

'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 round-up. Looking up, you can see a round circle of sky.

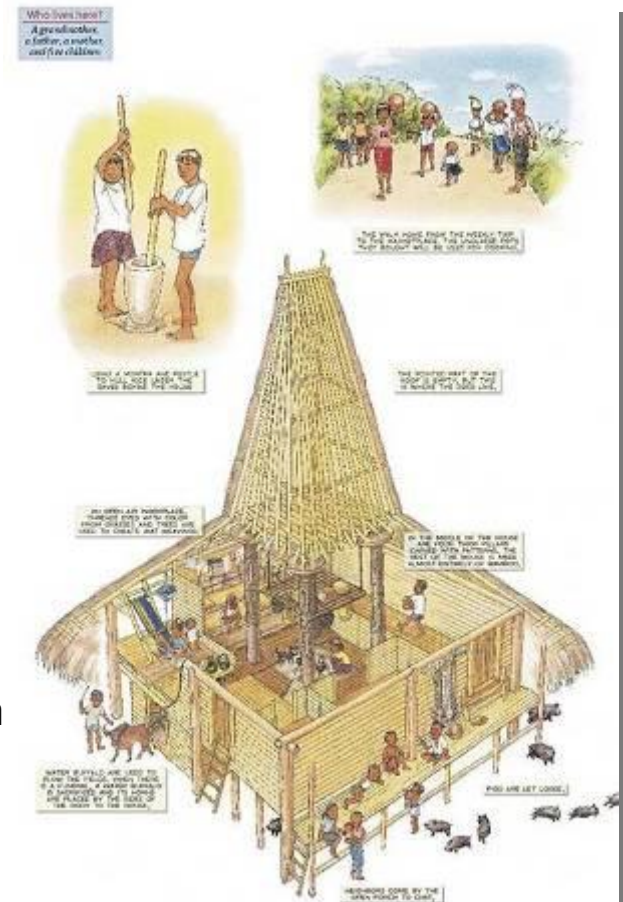
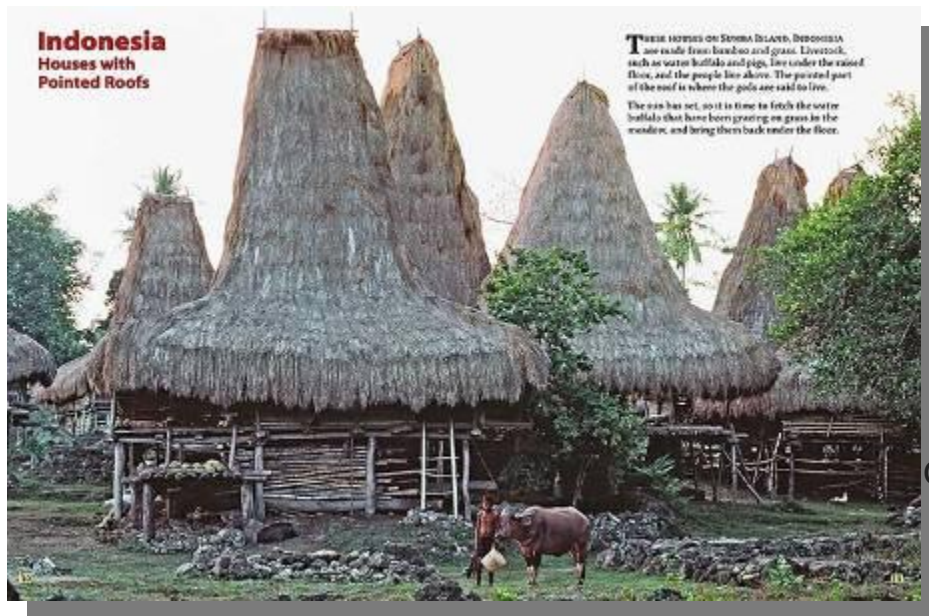


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Indonesia

Houses with Pointed Roofs

These 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.

