

'The influence of Geography on People and Their Lifestyles'

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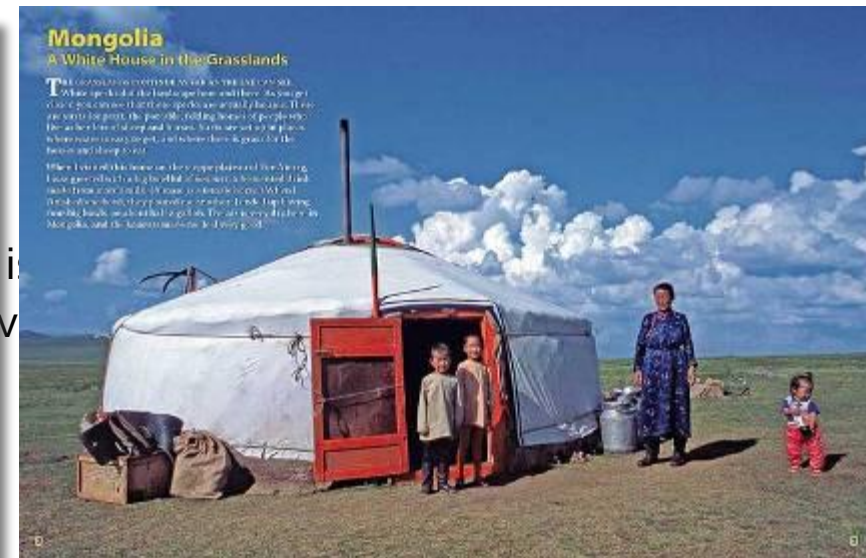
We want to show you the influence of the geographical position of a country on houses.



Mongolia

A white house in the Grasslands

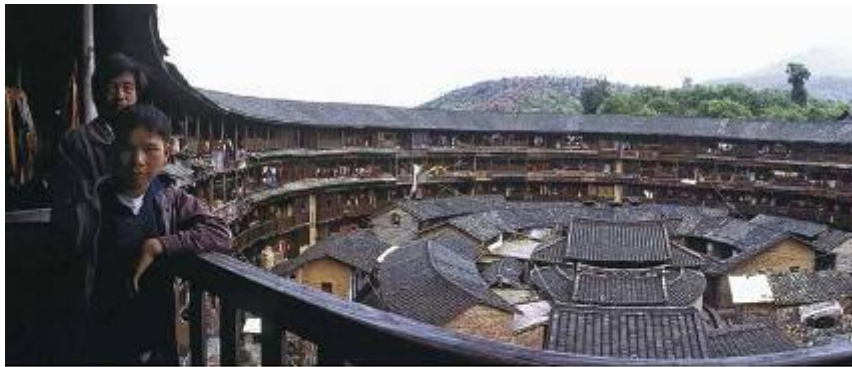
The grasslands continue as far as the eye can see. White specks dot the landscape here and there. As you get closer, you can see that these specks are actually houses. These are yurts (or *gers*), the portable, folding homes of people who live as herders of sheep and horses.



China

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There are as many as three hundred people living in this tulou. Looking through the gate in the wall, you will find it is very lively inside. Take a few steps, and here and there you will hear people calling to you to stop for tea. In the middle is the hall for an entire world up. Looking up, you can see a round circle of sky.



