■ Unusual Houses

The Kombai people of Irian Jaya live in tree houses. The houses are high in the trees. There is only one room in the house. It is the kitchen, the living room, the dining room, and the bedroom.



Abraham Niaqu is from Quebec in Canada. He is making a snow house called an *igloo*. There is only one room in an igloo. It is not cold in an igloo. In fact, it is quite hot.





This house is called Dar Al Hajar. It is in Yemen. It is a big house and there are a lot of rooms in the house. It is hot in Yemen, but it is not hot inside the house.



This house is called the Crooked House. However, it is not a house. Nobody lives in it. It is a shop—a very special shop! The architect, Szotynscy Zaleski, got the idea from a children's book. It is very unusual.