



THE MOST UNUSUAL CITIES IN THE WORLD

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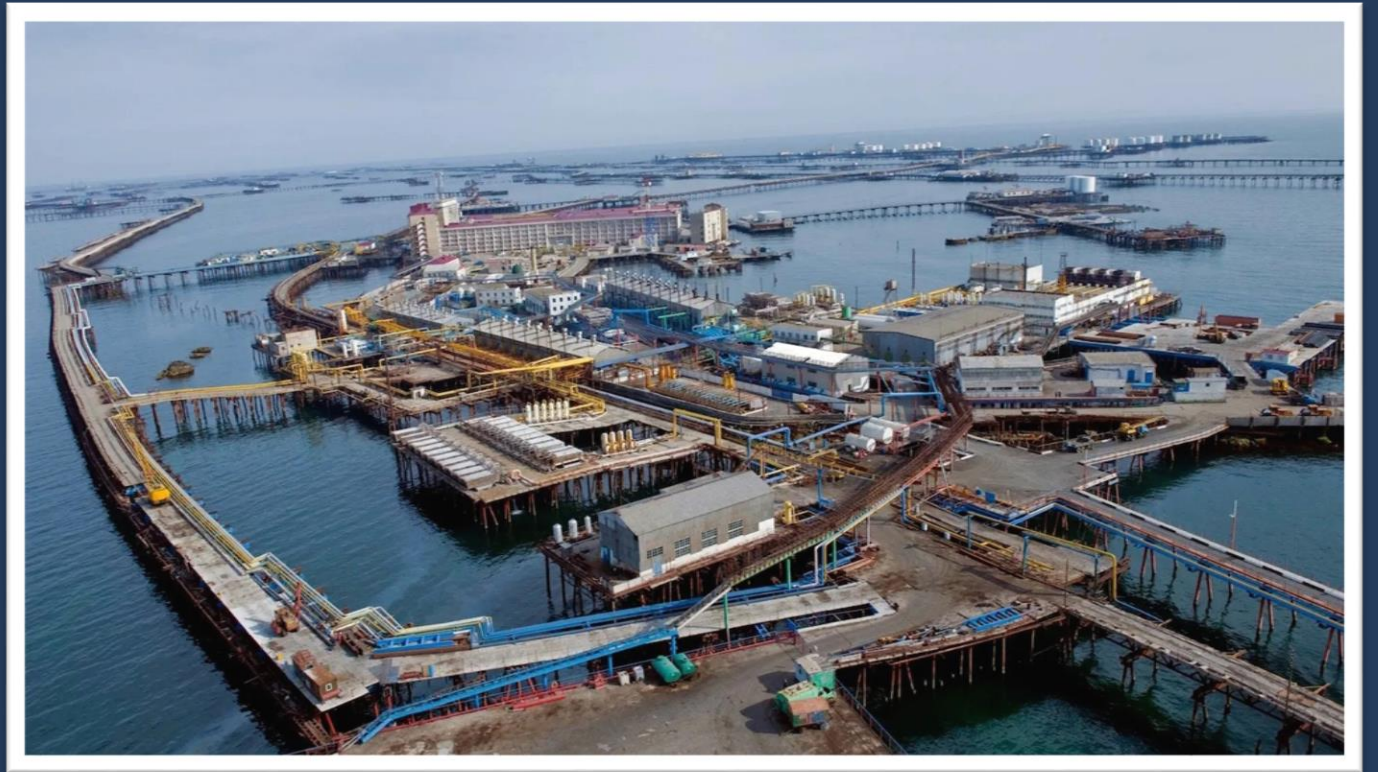
Intro

While most of the time we only hear about the most important cities, or those with the most breathtaking architecture, there are many quirky and bizarre cities hiding in spots you wouldn't ever imagine all over the world.