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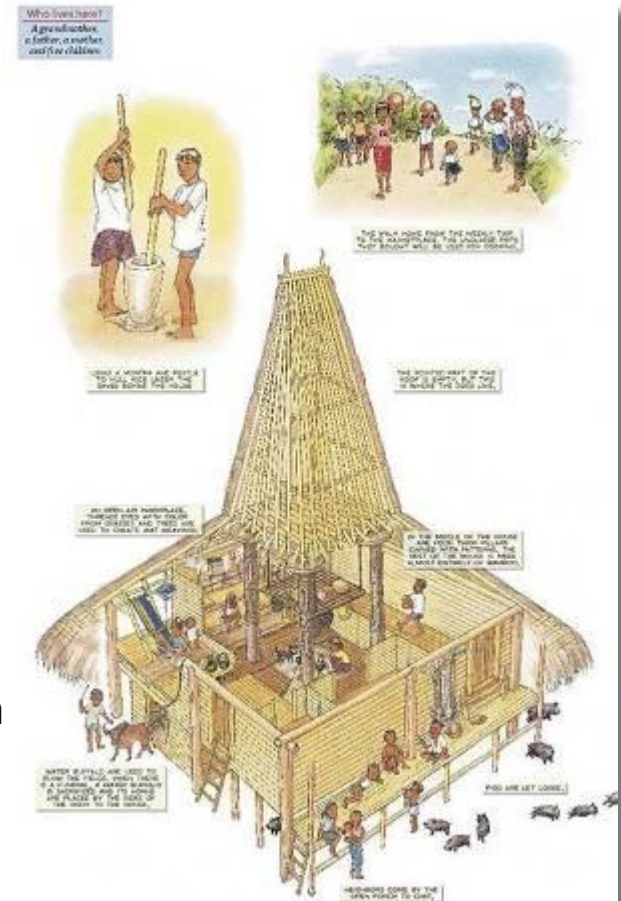
Houses with Pointed Roofs

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THREE HOUSES ON SUMBA ISLAND, INDONESIA are made from bamboo and grass. Livestock, such as water buffalo and pigs, live under the raised floor, and the people live above. The pointed part of the roof is where the gods are said to live. The rice has not, so it is time to fetch the water buffalo that have been grazing on grass in the meadow, and bring them back under the floor.



Who lives here?
A grandmother,
a father, a mother
and five children.



THE WOMEN WALK FROM THE MIDDLE TOWN TO THE MARKET. THE MARKET IS ONLY TWO HOURS' WALK BY FOOT ON THE ROAD.



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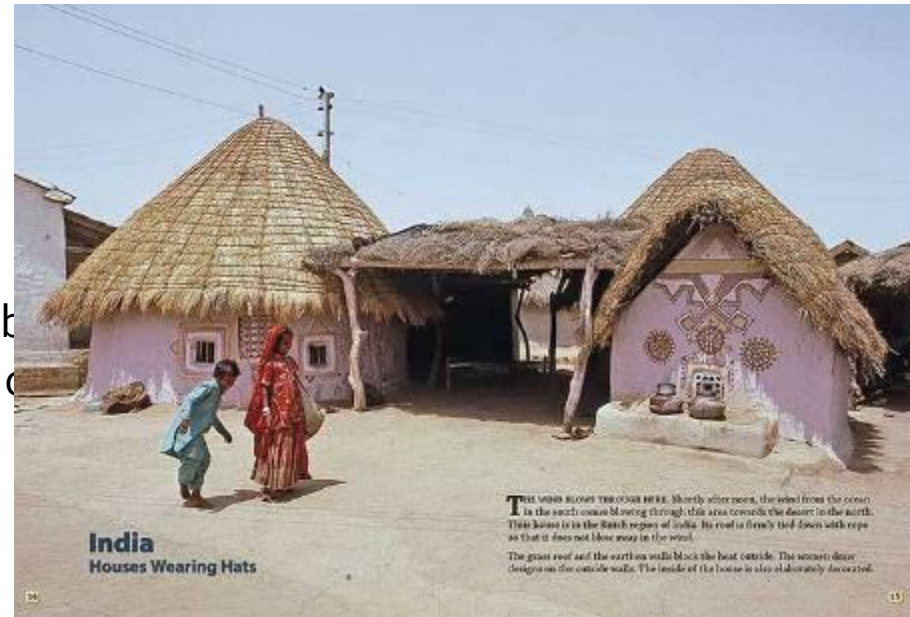
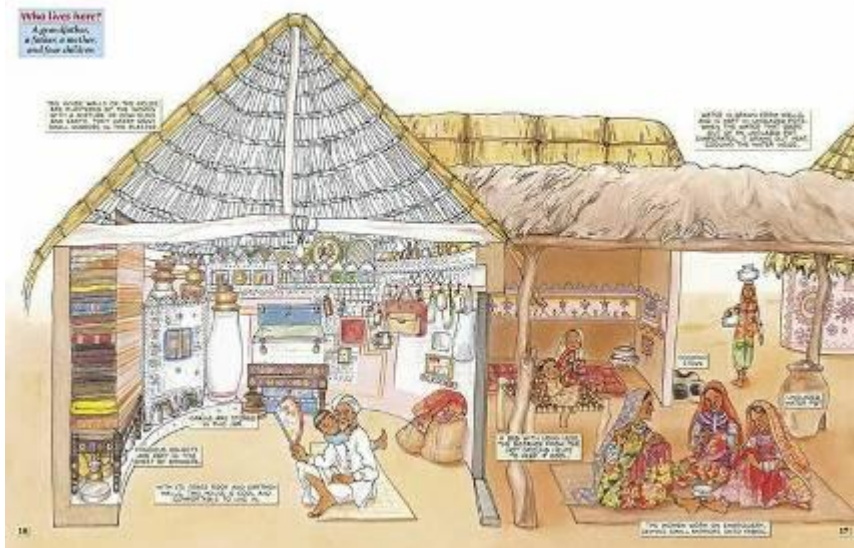
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India

