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Cemetery tours bring history to life on Halloween

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Everyone likes a good ghost story, and on the Austin Cemetery Tours you get more than one.

The 50-minute Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure tours are most popular right now before Halloween. The tours are put on by [Save Our Cemeteries](#), and run through Oakwood Cemetery, one of Austin's oldest spots.

As you walk past tombstones, tales of mysterious deaths from the 1800s may send a chill down your spine. Tour guides say it's a great spooky date for adults and history buffs.

"There's a lot of stories written on tombstones about how people died, murdered or things like that. So it's like a big jigsaw puzzles, and if you like puzzles this is a great place to come," Save Our Cemetery treasurer Dale Flatt said.

The tours also give a glance into the history of Austin, profiling 10 people who died in the 1800s in strange ways.

"This is a living history record of Austin, and it's the only part of the city that hasn't changed since the 1800s." Flatt said.

The tours are free. Any donations will go toward a new chapel on-site at the cemetery.

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