

Excerpt from sample chapter: Third Mother Town: **HARTFORD**

What would a Hartford day trip be without touring downtown's **Connecticut State Capitol**? One of Hartford's most distinguished sites—"Moorish" is how one tour guide describes it—a building infused with Gothic, Classical and Second Empire styles, crowned with an unmistakable gold dome, was completed (conjuring up mixed reviews) in 1878 and is listed as a National Historic Landmark. The nice thing about joining a capitol tour (weekday tours include the adjacent **Legislative Office Building**) is hearing lore about the resident ghost of William Buckingham (Connecticut Governor 1858-1866; look for his sculptured statue), who some believe still roams the halls!