Where in the World Is Mrs. Waffenschmidt? # 33

Name _____ Date

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Can you name the place I am visiting? Where in the world is this place found?

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