Houses Wearing Hats

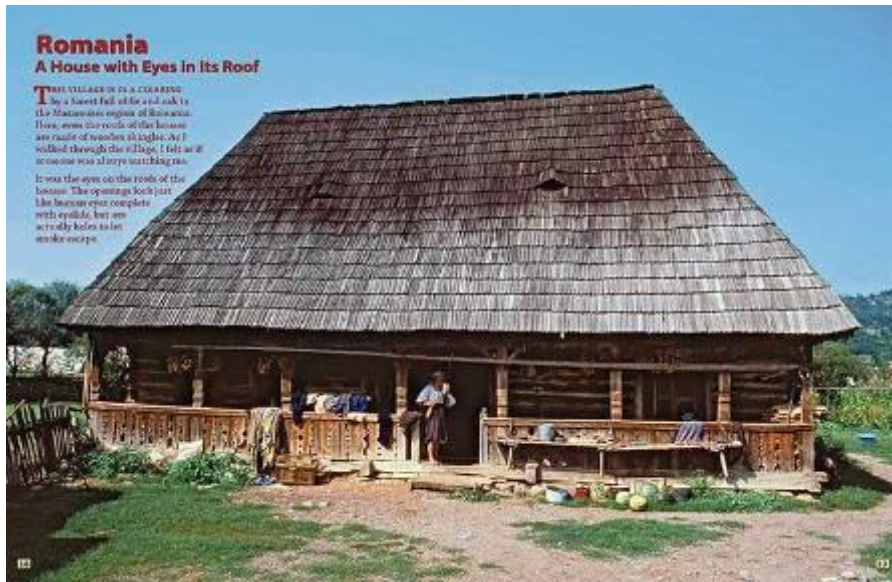
The wind blows through here. Shortly after noon, the wind from the ocean in the south comes blowing through this area towards the desert in the north. This house is in the Kutch region of India. Its roof is firmly tied down with rope so that it does not blow away in the wind.



