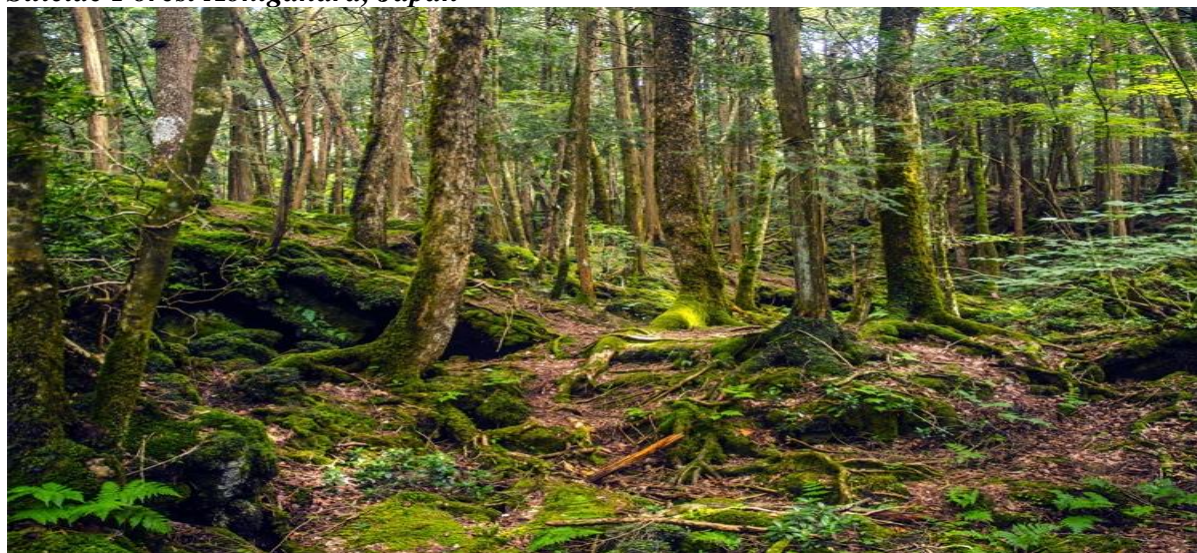
Lake Hillier (Australia)



With its bubblegum-pink waters, Australia's Lake Hillier might have the most unique and pretty waters in the world. It sits right next to the Indian Ocean, which makes its natural color really pop in comparison. It has plenty of fish living in its waters and is even safe for swimming, although tourists aren't allowed in the water. The reason for Lake Hillier's color remains a mystery, but it's most likely caused by algae, bacteria, or chemical reactions.

There is a queer forest where people get tempted and forced to commit suicide. Anand Raj⁶ describes such a place:

Suicide Forest Aokigahara, Japan



This forest of Aokigahara, located in the foothills of Mount Fuji in Japan, is famous in the world as 'Suicide Forest'. Every year hundreds of people go here for suicide.

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This forest is originally known by the local Japanese as 'Zukari'. The number of suicides here can be estimated from the data collected by the local police through the annual campaign.

But how many corpses are recovered annually from here is never disclosed. Why people come and commit suicide here is still a mystery.

According to an ancient legend, once in Japan, when some people were unable to maintain themselves, they were left in the forest of Aokigahara, where they all died of starvation.

It is believed that the ghosts of those dead people hunt for a new soul daily. It is also said that the souls of those who have committed suicide here also reside here.

Japanese astrologers believe that behind the suicides in the forests is the power of the strange forces living on the trees, which carry out such incidents. Many people, who enter this forest once, do not let these powers come out of them and they commit suicide.

We can go on exploring weird places where the laws of nature do not hold because Mother Nature has an infinite reservoir of such destinations. We shall conclude the paper after discussing three more weird places that may astonish you.

Ever heard of a river with boiling water?

The Boiling River in the Amazon Rainforest

Moving on to another scientifically impossible place, we have the Boiling River in the Amazon rainforest.

This river, known as the Shanay-Timpishka, reaches temperatures of up to 200 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to boil a human alive.



Despite its extreme heat, the river is home to a diverse ecosystem of plants and animals that have adapted to the harsh conditions. Scientists have been puzzled by the river's high temperatures, as they are unable to explain how it remains boiling hot in the midst of a tropical rainforest. Some believe that it may be due to geothermal activity underground, while others think it may be the result of a natural phenomenon that has yet to be discovered.

Another fascinating place described by Satish Lokhande is a waterfall with bloodfall.

The Blood fall in Antarctica

Next, we have the Blood Falls in Antarctica, a waterfall that appears to flow with blood-red water.



This eerie sight is caused by iron-rich brine that seeps out from beneath the Taylor Glacier, giving the water its distinct red colour. Despite its gruesome appearance, the water is completely harmless and supports a unique ecosystem of microbes that thrive in extreme conditions. Scientists have been fascinated by Blood Falls for decades, as it provides valuable insights into how life can survive in some of the harshest environments on Earth.

We conclude our peep into mysterious places after exploring one more mysterious site narrated by Oboah Okyere⁷:

Endless Thunderstorms:

In the west of Venezuela, a thunderstorm is raging over the Catatumbo River, which seldom stops. The thunderstorm starts every day at 7 p.m. and lasts for 10 hours.

This phenomenon is repeated annually for 260 days. No one knows the actual cause of this natural phenomenon.

According to the basic theory, these lightning bolts are somehow connected with uranium in the nearby swamps, but scientists are not sure about this.



According to scientists, lightning in Catatumbo occurs as a result of certain types of mountains over which streams of warm air, winds, and cold air from the Andes mountains collide.

Then the winds combine with a rapidly evaporated mountain river and methane from all fields nearby, resulting in thunderstorms.

Nevertheless, this is not the final version, since the lightning of Catatumbo is much more mysterious than it seems at first glance.

For example, one day in 2010, a thunderstorm inexplicably stopped earlier than usual, and then it would seem there would be no more thunderstorms, but after six weeks, a flash of lightning began to sparkle again in the sky of Catatumbo.

Since then, this phenomenon has been repeating itself.

We have explored a vast number of mysterious places which are not explainable scientifically even though the phenomena are all real and observed by innumerable people. These are a just few of the phenomena and we could go on and on....

Science has made progress by leaps and bounds but still, there remains much to be explained and most of this was covered in my paper on Parascience. Even this paper which was limited to exploring only mysterious places on Earth is not exhaustive as it covers a minuscule portion of places that are mysterious and unexplainable by science.

Science cannot solve the ultimate mystery of nature. The deeper we probe and solve a mystery, another props up... the process is endless.

The reservoir of mysteries of nature goes on refilling because as Henry David Thoreau put it ***“We need the tonic of wildness...At the same time that we are earnest to explore and learn all things, we require that all things be mysterious and unexplorable, that land and sea be indefinitely wild, unsurveyed and unfathomed by us because unfathomable. We can never have enough of nature.”***

Mysteries of Nature are here to stay forever!!!...

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