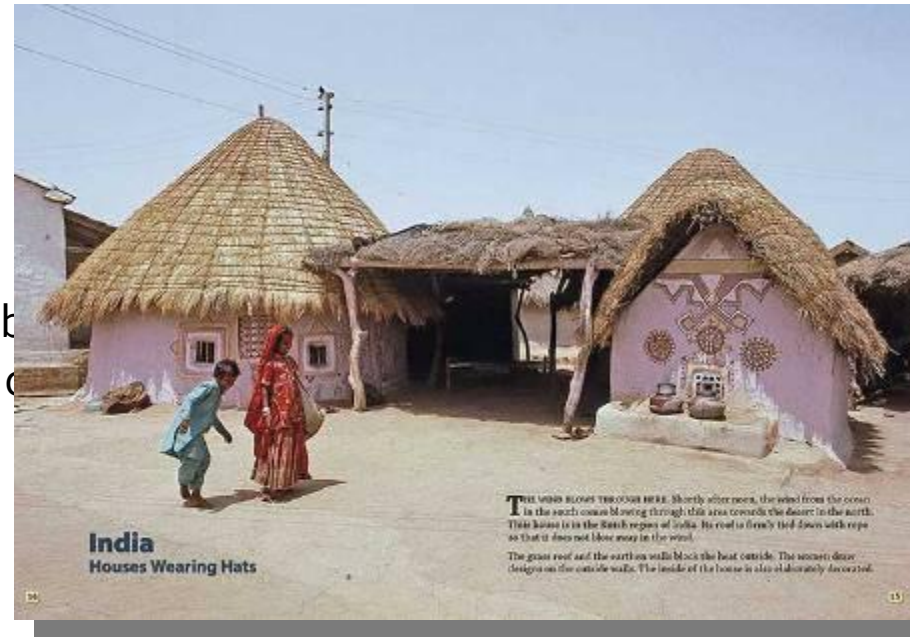
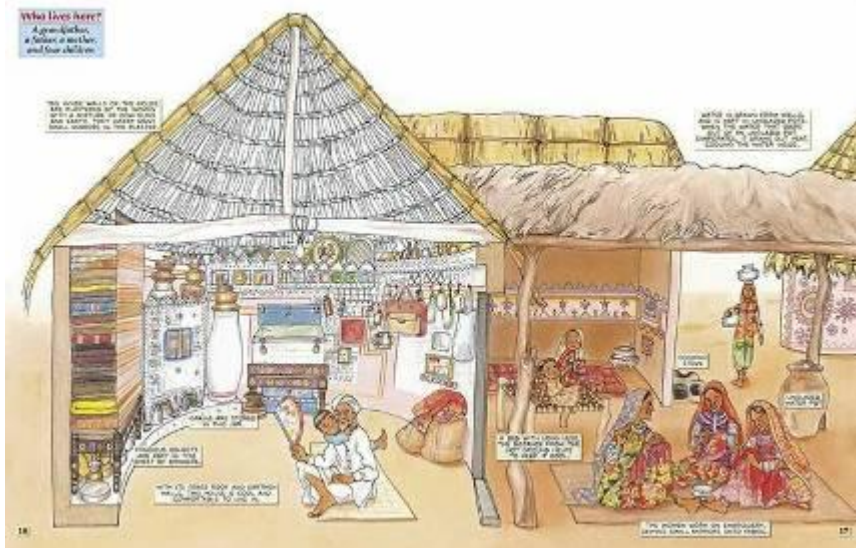


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Houses Wearing Hats

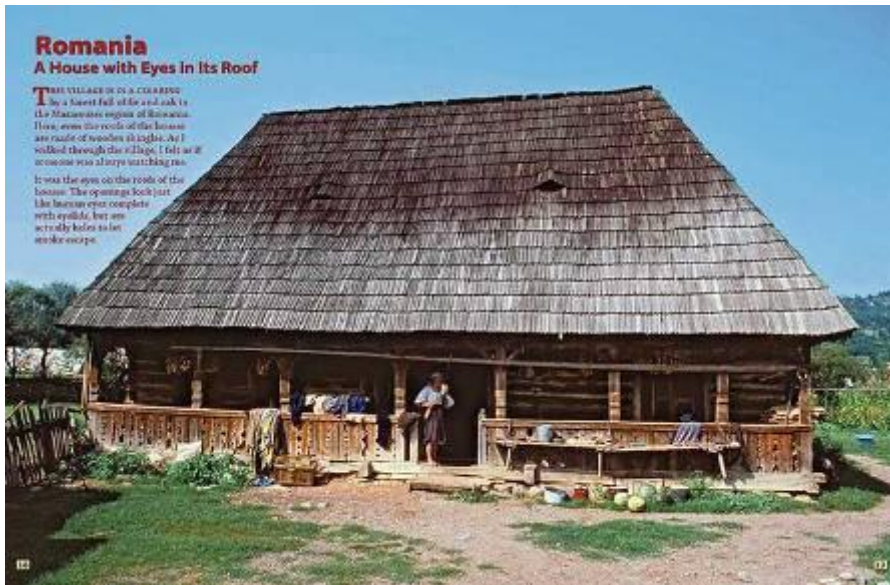
The wind blows through here. Shortly after noon, the wind from the ocean in the south comes blowing through this area towards the desert in the north. This house is in the Kutch region of India. Its roof is firmly tied down with rope so that it does not blow away in the wind.



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.



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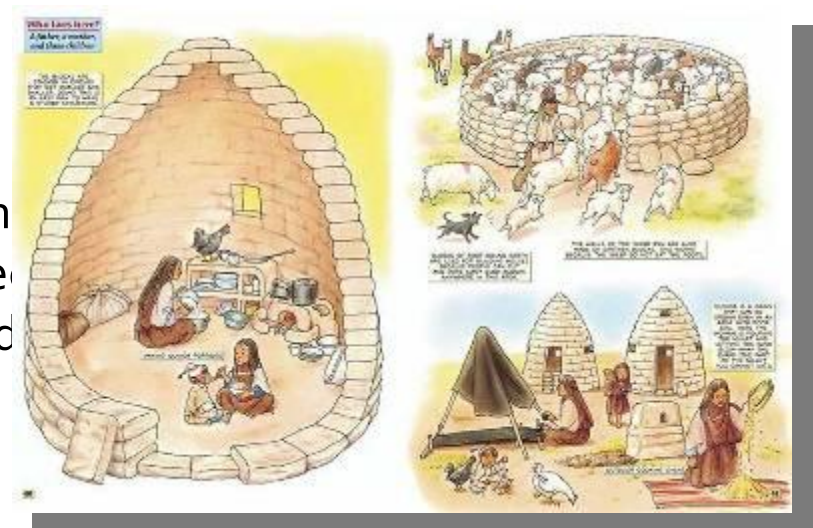
Bolivia

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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