The Ice Hotel

1. What season is it in the photo? How do you know?
2. Where do you think this hotel is?

Reading

Are you into skiing? Is winter your favorite time of year? If you like snow and ice, maybe you should stay at the Ice Hotel in Quebec, Canada. But, you can only check in at this hotel during the winter. Why? Because this hotel is only made of ice and snow! This amazing hotel is built every December. It has 32 rooms and 80 people can stay there each night. The hotel even has a movie theatre, art gallery, and church. Of course, all of these parts of the hotel are made of ice. In fact all the furniture, art lights, and even plates and drinking glasses are made out of ice.

Because this hotel is so unusual, it is becoming very popular. People from all over the world come to the Ice Hotel to look at the fantastic ice art, drink and eat from designer ice dishes and experience the unique atmosphere. Some couples have even gotten married in the hotel's ice church. But all these guests keep their winter coats on! Because of all the ice, the temperature inside the hotel is always between -2 and -5°C. Surprisingly, sleeping is not a problem in the freezing cold hotel rooms. Every guest gets a special cold-weather sleeping bag and some fur blankets. These keep them cozy and warm until morning.

Vocabulary

check in
gallery
designer
unique
fur
cozy

Comprehension Check

1. What is the main idea of this reading?
2. What do you think is special about this hotel?
3. What can you do in the hotel?
4. How many rooms does it have?
5. How many people can stay there each night?
6. What's the temperature inside the hotel?
3. Why is sleeping NOT a problem at the hotel?
4. In which part of the hotel would you probably find "plates"?
5. What do you think happens to this hotel in the spring?

Let's Talk!

1. Would you like to stay in the Ice Hotel? Why or why not?
2. What is the most unusual place that you have heard of?
3. Have you ever visited an interesting place? What was it like?

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