

The world's most unusual hotels

In our search to find the world's most unusual hotels, we sent Sophie Nichols to spend a night in Hostel Celica in Slovenia, while Craig Evans visited the Magic Mountain hotel in Chile. Here are our travel writers' reports.

Hostel Celica

When I heard my next job was to stay in a _____ I was a bit worried! But in fact Hostel Celica, in Ljubljana, Slovenia, isn't a prison any more – now it's a very popular place _____. It has a good restaurant and a friendly bar and it often has art exhibitions. All the rooms are basic but _____ and each one was designed by a different artist. It felt strange sleeping in a prison cell, but I could understand why everyone loves this unusual place and I can personally recommend _____.



There are lots of things to do in and around the wonderful city of Ljubljana. You can go to the old castle and listen to _____. You can go on a boat trip on the river and visit the botanic gardens. Or why not just _____ – this city is full of beautiful buildings and bridges. And those looking for adventure can go on a day trip to Bled, a small town in the mountains, and _____ down the Sava river. Or if you want to stay in Ljubljana, then go to the Atlantis Water Park and _____ in one of its sixteen pools. I went there for a swim, a sauna and a massage. That seemed the best thing to do after a night in prison!

Hostel Celica has _____ and they cost around €30 a night. May to September are the warmest months, but in winter there's excellent _____ just one hour from Ljubljana.



Read and listen about the world's most unusual hotels.

I. Listen, drag and drop the missing words in the text.

a concert. cell 107! comfortable

go rafting go sightseeing go swimming

skiing prison, to stay. twenty rooms

II. Now, read and listen again and select the correct answer to the following questions.

1. Where is Hostel Celica?

- a. In Slovenia
- b. In Chile
- c. In the United States
- d. In England

2. Who designed the hostel rooms?

- a. An architect
- b. An engineer
- c. A famous artist
- d. Different artists

3. Where can you go if you are adventurous?

- a. To Atlantis
- b. To Bled
- c. To Ljubljana
- d. To the botanic garden

4. When is the best time to go if you like skiing?

- a. May to September
- b. September to November
- c. December to March
- d. April to May

The Magic Mountain hotel

Magic Mountain is an incredible hotel in the Huilo Huilo nature reserve in Chile. It's a long way from anywhere and the journey there isn't easy, but after you arrive you can go for _____ and just relax. The hotel itself is certainly one of the most beautiful and unusual places I've ever seen – it looks like a volcano sitting under a waterfall!

There are lots of things to do in Huilo Huilo and I was never bored in the three days I was there. On the first day I went for _____ in the forest. I went with _____ so I learned all about the trees, plants, animals and birds in the reserve. Then I went on _____ to Lake Pihueico, where you can go _____ swimming and sailing. But if you want a more exciting adventure, go to the _____ for excellent skiing and snowboarding. Then you can relax in the hot springs nearby. And definitely don't leave without visiting the magnificent Huilo Huilo waterfall.



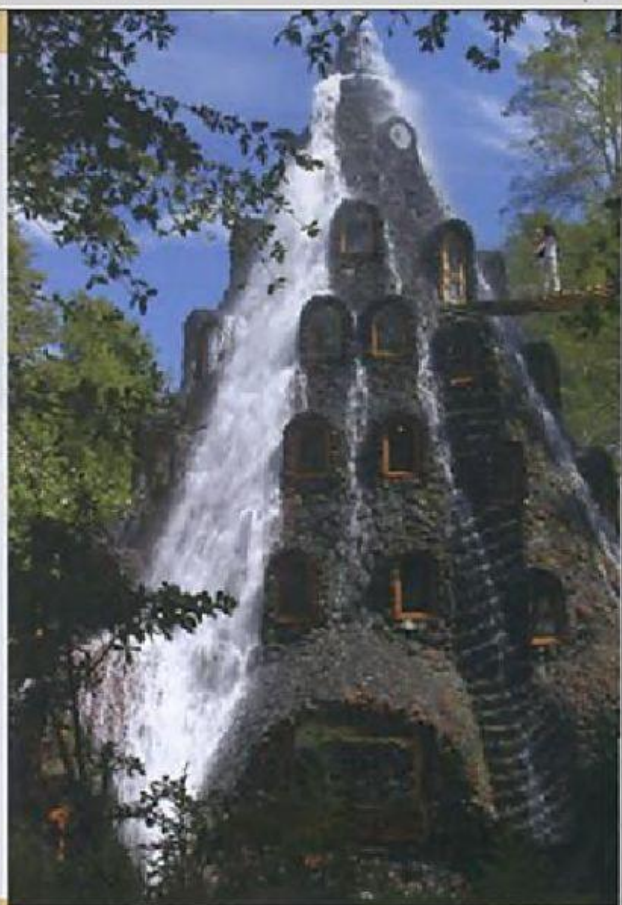
The Magic Mountain hotel has thirteen rooms and a double room costs about \$180 a night. If you want to go _____ the best snow is in July and August. For other outdoor activities the best times are September to November and March to April.

III. Listen, drag and drop the missing words in the text.

- a sauna
- fishing,
- a walk
- Chosuenço volcano
- a trip
- an excellent guide
- skiing,

IV. Look at the words / phrases in blue in the text. Then write **for, with, to, on** or **-** (no preposition) to complete the rules.

- We use go _____ + activity (verb+ing).
- We use go _____ + place.
- We use go _____ + person.
- We use go _____ + activity (noun).
- We use go _____ + travel words (a trip, etc.).



V. Now, read and listen again and select the correct answer to the following questions.

1. Where is The Magic Mountain Hotel?

- a. In Slovenia
- b. In Chile
- c. In the United States
- d. In England

2. How many rooms does the hotel have?

- a. 13
- b. 20
- c. 30
- d. 180

3. When is the best time to go if you like skiing?

- a. February to April
- b. September to November
- c. December to March
- d. July and August