Romania

A House with Eyes in its Roof

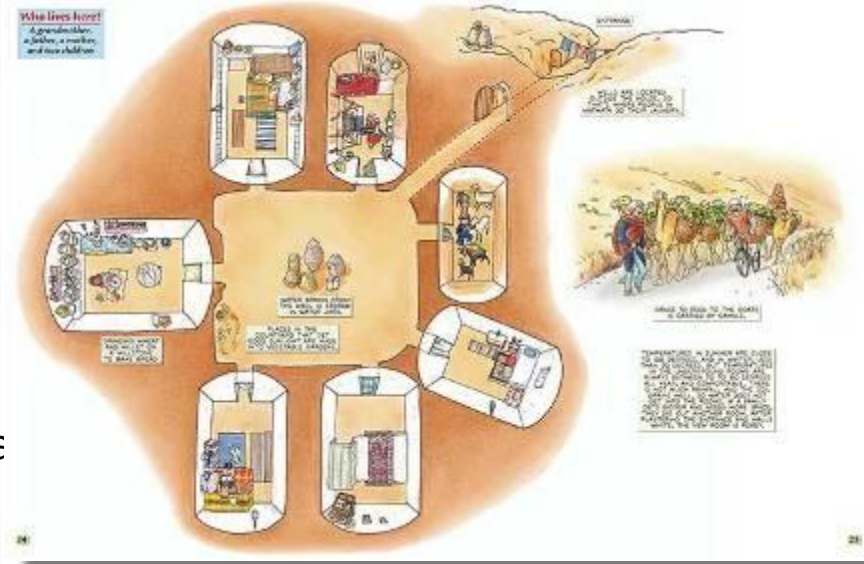
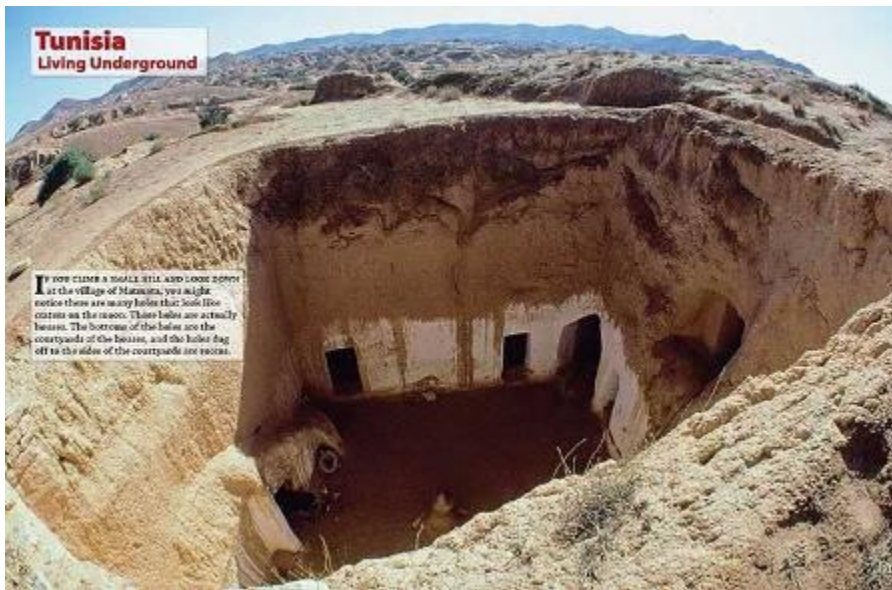
This village is in a clearing by a forest full of fir and oak in the Maramures region of Romania. Here, even the roofs of the houses are made of wooden shingles. As you walk through the village, you'll feel as if someone is always watching you.



Tunisia

Living underground

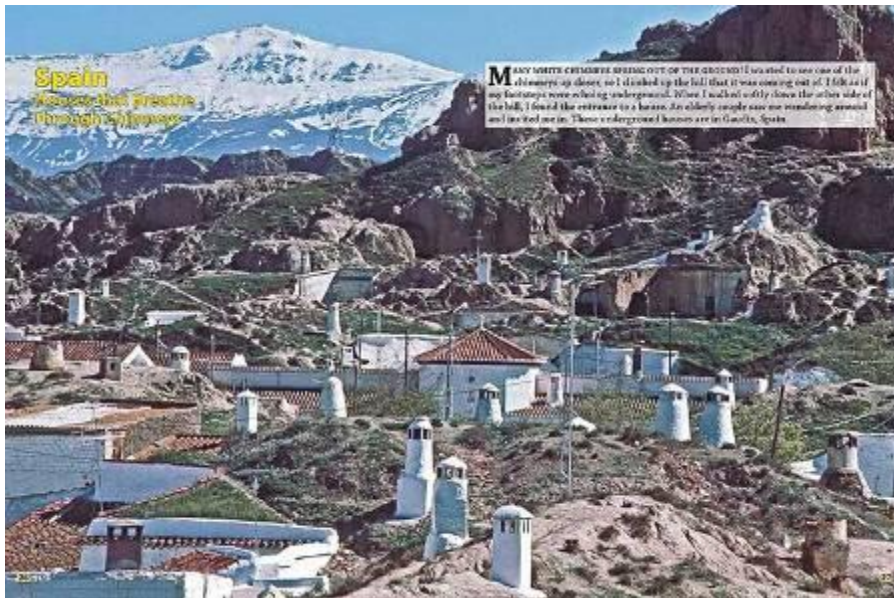
If you climb a small hill and look down at the village of Matmata, you might notice there are many holes that look like craters on the moon. These holes are actually houses.



