

# Sniqsay Floating Cities

The technology of these remarkable cities is made possible by one of the [Sniqsay's](#) closely guarded scientific secrets, known on earth as [handwavium](#). (More on that below.) Though the cities are one of the most popular Sniqsay landmarks with visitors, the cities thrive more on their pudding cup industry than with their never-ending tourist campaigns.

## **Location & History**

The cities are located within the Sniqsay quadrant, in the debris field of the planet [Kiephcha](#). The cities were built shortly after the planet blew up, in order to protect the [Key to the Universe](#) from being stolen by spaceship captains.

## **Population Growth**

For several years after the cities were built, population numbers ranged from 14 million to 15 million, depending on the day. Since the shutting down of pudding cup factories in the eighth Sniqsay quadrant, however, many unemployed factory workers migrated into the floating cities to find new jobs. Now the city boasts a healthy population of 5,432,900 million citizens. The numbers remain constant except for scheduled dentist appointment days, when the population drops temporarily to 34.

## **Handwavium**

So far the technology of handwavium remains a Sniqsay secret. Earth has made a request to send scientists to study the unusual properties of this power, but the appeal is currently stuck somewhere in the Sniqsay government system. Sniqsay government officials usually do not check their email unless it's a Thursday, and the Sniqsay have banned Thursday from their calendar. And so handwavium remains a myth.

## **Tourism**

The floating cities endeavor to open their doors wide to tourists of all ages and from all planets. Last year, the governor authorized 5 billion to be spent on tourist attractions alone. Some of the most popular attractions include the Merry-go-round & Grilled Cheese revolving restaurants, spaceship cleaning seminars, and, of course, the handwavium roller coaster rides.

## **Architects**

The author of the original city design is widely debated among the Sniqsay. Some credit the design to [Fjdilka](#), an experienced architect who began life as an umbrella salesman. Others attribute the blueprints as the product of collaboration between two relatively unknown architects, known as [Qwejdil](#) and [Bjfdnl](#). While the jury is still out in that respect, the Sniqsay at least agree that the cities were built by [Wrjkdldkdaio;dl](#). This does not explain the fact that there is a statue of an octopus in the cities labeled "[Father of the Floating Cities](#)." The Sniqsay have never explained this mystery to outsiders.

## **Effects of Handwavium on Domestic Microwaves**

One of the few things earthlings have been able to discover about handwavium is that it has a profound effect on the way normal, everyday microwaves operate. This discovery was first made by a tourist who, finding there were no microwaves at Sniqsay hotels, brought his own microwave from Earth on a return trip. He put in a bag of popcorn and set it on the ordinary popcorn setting, then left to check his Facebook account. When he returned, the microwave had turned into a tall glass of soda with a straw.