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AT HOME AROUND THE WORLD

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What is the difference between a float home and a houseboat?

Where does a troglodyte live?

Where is the most expensive house in the world?

What is a ger?

Walls. Doors. Windows. A roof. That's how most people would describe a house. But there's more to it than that. People live in elaborate caves or yurts or vardos. They live on boats, repurposed airplanes, converted school buses and tree houses. They make dwellings out of mud and stone and packed earth. But no matter how a house is made, all homes provide shelter from the elements and a place for people to eat, sleep and socialize. From sprawling mansions to precarious cliff dwellings, the variation in what we call home is truly amazing.



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People have built amazing portable homes in unusual vehicles, some much smaller than a bus. Enterprising people have built tiny homes inside ambulances and fire trucks and even on the back of a bicycle.

FLY AWAY HOME

For travelers, airplanes can be cramped and uncomfortable. Living on a plane seems like the *last* thing anyone would want to do! But take out all the seats and overhead compartments, put in some walls and a bed, and a retired plane can make a perfectly respectable home. Plane homes are often suspended in the air or rest on a pedestal system, giving them the impression of still being in flight. Keeping the aircraft on the ground on its original landing gear means the huge shock absorbers act as an earthquake safety system,

Thanks to folding furniture and very careful use of space, this tiny home includes a sink, stove and bathtub, all of which collapse into the front wall for storage.

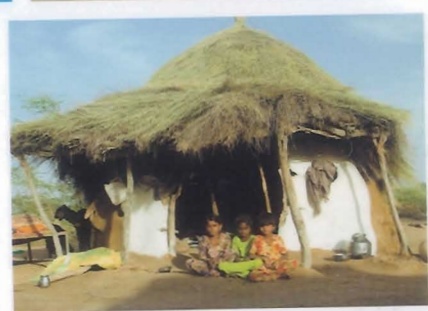
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Known as "skoolies," converted school buses have a surprising amount of room, especially when the roof is used for storage.

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HOME FACT: Not all homes on water move. A float home is built on a stable platform and is not meant to travel. A houseboat has a hull and some sort of engine and steering but is designed for comfort and space rather than speed and maneuverability. Canal boats and barges may have an engine, but they don't generally leave the protected watery pathways of canals and slow-moving rivers.



Home is where the heart is.

Homes around the world reflect the diversity and ingenuity of the people who live in them.

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