

## Where in the World Is Mrs. Waffenschmidt? # 20

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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.



Right now I'm sitting in the water in a lounge chair -- and the chair and I are *floating!* This unique place is said to be the 33rd largest lake in the world. It is also said to be three to five times saltier than the ocean. That's because the waters don't drain away from the lake -- they dry up and leave behind salt deposits. In 1825, Jim Bridger is thought to have been the first European to see the lake. (Of course, native Indians in the area had known about the lake for many years.) At first, Bridger and his men thought they had found the Pacific Ocean. Instead, they had found what some people call the "Inland Sea." This "sea" is only about 34 feet deep at its deepest point. It stretches about 75 miles long and 35 miles wide. *Yuck! What is that odor? It smells like rotten eggs!* I just heard someone say the odor comes from the decay of animals and plants that grow in the shallow waters around the lake's shore. If you're thinking of fishing here, don't bother bringing your pole. No fish swim in this water. It's just too salty. You probably wouldn't be surprised to learn that salt companies gather the lake's salt, purify it, and sell as table salt.

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

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