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### UNUSUAL CITIES AND TOWNS. WHITTIER ALASKA



Whittier, Alaska, is a city with a population of about 2000 people, almost all of whom live in a 14-century former army barracks built in 1954. The building called Beach Towers houses a police station, a medical clinic, a church and a library. Its corridors resemble a school or a construction factory. Residents can often be seen securing bags and belts in sneakers and pajamas. The only entrance to the city is over a narrow, one-kilometer tunnel with one-way traffic in each direction. In summer, coastal fog "chokes" the town, usually being thousands of yellowish-brown fog on the west side of Prince William Sound. However, in winter, the city is covered with a six-metre layer of snow, and the wind is so strong that it is normal. The weather is so severe that children walk from Beach Towers to school through tunnels in the middle of the snow. There are few valleys and pools. From above, the snow makes it a feeling of a single comfort, where a person can find a way to the door at any time of the day.

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### UNUSUAL CITIES AND TOWNS. COOBER PEDY



One of the strangest cities on the planet is located in the state of South Australia. In the very center of the desert, this is Coober Pedy, whose population, according to data for 2011, did not exceed 1200 people. Coober Pedy is an underground city, and also the capital of opals.


The dwellings of city residents are large caves carved into the mountain. Such houses have running water, sewerage, electricity, internet and even underground swimming pools. But there are not windows in all rooms - there is only one window on each side of the front door.

In this unusual city, not only houses, but also the entire infrastructure is buried in the ground: shops, cafes, schools, 3 churches, a museum, bars, libraries... there is even the most unusual cemetery in the world - an underground one.



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### UNUSUAL CITIES AND TOWNS. SAINT PETERSBURG




Saint Petersburg is a Russian port city on the Baltic Sea. It was the imperial capital for 2 centuries, having been founded in 1703 by Peter the Great. The city remains Russia's cultural center, with its world-famous museums, palaces and theatres.


The Hermitage is one of the largest and oldest museums in the world. It was founded by Catherine the Great. The museum includes masterpieces by Raphael, Leonardo da Vinci, Picasso, Renoir, Vincent van Gogh, Rembrandt and many others. Experts say it would take 11 years to examine about 3 million exhibits in the Hermitage.

Nevsky Prospekt is the main street in Saint Petersburg which was cut through thick woodland in 1718. Kazan Cathedral with its impressive colonnade is located just in the heart of the street. The prospect is lined with numerous cafes, restaurants and shops.

### UNUSUAL CITIES AND TOWNS. MIYAKEJIMA



The territory of the Japanese volcanic city island - Miyakejima is not large - only 55.5 square miles and is entirely covered with different volcanoes. However, the main volcano cracked in 2000 and threw out a huge amount of sulfur dioxide. But 5 years later local inhabitants began to return to their homes. From 3600 citizens only 2400 decided to come back. To live on the island is still dangerous and people are trained to wear gas masks.



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### UNUSUAL CITIES AND TOWNS. LONGYEARBYEN




The city of Longyearbyen, located on the Svalbard archipelago in Norway, is the northernmost settlement in the world with a population of about 1000 people. The city has a church, an ATM, a museum, a post office, an airport and even a university. In short, everything is like in any other city - you can die in Longyearbyen.


If someone is sick or near death, they are immediately transported by plane to another place. If you are still unwell, they will be buried at the local cemetery anyway. This is not someone's whim or the machinations of evil spirits; bodies do not decompose due to extremely cold weather, and this is dangerous. So a man was discovered here in 1917 by the way, after it, they stopped burying at the local cemetery.

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### UNUSUAL CITIES AND TOWNS. ARKHANGELSK




Arkhangelsk is the pearl of the White Sea, the cradle of shipbuilding and the very first gate of the country before Peter the Great began to "cut" a window to Europe on the Baltic. The history of the region is very unusual, sometimes harsh, but in any case impressive. At the same time, getting here is not as difficult as you might think. The city has established itself as a port and not only with both Russian and foreign tourists, which makes the region's tourism accessible even for a tourist with a limited budget.

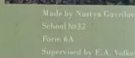


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### UNUSUAL CITIES AND TOWNS. LA RINCONADA



At the foot of the glacier, in the mouth of an extinct volcano, is the Peruvian city of La Rinconada. Due to its location at an altitude of 5100 meters above sea level, it is the highest settlement on Earth with permanent residents. Weather conditions in the Peruvian city are very similar to the climate of the west coast of Greenland: the city almost always has rainy summers and dry winters. At the same time, the average annual temperature barely exceeds 1 degree Celsius, and local residents suffer from a lack of oxygen. Darkness and hopelessness reign in La Rinconada. Even just living in this city is difficult. However, despite all the circumstances, the city hardly lacks miners, for whom hard work, coupled with daily and constant risks, is almost the only chance to earn more or less decent money. And while there will be gold in La Rinconada, people who agree to work in the mines will not be transferred.



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