The Ice Hotel

Track 7

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.



Reading Time _____ minutes _____ seconds 223 words

3 *during*: at the time of
5 *build*: to make
11 *atmosphere*: feeling
14 *temperature*: how hot or cold something is
20 *fur*: animal hair
22 *cozy*: comfortable and warm

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Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is the main idea of this reading?
   a. How the Ice Hotel is built
   b. What makes the Ice Hotel special
   c. Why the Ice Hotel is made of ice
   d. The services of the Ice Hotel

2. What can you do in the hotel?
   a. Watch a movie
   b. Get married
   c. Eat an interesting meal
   d. All of the above

3. Why is sleeping NOT a problem at the hotel?
   a. The rooms are warm.
   b. The temperature is -2 °C.
   c. The sleeping bags are warm.
   d. The furniture is warm.

4. In which part of the hotel would you probably find the ice plates?
   a. The church
   b. The restaurant
   c. The rooms
   d. The art gallery

5. What do you think happens to this hotel in the spring?
   a. It freezes.
   b. It melts.
   c. It stays open.
   d. It moves.

Idiomatic Expressions

Find these idioms in the reading.

- **be into** [to enjoy doing]
  Matt doesn't like noisy music. So, he is not into heavy metal.
- **check in** [to go to the hotel's front desk and get the room key]
  You must check in before you go to your hotel room.
- **made (out) of** [built of]
  My desk is made of wood.

Fill in the blank with one of the above idioms. Change its form if necessary.

1. Did John _____ at the front desk this morning?
2. I _____ video games. I really like playing them.
3. Look at that house! What is it _____?

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Summary

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

cozy	**fantastic**	**freezing**
surprisingly	**unique**	

The Ice Hotel is a/an 1 _____ hotel in Canada. It is made of only ice and snow. So, the inside temperature is usually 2 _____ cold. 3 _____, this hotel is very popular. Many people enjoy looking at the 4 _____ art in its gallery and eating from special ice dishes. Guests have a good sleep in the cold hotel rooms under the 5 _____ fur blankets.



Listening

A Visit to the Ice Hotel

Track 2

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

1. At the end of the conversation, who wants to stay at the Ice Hotel?

a. The woman
b. The man
c. Both of them
d. Neither of them

2. How is the hotel inconvenient?

a. It is too cold.
b. It is fantastic.
c. It has an ice art gallery.
d. It has only one bathroom.

3. What will they probably do?

a. Stay at the Ice Hotel
b. Visit the art gallery in the Ice Hotel
c. Go to the bathroom at the Ice Hotel
d. Stay at the hotel next door

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