

# UNIQUE STAYS UNPACKED

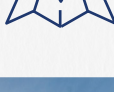
With over a third (37%)\* of global travelers expressing a preference to stay in unique types of property in 2019 - the trend to explore beyond the traditional is far from slowing. From riad to ryokan, Booking.com shines a light on the characteristics distinct to particular types of local and top trending properties to stay in around the globe to inspire your next vacation and unleash your inner explorer.



First Cabin Hanshin Nishiumeda, Osaka, Japan

## CAPSULE

The perfect unique stay for those who aren't claustrophobic, capsule hotels will fit perfectly in your Instagram's 1080px frame. Having started out as a budget-friendly place to stay in Japan, these extremely small "rooms" are often stacked high, side-by-side with steps for access.



THERE ARE CURRENTLY MORE THAN

**500**

CAPSULE LISTINGS ON BOOKING.COM

## CHALET

As picture perfect as a snowy postcard, a chalet is a wooden house with overhanging eaves typically found in mountain ski resorts. In modern usage the term has come to describe holiday homes more broadly, whether it's an Alpine affair or not.



CHALET COMES FROM THE OLD FRENCH WORD

**CHASER**

WHICH APPROPRIATELY MEANS FARMSTEAD



Les Rives d'Argentière, Chamonix-Mont-Blanc, France



Hotel Cortijo del Marqués, Albolote, Spain

## CORTIJO

A cortijo is a large country house found in Spain, surrounded by livestock sheds, granaries, oil mills, or barns. It's the perfect rural stay without having to do any of the farmwork!



CORTIJO COMES FROM THE LATIN WORD

**COHORTICULUM**

WHICH MEANS COURTYARD

## GÎTE

If looking for a rustic farming stay in France without the work and early wake up call, why not try a gîte? The rural, yet chic holiday home havens are converted former cottages located near the farm's main residence.



GÎTES WERE FIRST FOUNDED IN

**1951**



Gîte Bodenmatt, Muhlbach-sur-Munster, France



Masseria Cimino, Savarelletri di Fasano, Italy

## MASSERIA

A masseria is a fortified farmhouse or country house on an estate in Italy. It's not all work though, with masserias often offering guests swimming pools and lush gardens amongst the production of olive oil or wine, perfect for foodie travelers!



MASSERIAS WERE PRIMARILY BUILT IN THE

**16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES**

## PENTHOUSE

The sky's the limit with these chic city stays! Penthouses, located on the highest floor of an apartment building, condominium or hotel, are renowned for their luxurious look and feel and spectacular views - making them the perfect stay if you agree with...



**51%\***

OF GLOBAL TRAVELERS, STATING IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A NICE VIEW FOR AN ENJOYABLE STAY



Stunning Quartermile Penthouse, Edinburgh, UK



Riad Melhoun & Spa, Marrakech, Morocco

## RIAD

A type of traditional Moroccan house or palace built around an interior garden or courtyard. These palatial stays offer both unique architectural and floral design in one!



