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## **FAMOUS UNUSUAL HOUSES AROUND THE WORLD**

The study explores the concept of unusual houses in contemporary architecture, focusing on their design, cultural significance and impact on tourism. Architectural features and creative approaches are analyzed using well-known examples in the work. It highlights the importance of innovation in construction and concludes with the role of unusual houses in shaping modern architecture.

Today, architecture is not just about building simple and familiar houses. Many modern architects strive to create something original, unusual and interesting, different from standard projects. Unusual houses are a vivid example of this approach. They can have strange or unusual shapes, non-standard designs, unusual room layouts or interesting engineering solutions. Often, there is a certain idea or concept behind these buildings, which makes them unique and reflects the creativity of the architect. Not only do such buildings attract the attention of local residents, but they also become popular tourist attractions, as people want to see something truly unusual and inspiring. In addition, they demonstrate that modern architecture can combine beauty, functionality and artistic originality, transforming ordinary urban spaces into something special.

Unusual architecture refers to buildings that look completely different from traditional buildings. They may have non-standard shapes, unique materials, original design or unusual layout of the premises. Often such buildings are created with a specific idea or concept that reflects the creativity of the architect and his desire to go beyond the usual standards. According to architectural studies, such buildings demonstrate new approaches in architecture, combining aesthetics, functionality and innovative engineering solutions. One example of such buildings is Upside Down House – Trassenheide, Germany. This out of the ordinary house was designed for a special exhibition in Trassenheide, Germany, and is open to the public for visiting. The creators, Klaudiusz Golas and Sebastian Mikuciuk, say they “didn’t build the house for a reason, they just wanted to do something different.” The World Stands on its Head is the official name of the project; even all the rooms inside were created upside down [1].

Cube Houses in Rotterdam, Netherlands, are a unique and innovative architectural design created by Dutch architect Piet Blom in 1984. The houses are located in Rotterdam, Netherlands and are a striking example of modern architecture. The design consists of 38 small cubes that are tilted at a 45-degree angle, with two larger “super-cubes” that serve as the main entrance and a common area [1].

Auto Residence in Salzburg, Austria, the house, designed by architect Markus Voglreiter, is a stunning example of energy-efficient design. Utilizing a “3 liter” heating and insulation system, the house is able to drastically reduce energy consumption, making it both environmentally friendly and cost-effective. The unique facade of the house, while eye-catching and unconventional, is actually just for show and does not impact the energy efficiency of the building [1].

Another example is Villa Vals in Vals, Switzerland. Completed in 2009, the house was built with local contractors and furnished with a variety of international designer pieces. They fit well with Villa Vals' spacious, industrial architecture. The interior is an eclectic but balanced mix of contemporary design. The house shows a unique combination of architecture, interior and design. A large glass facade opens onto the terrace, offering spectacular views of green meadows and, in winter, snow-covered slopes and mountain peaks [2].

Quetzalcoatl's Nest, which is in Naucalpan, Mexico, is a monument to the Aztec snake god Quetzalcoatl. This apartment complex in Mexico is a story of seeing the beauty in a challenge. Renowned Mexican architect Javier Senosiain was tasked with working on the complex's "irregular-shaped land, which is filled with caves and vast tracts of oak trees." So, he used the tricky foundation as inspiration to build a fantastical design: a 165-by-20-foot serpent's head, which includes ten separate apartments [2]. The residence is an exploration of 'organic architecture' that takes its design inspiration from nature and aims for minimal impact to the environment.

These examples demonstrate how creative and original modern architecture can be. Unusual buildings combine aesthetics, functionality and innovative engineering solutions. They not only attract tourists and increase the popularity of cities, but also show that architecture can be an art that can transform ordinary urban space into something special. Thanks to such projects, we see that modern architects are not afraid to experiment, go beyond the standards and create buildings that inspire and remain in people's memory for a long time.

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