

# DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOTELS AROUND THE WORLD

CHEAT SHEET

Hotels are buildings that provide a place for travellers to sleep and rest while on holiday or on business trips. They are commercial establishments that provide meals and other services to the guests.<sup>1</sup> However, hotels have become more than just temporary accommodation for travellers. Some hotels provide one-of-a-kind experiences to guests, like sleeping on ice at the Ice Hotel in Jukkasjärvi, Sweden.

There are various types of accommodation to suit the needs of different travellers. Here's a quick look at some of the different types of hotels around the world.

## 1 CAPSULE HOTEL



Capsule Hotel, Japan  
Photo from Wikimedia Commons

A capsule hotel features extremely small rooms that are primarily for sleeping and nothing else. They are popular in Japan, where the rooms are referred to as "sleeping capsules".<sup>2</sup>

- The rooms are stacked next to one another.
- Usually big enough to accommodate one person only.

## 2 CAVE HOTEL



Cappadocia Cave Suites Hotel, Turkey  
Photo from Wikimedia Commons

Cave hotels are accommodations built into natural formations, such as limestone cliffs and mountains. Some of the cave hotels used to be actual human dwellings that date back to thousands of years ago.

- The caves in Cappadocia, Turkey, used to be the living quarters of the Hittites, Romans and Byzantines thousands of years ago.<sup>3</sup>

## 3 GREEN HOTEL



Montaña Mágica Lodge, Chile  
Photo from Ben Bowes via Flickr

A green hotel is an environmentally friendly accommodation that adopts sustainable practices in order to minimize the impact on the environment.<sup>4</sup> Hotels must be assessed before they are certified as a green hotel.

- The Montaña Mágica Lodge in the Huilo Huilo Ecological Reserve is committed to conserving the local environment.<sup>5</sup>

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## ICE HOTEL



Ice Hotel, Sweden  
Photo from Wikimedia Commons

An ice hotel is a non-permanent hotel constructed from ice and snow in areas with sub-freezing temperatures. Ice hotels are usually available during the winter months only. When spring comes, the ice melts and the hotels have to be reconstructed again in winter.

- The Ice Hotel in Sweden is the world's first ice hotel.
- It is made of natural ice and snow from the Torne River.<sup>6</sup>

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## POP-UP HOTEL



Merlion Hotel, Singapore  
Photo from Ministry of Communications and Information Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore

Pop-up hotels are temporary lodging establishments usually set up for a specific event. These hotels offer comfortable accommodation in unusual locations, but are only around for a short while.<sup>7</sup>

- The Merlion Hotel was a pop-up hotel built around the iconic Merlion statue in Singapore.<sup>8</sup>
- It was an art installation for the Singapore Biennale 2011 and was available for 32 nights only.

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## RESORT HOTEL



Pangkor Laut Resort, Malaysia  
Photo from Wikimedia Commons

Resort hotels are usually located at the seaside, lake, or mountain areas. Resorts usually provide hotel services plus recreational and athletic activities that are available within the surrounding areas.<sup>9</sup>

- Beach resorts may provide water activities such as kayaking and snorkelling.
- Mountain resorts may offer skiing activities in winter and jungle trekking in summer.

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## SKYSCRAPER HOTEL



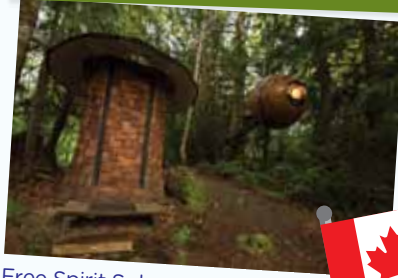
Burj Al Arab Hotel,  
United Arab Emirates  
Photo from Joi Ito via Flickr

Skyscraper hotels are hotels built in very tall buildings that give guests an undisturbed view of the city below. Such hotels serve as instant visual icons in the city.<sup>10</sup> The rooms are often expensive and luxurious.

- The Burj Al Arab Hotel is one of the tallest hotels standing on a man-made island.
- It was built to look like the sail of an Arabic boat.<sup>11</sup>

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## TREEHOUSE HOTEL



Free Spirit Spheres, Canada  
Photo from Kyle Greenberg via Flickr

Treehouse hotels are hotels perched high up in trees. Treehouse hotels may be supported by stilts of solid steel or suspended by a network of cables and ropes.

- The Free Spirit Spheres in Canada are suspended in the centre of three tall trees.<sup>12</sup>

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## UNDERWATER HOTEL



Jule's Undersea Lodge,  
United States of America  
Photo from Jule's Undersea Lodge

Underwater hotels are hotels with rooms built under water, where guests can experience sleeping with sea life. They are usually supported by the ocean floor, but there are also some hotels with rooms that are attached to a floating structure.<sup>13</sup>

- Guests at Jule's Undersea Lodge in Florida have to scuba dive 6m to access the rooms.<sup>14</sup>

# Search Tips

Be savvy when searching for information online. Here's how to search effectively by using keywords and subject headings.

Research topic: **What are some of the unique hotels found around the world?**

## 1. Use keywords to start your research.

**Keywords** are the important or significant words that appear in the research topic. These are the words to use when starting the search for information. In the case of the topic above, the circled words are the keywords. Keyword searching may give irrelevant results as you will end up with every website that contains the keywords.

## 2. Use synonyms to expand your search.

**Synonyms** refer to words that have same or similar meanings. Use synonyms to expand your search. Here are some alternative terms to consider for 'unique hotels':

- *Unusual hotels*
- *Interesting hotels*
- *Strange accommodation*

As this cheat sheet is not meant to be an exhaustive list of unique and unusual hotels, use your information literacy skills to find out about other interesting hotels around the world!

## Here are some resource tools to start your research:

### NLB Resources:

Catalogue	<a href="http://catalogue.nlb.gov.sg">http://catalogue.nlb.gov.sg</a>	Try these terms to search for books at the library: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hotels -- Juvenile literature</li><li>• Hotels -- Guidebooks</li></ul>
eResources	<a href="http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg">http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg</a>	Visit NLB's eResources website to access the following databases for your research: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EBSCOHost Kids Search</li><li>• World eBook Library</li></ul>
Useful Links:		
Word Central	<a href="http://www.wordcentral.com/">http://www.wordcentral.com/</a>	Use the online thesaurus to find words with similar meanings, which can be used to expand your search and get better results.

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