THE WORD RIAD STEMS FROM

الحدائق (HADIQA), THE ARABIC WORD FOR

**GARDEN**

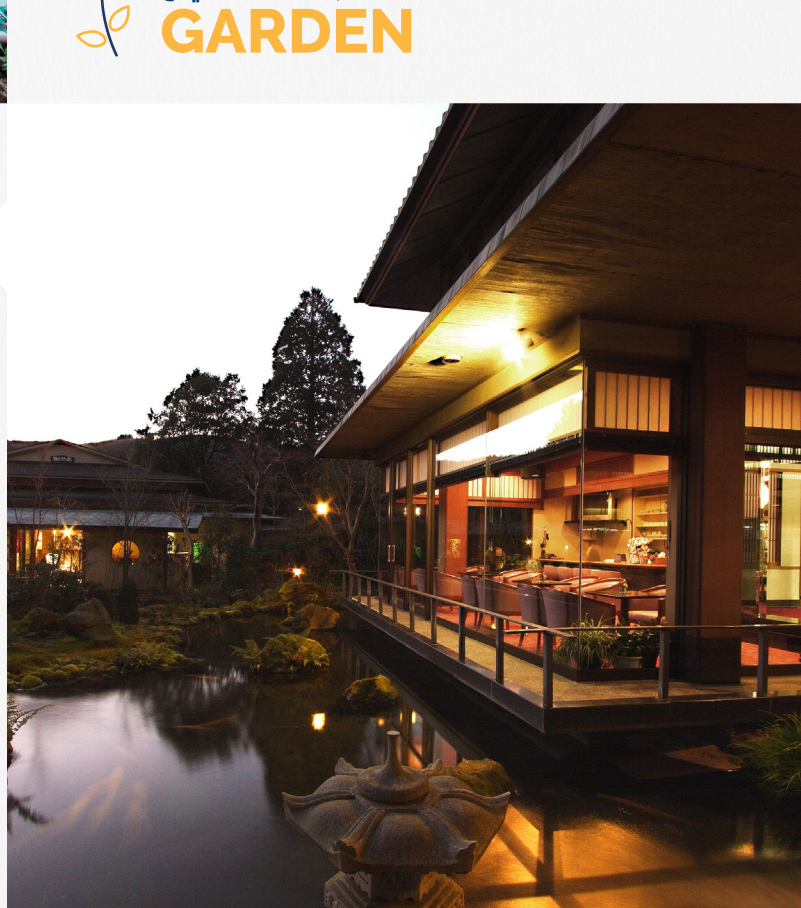
## RYOKAN

As traditional to Japan as sushi or anime, a ryokan is the perfect place to stay to immerse yourself in Japanese culture. The typically large entrance hall with sliding doors and tatami flooring - a mat constructed of rice straw - will often lead to an onsen or hot spring.

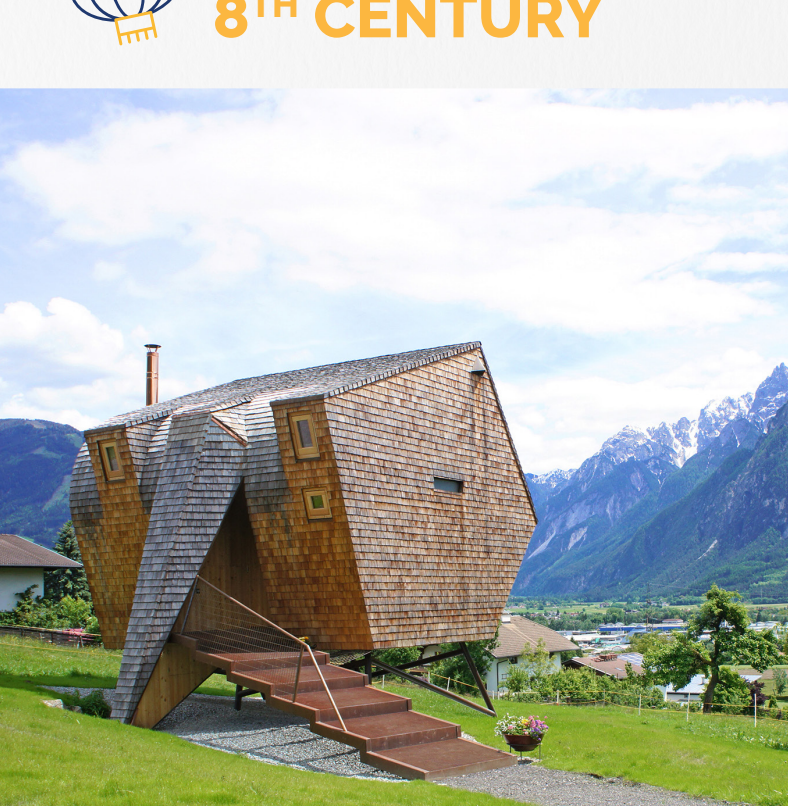


RYOKANS HAVE BEEN A STAPLE OF JAPANESE HOSPITALITY SINCE THE

**8TH CENTURY**



Yoshimatsu, Hakone, Japan



Holiday home Uroget Debant, Austria

## TINY HOUSE

While there's no set definition or even size, tiny houses are an architectural and social movement that advocates the minimalist's lifestyle of living simpler and smaller!



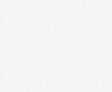
ON AVERAGE, A TINY HOUSE IS

**LESS THAN 46**

SQUARE METERS

## YURT

Once the home of nomads in Central Asia, yurts are now popping up all over the globe as popular glamping options for festivals. The portable, round tent is traditionally covered with animal skins or felt, with modern interpretations now often being larger and decorated with chic furs and cushions offering a more lux camping option without the pitching drama.



YURTS TYPICALLY MEASURE

**3-3.5 METERS**

**IN DIAMETER**



Escalante Yurts, Escalante, US