Spain

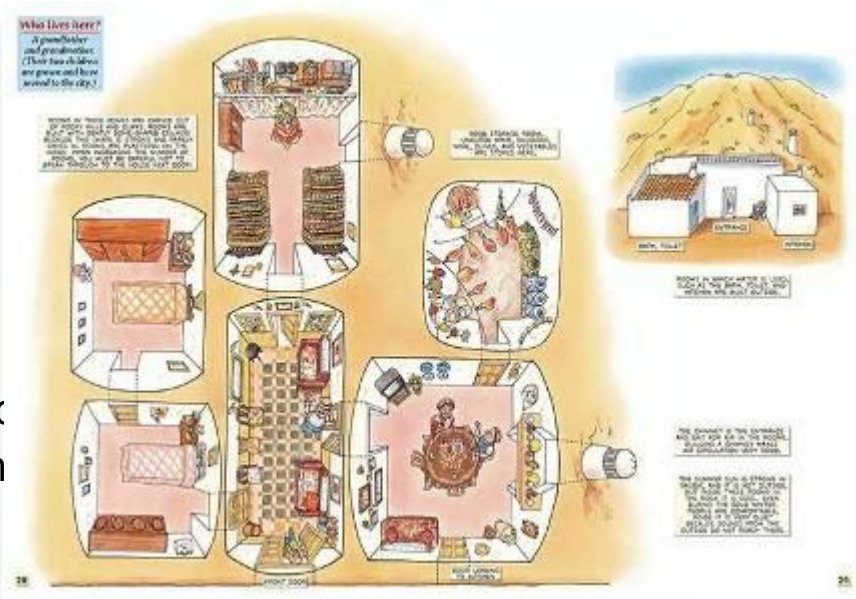
Houses that Breathe through Chimneys

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Houses that breathe through chimneys

MANY WHITE CHIMNEYS SPRING OUT OF THE GROUND! I wanted to see one of the chimneys up close, so I climbed up the hill that it was coming out of. I felt as if my footsteps were echoing underground. When I walked softly down the other side of the hill, I found the entrance to a house. An elderly couple saw me wandering around and invited me in. These underground houses are in Granada, Spain.

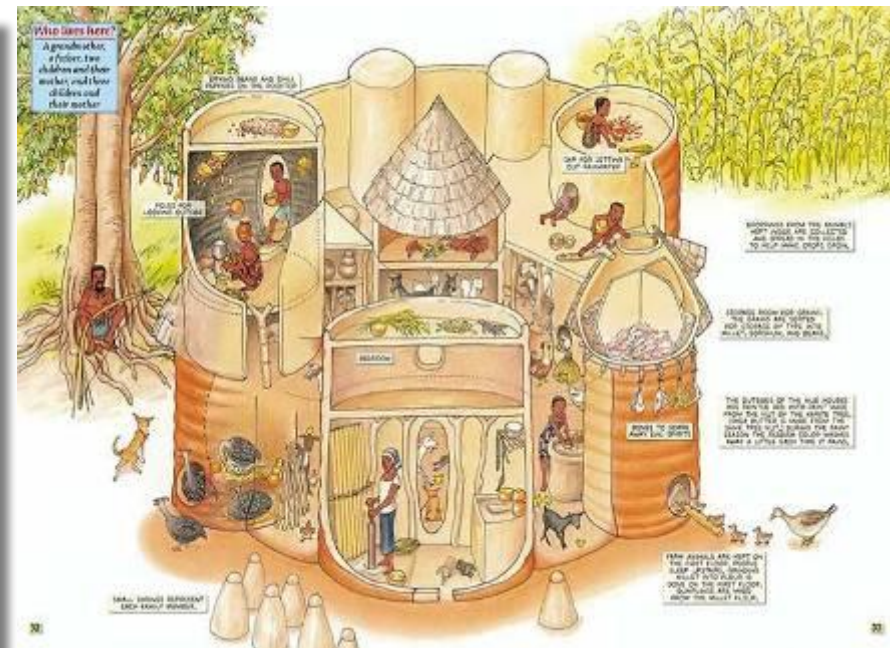
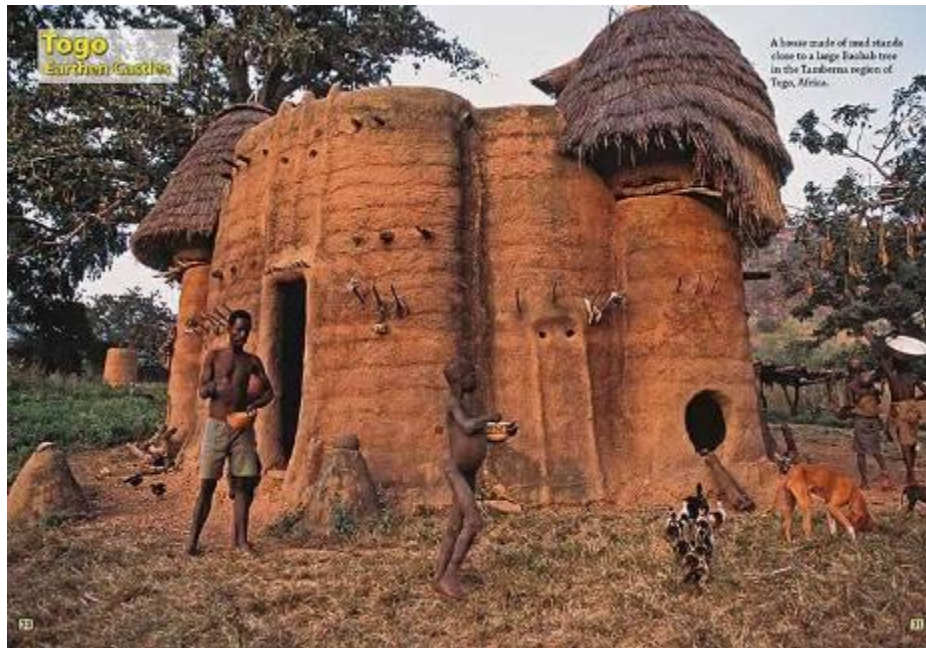


