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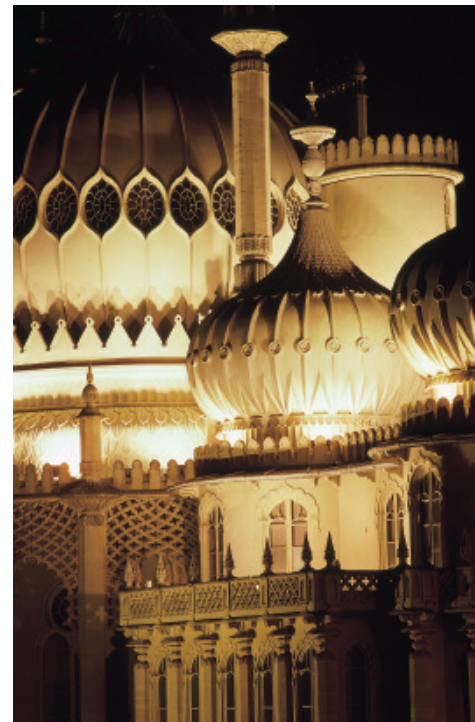
A hot August afternoon on the lower promenade and beach.



Brighton rock.



The Brighton Festival.



The Royal Pavilion.



Royal Crescent, Marine Parade.