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## A 'Frozen' Suite at an Ice Hotel

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"The 'Frozen Suite' in Quebec City." Renaud Philippe

A suite at Quebec City's Hôtel de Glace brings aspects of Disney's animated movie "Frozen" to life.

Modeled after the central characters' bedrooms, the "Frozen Suite" was designed and supervised by Michael Giaimo, the film's art director.

Loosely based on a Hans Christian Andersen tale, the movie focuses on the story of sisters Anna and Elsa and how their mythical town, Arendelle, unexpectedly turns from summer into an arduous winter. This concept fit Hôtel de Glace's overall "Myths and Legends from Around the World" theme for 2014.

Inside the suite are Anna and Elsa's queen-size illuminated beds, tapestry etched into snowy walls, an ice fireplace and two sculpted armchairs. A public area in the hotel features an "activity cave" with an ice slide as well as a mural with the cast of characters carved on a wall.

The suite was created in a week by two sculptors and their assistants, with "Walt Disney Studios working with the Hôtel de Glace to determine what was feasible to build in ice and snow," Alicia Rochevriev, the hotel's communications manager, said in an email. Ms. Rochevriev said that the beds' special headboards were the most complicated to craft because the ice and snow were quite heavy to form into an awning.

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The hotel offers 17 suites and 27 standard rooms, and accommodations include complimentary cocktails served in glasses made out of ice, a warm breakfast and access to the hotel's outdoor spa baths and sauna. Visitors need to bundle up: the ambient temperature is a constant 23 degrees, and sleeping bags are provided on beds.

Like Elsa's spell on Arendelle, the Ice Hotel does not last forever: it will be dismantled on March 23 and rebuilt from scratch the next year.

Room rates for the Frozen Suite start at 850 Canadian dollars for weekends and 625 dollars during the week with accommodations for two adults and two children.

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