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Earthen Castles

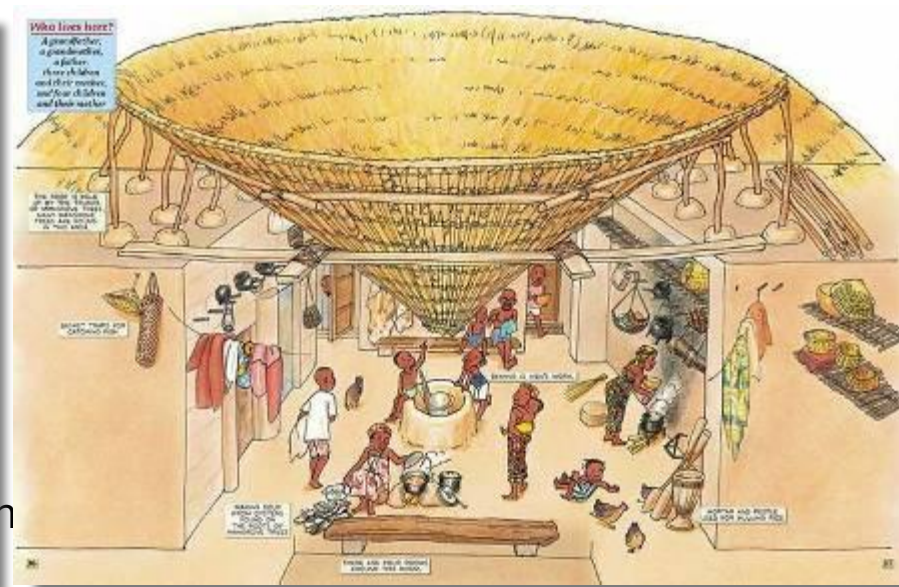
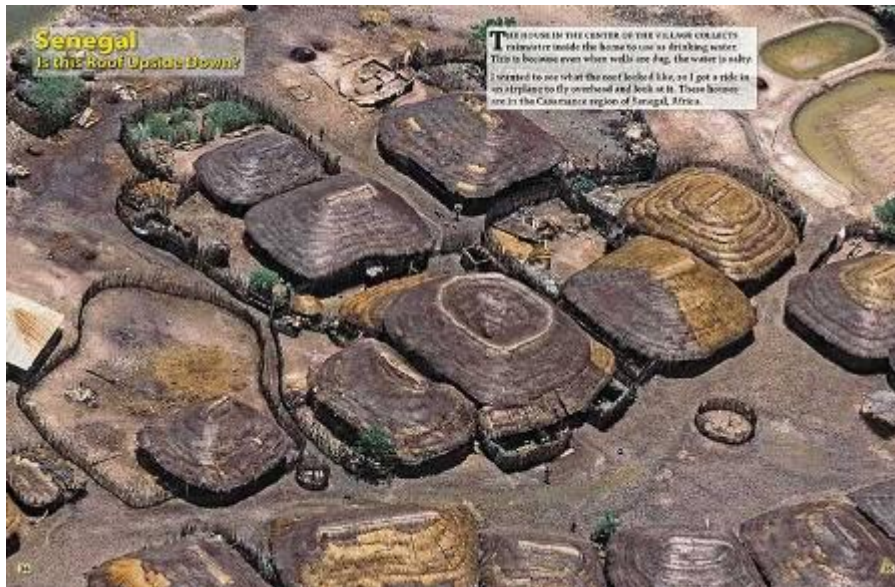
A house made of mud stands close to a large Baobab tree in the Tamberma region of Togo, Africa.



