

READING - The Ice Hotel

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 to this hotel during the winter. Why? Because this hotel is made entirely 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 has a movie theater, an art gallery, and a 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 of ice.

Because this hotel is so unusual, it has become 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.

However, all the 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.

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TASK 1: Are the sentences True (T) or False (F)?

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| 1 All parts of the hotel are constructed from ice. | T | F |
| 2 The hotel uses some special heater to keep warm in the room. | T | F |
| 3 One of the features of the hotel is that it exists in winter only. | T | F |
| 4 The temperature outside is -5°C | T | F |

TASK 2: Choose the best answer.

1. According to the passage, what kind of people are likely to pay a visit to the Ice Hotel?
 - A. People whose favorite season is spring.
 - B. People whose favorite season is winter.
 - C. People who enjoy the tropical weather.
 - D. People who get addicted to travel.

2. What can people do at this hotel?

- A. explore ice sculptures
- B. get married
- C. Design coats
- D. A and B are correct.

3. Why is sleeping NOT a problem at the hotel?

- A. The temperature is -2°C .
- B. The hotel rooms are warm.
- C. The sleeping bags are warm.
- D. There is a heating system to keep the room warm

4. Why are the hotel rooms chilly?

- A. Heating them cost too much.
- B. Winter is long.
- C. There is no roof.
- D. The hotel is made of ice and snow.

5. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. What makes the Ice Hotel special.
- B. The services of the Ice Hotel.
- C. How to keep warm in a cold place.
- D. How the Ice Hotel is built.



TASK 3: Complete the summary using the lists of words.

ice

fantastic

gallery

winter

surprisingly

freezing

snow

cozy

unique

The ice hotel in Canada is made from thousands of tons of 1 _____ and snow.

The hotel melts in the summer and is rebuilt each 2 _____. During the day, there are lots of activities such as watching movies, enjoy ice art in its 3 _____ and eating from special ice dishes. The rooms are 4 _____ cold because the inside temperature is -5°C . Between 5 _____ sleeping bags and fur blankets, most guests do not feel cold during the night.