Benchmark Passage Unusual Homes

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Some people are not satisfied to live in traditional houses or apartments, but choose instead to create homes of their own design. These homes show a sense of imagination.

A house in Mexico blends architecture with art. It's built to look like a giant nautilus seashell. The rooms are curved to match the shape of the shell. The walls of one room are sandy, and there are blue tiles on the floor and a window in the ceiling to give a feeling of being underwater.

A house in Pennsylvania is shaped like an enormous shoe. There are five floors and three bedrooms inside this shoe! Even the doghouse and mailbox are shaped like shoes.

Reactions from visitors vary a great deal. There are those who appreciate the unusual buildings, while others scratch their heads and wonder what the homeowners were thinking. Regardless of those reactions, unusual homes can be functional, fantastic, and fun.