Senegal

Is this Roof Upside-Down?

The house in the center of the village collects rainwater inside the home to use as drinking water.

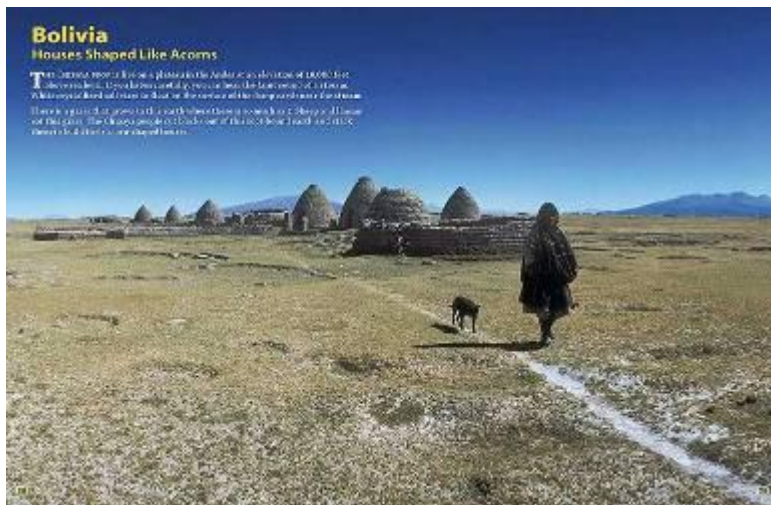


These houses are in the Casamance region of Senegal, Africa.

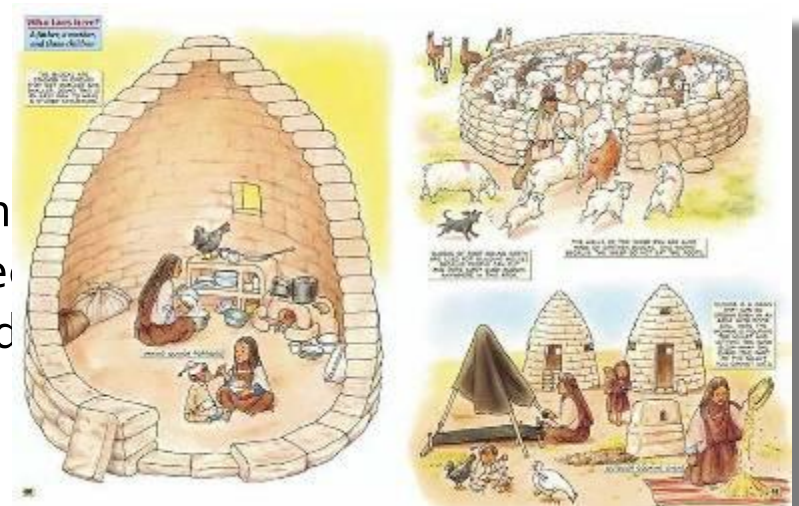
Bolivia

Houses Shaped Like Acorns

The Chipaya people live on a plateau in the Andes at an elevation of 10,000 feet above sea level. If you listen carefully, you can hear the faint sound of a stream. White crystallized salt rises to float on the surface of the damp earth near the stream.



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