

1 Reading

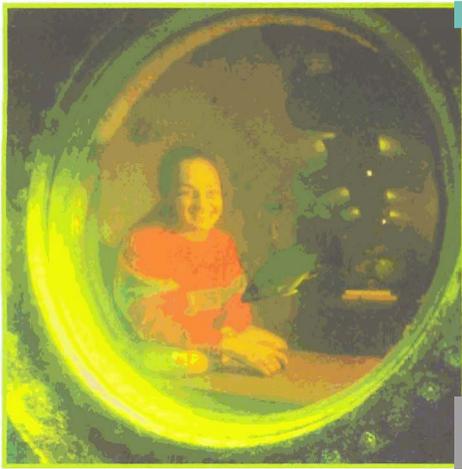
A Brainstorm! Do you ever stay in hotels? What's fun about staying in a hotel? Make a class list.

You don't have to cook or make your bed. You can sit by pool to relax.

B Look at the article quickly. Where are these unusual hotels? Then read the article. Which hotel would you like to stay in? Why? Tell a partner.

Somewhere different...

Three of our fearless travel reporters checked out some very unusual hotels.



Dive into the lobby...

Most divers go underwater to see fish and coral reefs. But in Florida, in the U.S., you can also stay at the world's only underwater hotel. It takes about an hour to dive down to the **Jules Undersea Lodge**. Then you swim up into the pool in the lobby to check in. The rooms are small, so you should only take a few things. Fortunately, the hotel packs them in a waterproof container and takes them there for you.

Salt, salt, everywhere...

The **Hotel de la Playa** in Bolivia is certainly different. It's almost completely made of salt – the walls, tables, chairs, and even the beds. Everything except the toilets! While we were there, we visited **Fisherman's Island** with its fabulous 12-foot cacti. It's fun to rent mountain bikes to go and see the salt hills, lakes, and hot springs. Just be sure to take sunglasses – the sun gets extremely bright.



A place to chill out...

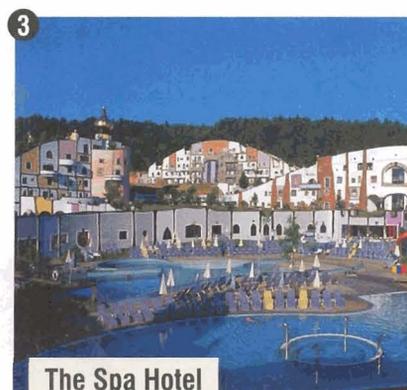
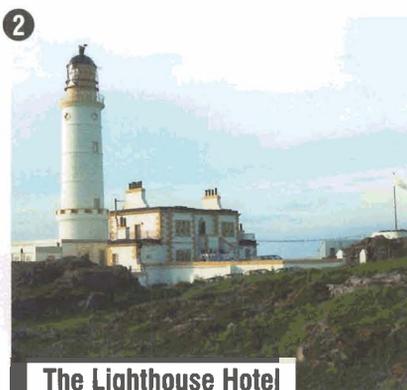
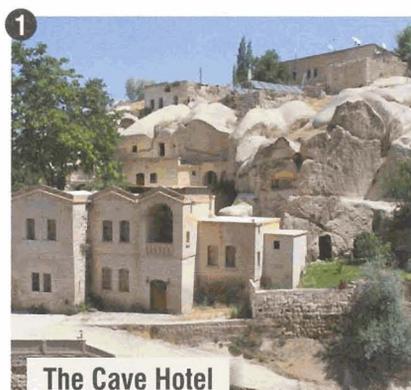
It's a pretty long way to go to stay at the **Ishotellet (Ice Hotel)** – 100 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Sweden. But it's definitely worth the effort. It's hard to imagine sleeping on an ice bed, but with a reindeer skin and a good sleeping bag, I was warm. And my wake-up call came with a hot drink. You can always go to the sauna to get warm, too. The hotel has an art gallery, a chapel, a movie theater, a disco, and a fabulous ice fireplace in the lounge. Make sure you check out of the hotel before it melts in the spring! But don't worry – they rebuild it every winter.

C Read the article again. Can you find this information?

1. How do you get to the Jules Undersea Lodge?
2. How long does it take to get to the Jules Undersea Lodge?
3. What are three interesting things to see near the Hotel de la Playa?
4. Why do you need sunglasses at the Hotel de la Playa?
5. What facilities do they have at the Ice Hotel?
6. Why do they have to rebuild the Ice Hotel every year?

2 Listening and writing Recommendations

A Look at these hotels. Which hotel would you like to visit? Why?



B Read the advice about staying at these hotels. Can you match each piece of advice with a hotel? Then listen and check your guesses.

1. You should bring lots of books and board games for rainy days. ____
2. Wear flat shoes so you can climb the ladder to your room. ____
3. Be sure to take everything you need. It's miles from anywhere. ____
4. I really recommend the hot-air balloon ride. ____
5. Don't spend too much time in the water. ____
6. It's a good idea to have some binoculars to watch the dolphins. ____

C Imagine you are staying at one of the hotels in this lesson. Write a postcard to a classmate about your stay.

Help note

Writing postcards

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| Start like this: → | Dear (name), / Hi there! |
| Say if you are enjoying your stay: → | I'm having a great / fabulous / awful time here in ... |
| Describe the place, food, or weather: → | The food / weather / hotel is ... |
| Say something you did: → | It's a great place to ... / Today I ... |
| Say something you are going to do: → | Tomorrow I'm going to ... |
| End like this: → | See you soon! / See you next week! / Love,
(your name) |

To: _____

