

# The most unusual cities and towns in the world



Describe the  
city.



USA, Alaska,  
Whittier



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- Almost all of the 220 residents of Whittier, Alaska, live in one 14-story building called Begich Towers, built in 1956 as an army barracks.
- There is a police station, a school, post office, store, Church, clinic... it is a perfect fit under one roof.

# USA, Alaska, Whittier

- Most of the residents work in the port that are close to home.
- In the summer, when the sun shines 22 hours out of 24, life boils there: come and cruise the industrial court, the tourists come.
- But then the winds blow out, walk blizzards, and snow drifts up to 6 m.



Describe the  
town.



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# Longyearbyen, Norway

- It is the northernmost settlement in the world with a population of about 1000 people. The town has a Church, ATM, Museum, post office, airport and even a University.
- Yet people do not have the right to have cats as they can threaten populations of rare birds.

# Longyearbyen, Norway

In Longyearbyen, under the auspices of the UN is the underground Svalbard global seed vault in case of global catastrophe. So after the Apocalypse the first shoots of new life will hatch here.



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# **Manshiyat Naser in Cairo, Egypt**



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- There was never a qualitatively functioning garbage collection system in the city of Cairo.
- Residents of Manshiyat Naser (city of garbage) have been filling empty territories with waste for 70 years.
- This slum city is notable for the fact that every square centimeter in it is covered with garbage, while it is home to 60,000 inhabitants.



Imagine that you  
were in this city.  
Describe your  
emotions.



Describe the  
city.





**Singapore**




# Singapore

- It is a top modern Asian city.
- First prime minister Lee Kuan Yew led the country for over 30 years and is responsible for transforming Singapore into one of the richest places in the world.
- The gleaming state is full of glass skyscrapers and modern architecture, like the incredible SkyPark hotel, part of Singapore's mega-resort scene.

# Singapore

The so-called Lion City (*singa pura*'s literal definition in Malay) boasts of one of the least-corrupt governments, most business-friendly economies, a first-class education system, strict laws on crime, and a thriving arts scene.



Make a dialogue  
with your friend  
about your trip to  
this city.