Where in the World Is Mrs. Waffenschmidt? # 29

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Read the paragraph below. In that paragraph, everybody's favorite adventurer, Mrs. Waffenschmidt, offers clues about the place she is visiting today. Use those clues to help you figure out where in the world Mrs. Waffenschmidt is. Write your answer on the line at the bottom of the page.

I am visiting a collection of very beautiful palaces. Construction started on these palaces in 1407 and was finished 14 years later. The palace walls are very impressive. They are 11 feet thick and at least 32 feet high, so climbing over to sneak a peek wouldn't be easy to do. Then, too, it was once forbidden -- under penalty of death -- for commoners to enter the gates of this city of buildings without an invitation. Everywhere I look I see yellow and red. My guidebook says the yellow represents power and the color red is a symbol of good luck. I don't think I'll stay to count the rooms in these palaces but our tour guide says there are a total of 9,999 rooms! (The number 9 was considered lucky, I am told.) All around the insides of the painted wooden buildings here are lots of giant bronze kettles. The kettles are filled with water -- just in case of fire. This place was once the home of royalty, but now it is a famous tourist attraction. It is called the world's largest palace complex. OK, now I've seen everything! Did you know that there is a Starbucks Coffee store inside this place? It's located in a building called the "Hall of Preserving Harmony."

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

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