

World's Top 5 Hot Springs

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. Spa (Noun) /spɑ/ a spring believed to be good for people's health; a place or resort with such a spring
Example: A lot of people love going to spas for relaxation.
2. Variety (Noun) /və'raɪəti/ a number of different things or people of the same general type
Example: People can enjoy watching a variety of animals at the popular zoo.
3. Sauna (Noun) /'sə:nə/ a small room heated to a very high temperature and filled with steam; a period of time spent in such a room
Example: Some of the amenities that guests can enjoy at the hotel are the swimming pool, gym and spa.
4. Freshwater (Adjective) /'frefwɔ:tər/ relating to or found in water that does not contain salt
Example: The municipality boasts of freshwater lakes and beautiful sceneries.
5. Scenery (Noun) /'si:nəri:/ natural features of an area that are beautiful to look at
Example: There are tons of beautiful sceneries that tourists love visiting in that country.
6. Mud (Noun) /mʌd/ a soft and sticky mixture of water and dirt
Example: My dog loves rolling around in the mud.



What could be better than a hot spring bath after a long day of sightseeing? International and local tourists alike can enjoy bathing in the top 5 hot springs in UK namely: Széchenyi Thermal Bath (Hungary),

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This is the largest spa in Hungary's capital city, Budapest. Built in 1913, this beautiful spa in City Park has 15 indoor pools, three large outdoor pools and a variety of saunas.

Széchenyi also has "beer spas" where guests can drink beer in their bathtubs, and Saturday night pool party events with light shows and electronic music.
(Comprehension question)

Blue Lagoon (Iceland)

Blue Lagoon is a popular attraction with a large outdoor pool, saunas, hotels and restaurants. The blue water is a mixture of freshwater and seawater, which is believed to be good for the skin.

In the summer, bathers can enjoy the midnight sun and in the winter, the northern lights.

Terme di Saturnia (Italy)

Surrounded by the beautiful scenery of Tuscany, the spring water at Terme di Saturnia is believed to have many health benefits.

Visitors can pay to use the large pools of the Thermal Park, stay at the spa resort hotel, or bathe for free in the pools of Cascade del Mulino.

(Comprehension question)

Leukerbad Therme (Switzerland)

This is the largest hot spring spa in the Swiss Alps. It has 10 hot spring baths, as well as saunas, waterslides and children's pools. The village of Leukerbad also has a variety of hotels and restaurants.

After skiing or hiking, take a hot bath outside and enjoy the mountain scenery.

Palia Kameni (Greece)

This small Greek island can be visited by boat from the larger island of Santorini. To get to the seaside hot springs, visitors have to swim a short distance from their boats.

Once on the island, visitors can have mud baths, enjoy the hot springs, and cool off in the sea.

(Comprehension question)

DISCUSSION

1. Which of the spas described in the article would you most like to visit?
2. When was the last time you went to a spa?
3. Have you been to any hot springs or spas abroad?
4. What do you think are the best ways to relax after a day doing tourist activities?
5. Which of your recent vacations were the most relaxing?