10 top unusual hotels in the world

Hôtel Palafitte is a hi-tech series of apartments on stilts adrift in the middle of Neuchâtel Lake in Switzerland Lie back and watch the fantastic Northern Lights from your bed in the futuristic glass igloos of Hotel Kakslauttanen in Finnish Lapland

Magic Mountain Hotel in the Huilo Huilo reserve, Chile, has a waterfall cascading down its sides — and rooms inside

Künstlerheim Luise, co-operative art gallery hotel, Berlin. Enjoy the bananas flying around your head! An excellent place for honeymoon!



Lose yourself in your own love bubble — The Capsule Hotel is a former oil rig survival pod moored in the Hague that comes with disco mirror ball, fairy-light decorations and silk-lined sleeping bags. Kolarbyn woodland "camouflage" huts in Sweden may have no electricity. Your first job is to chop wood for the heating, not raid the mini-bar!



Le Carré Rouge is the perfect romantic retreat — for nature lovers, as there's no running water or electricity. Designed by artist Gloria Friedmann, it is literally a red cube lobbed into the French countryside, except with one glazed face. There's cooking facilities on the ground floor and three double beds upstairs Death in the afternoon has been replaced by leisurely siestas with rooms built into the walls of Quinta Real Zacatecas bullring in Mexico It literally is a case of you've been framed in Atelier sul Mare in Sicily, as every room has been designed by a different modern artist An art community in the funky side of Ljubljana ha turned this former slammer into a hip hostel called Hostel Celica. And we're not talking basket-wover beds

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