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Chapter 1: Quirky Landmarks

The Big Duck

The Big Duck is a roadside attraction located in Flanders, New York. It was built in 1931 as a way to attract customers to a duck farm. The building is shaped like a duck, with its head and neck sticking out over the road. The Big Duck is made of wood and metal, and it is painted white and yellow.

The Big Duck has become a popular tourist attraction over the years. People come from all over the world to see this unique building. The Big Duck has been featured in numerous television shows and movies, and it has even been the subject of a children's book.

In addition to being a tourist attraction, the Big Duck is also a working business. The building houses a gift shop and a snack bar. Visitors can purchase souvenirs, such as Big Duck t-shirts and keychains. They can also

enjoy a variety of snacks, such as hot dogs, hamburgers, and ice cream.

The Big Duck is a beloved landmark on Long Island. It is a reminder of a simpler time, when roadside attractions were common. The Big Duck is a fun and unique place to visit, and it is sure to leave a lasting impression.

The Big Duck is a testament to the creativity and ingenuity of the American people. It is a one-of-a-kind attraction that is sure to delight visitors of all ages. If you are ever in Long Island, be sure to stop by and visit the Big Duck. You won't be disappointed.

The Big Duck is also a symbol of the American dream. It was built by a man with a vision, and it has become a successful business. The Big Duck is a reminder that anything is possible if you set your mind to it.

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World's Largest Jigsaw Puzzle

The world's largest jigsaw puzzle is located in the town of New Paltz, New York. The puzzle is made up of 51,300 pieces and measures 29 feet by 19 feet. It was created by artist Charles Fazzino and took over two years to complete.

The puzzle is a recreation of Fazzino's painting, "New York City Skyline." The painting is a vibrant and colorful depiction of the New York City skyline, complete with iconic landmarks like the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, and the Brooklyn Bridge.

The puzzle is a popular tourist attraction and has been featured in several television shows and magazines. It is a challenging puzzle to complete, but it is also a rewarding one. When you finally finish it, you will have a beautiful piece of art to display in your home.

In addition to the world's largest jigsaw puzzle, the town of New Paltz is also home to several other quirky landmarks. These include the Mohonk Mountain House, a historic resort hotel that is known for its stunning views of the Catskill Mountains; the Ashokan Rail Trail, a 11.5-mile hiking and biking trail that follows the path of an abandoned railroad; and the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail, a 26-mile hiking and biking trail that follows the path of the Wallkill River.

New Paltz is a great place to visit for anyone who loves quirky landmarks and outdoor recreation. With its beautiful scenery, charming shops, and friendly people, New Paltz is a town that has something for everyone.

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Atlas Obscura: 5 Offbeat Attractions

Atlas Obscura is a website and book that celebrates the world's weird and wonderful places. From the world's largest ball of twine to a museum dedicated to bad taxidermy, Atlas Obscura has something for everyone.

In New York City, Atlas Obscura has identified five offbeat attractions that are sure to amaze and amuse visitors. These attractions include:

- **The Big Duck:** This giant duck-shaped building was originally built in 1931 as a roadside attraction for a duck farm. Today, it is a museum dedicated to all things duck-related.
- **The Museum of Interesting Things:** This museum is home to a collection of over 2,000 unusual and fascinating objects, including a shrunken head, a two-headed turtle, and a collection of antique sex toys.

- **The World's Largest Jigsaw Puzzle:** This massive jigsaw puzzle is made up of over 32,000 pieces and measures over 20 feet long. It is currently on display at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum.
- **The Dog Chapel:** This small chapel is dedicated to dogs and features stained glass windows depicting dogs in various poses. It is a popular spot for dog lovers to hold weddings and other ceremonies.
- **The Unisphere:** This giant metal globe is located in Flushing Meadows Park and was built for the 1964-65 New York World's Fair. It is a popular spot for tourists to take photos and enjoy the views of the park.

These are just a few of the many offbeat attractions that New York City has to offer. If you're looking for something different to do on your next visit to the city, be sure to check out Atlas Obscura for more ideas.

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