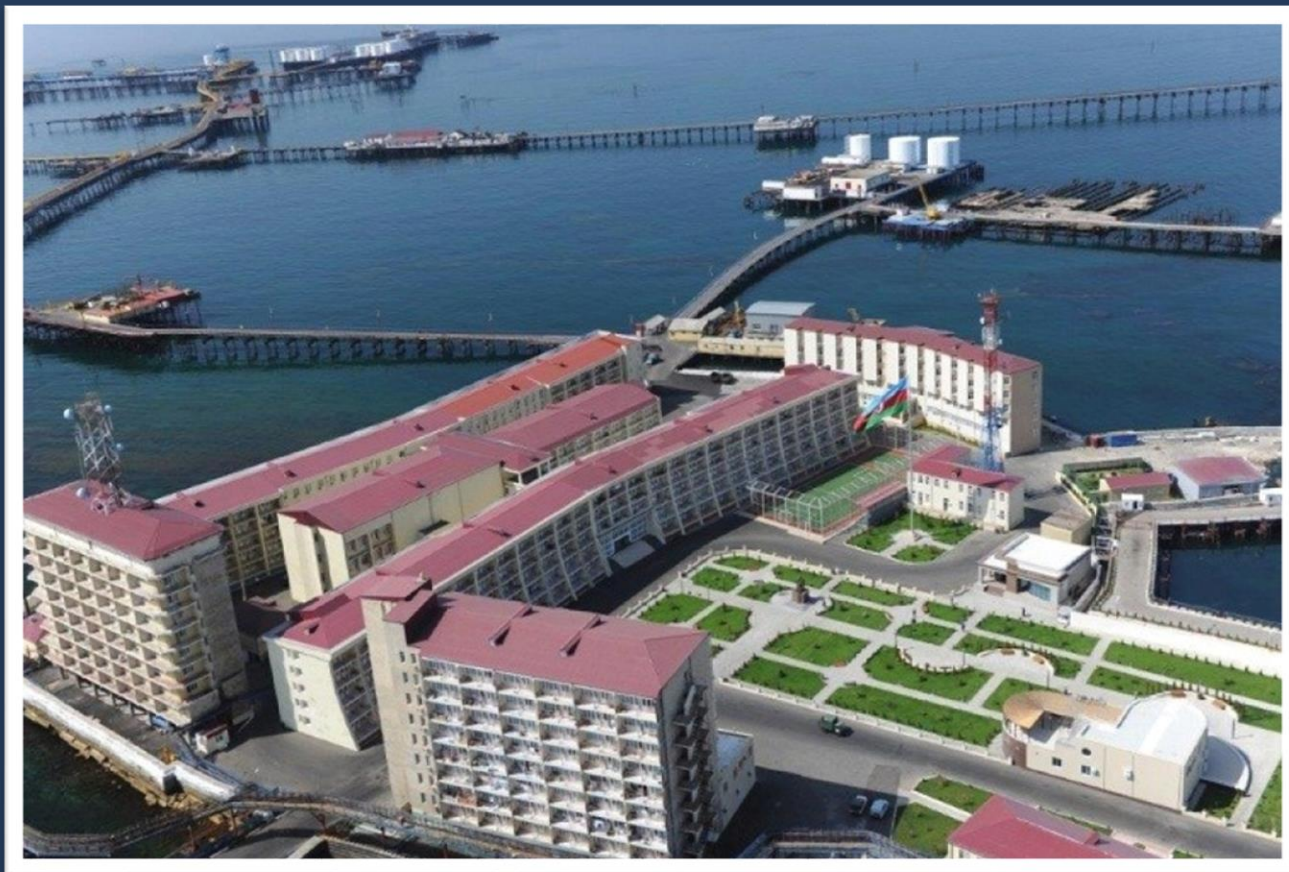
Neft Dashlari

The city of Neft Dashlari is a gigantic floating city in the Caspian Sea that has acted as a huge oil operation for many decades. It was officially property of Azerbaijan and was built by the Soviet back at the height of their power.



The city isn't incredibly far from land, but it is the most massive city in the sea that has ever been built and was a testament to Soviet engineering at its most ambitious. It was built on the spot after the Russians discovered a lot of oil reserves in the area.





While it once boasted, among other amenities, its own park with trees and soil imported from the mainland, its own soccer pitch, movie theater, library, gardens and more, it is now a shadow of its former glory.



The massive floating city has been ravaged by floods and deterioration of time, and many of the roads and apartments are submerged. Now population of Neft Dashlari is 916. The city itself may not be around for much longer.

Coober Pedy



The town in the rock

- 30% of the world's reserves are concentrated on the territory of Coober Pedy.
- Because of the constant heat, drought, and frequent sandstorms, the miners and their families initially settled in houses cut into the mountainside.





Houses in Coober Pedy

- The comfort level was not much inferior to that of traditional "surface" houses: there were bedrooms, living rooms, kitchens and bathrooms.





Entertainment in the desert

- It's one of the driest and hottest areas in Australia. It almost never rains, so vegetation is sparse.
- However, residents don't complain about the lack of outdoor entertainment. They spend their free time playing golf, but because of the heat they often must play at night.



An aerial photograph of the town of Setenil de las Bodegas, showing a dense cluster of white-washed buildings with terracotta roofs built into a hillside. A church with a bell tower is visible in the center. The text 'Setenil de las Bodegas' is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Setenil de las Bodegas

It is unique in that some of the houses are built into the rock walls, by enlarging natural caves or sheds and adding an outer wall. The main theory is that such a solution helped to escape in times of war.





History of Setenil de las Bodegas

- Modern Setenil evolved from a fortified Moorish town that occupied a bluff overlooking the Trejo River. The Castle of Setenil dates back at least to the period of the Almohads in the 12th century.
- History tells us that the name of the city comes from the Roman-Latin phrase septem nihil ("seven times nothing").



Nowadays, after overcoming the emigration processes of the second half of the 20th century, Setenil continues to develop according to its traditions. Its urban structure, beauty and uniqueness make it one of the most attractive tourist destinations in the country.



A photograph of a dense urban apartment complex at dusk. The image shows multiple high-rise buildings with many windows, some of which are illuminated from within. In the foreground, there are two tall, blue metal lattice towers. The overall scene is dimly lit, with a dark sky and some streetlights visible at the bottom.

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