

A serene winter landscape featuring snow-covered mountains, evergreen trees, and a cabin. The scene is captured in a cool, blue-toned palette, suggesting a quiet, cold day. A wooden fence runs across the foreground, leading the eye into the distance. The sky is a mix of deep blues and purples, with some light clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and nostalgic.

# WINTER FEELINGS

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# THE CAUSE OF WINTER

The tilt of the Earth's axis relative to its orbital plane plays a large role in the formation of weather. The Earth is tilted at an angle of  $23.44^\circ$  to the plane of its orbit, causing different latitudes to directly face the Sun as the Earth moves through its orbit. This variation brings about seasons. When it is winter in the Northern Hemisphere, the Southern Hemisphere faces the Sun more directly and thus experiences warmer temperatures than the Northern Hemisphere. Conversely, winter in the Southern Hemisphere occurs when the Northern Hemisphere is tilted more toward the Sun. From the perspective of an observer on the Earth, the winter Sun has a lower maximum altitude in the sky than the summer Sun.



# WINTER REST



Winter rest (from the German term Winterruhe) is a state of reduced activity of plants and warm-blooded animals living in extratropical regions of the world during the more hostile environmental conditions of winter. In this state, they save energy during cold weather while they have limited access to food sources.

A dark, monochromatic photograph of an Antarctic landscape. In the foreground, several penguins are visible on a snowy or icy terrain. The background shows a range of snow-capped mountains under a dim sky. A thin vertical blue line is positioned on the left side of the image.

# ANTARCTICA WINTERS

**Antarctic Winters** are long and very cold with long dark nights that may last for weeks . The dark doesn't last as long as the summer light as there is twilight after the sun sets below the horizon and before it comes up again. The further south you go, the colder, darker and longer the **winter** is.



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# THE NICE FEELING OF WINTER

During the **winter**, it feels like everything slows down and becomes quiet. Summer wanes and colors begin to change. Warm orange and yellows are blown south by the violets and blues of **winter**. The cool touch of flowing streams give way to capilene and fleece that constrict movement as they layer.



# CHRISTMAS

**Christmas** is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it is preceded by the season of Advent or the Nativity Fast and initiates the season of Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on Twelfth Night; in some traditions, Christmastide includes an octave. Christmas Day is a public holiday in many of the world's nations, is celebrated religiously by a majority of Christians, as well as culturally by many non-Christians, and forms an integral part of the holiday season centered around it.

# HISTORY

The nativity sequences included in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke prompted early Christian writers to suggest various dates for the anniversary. Although no date is indicated in the gospels, early Christians connected Jesus to the Sun through the use of such phrases as "Sun of righteousness." The Romans marked the winter solstice on December 25. The first recorded Christmas celebration was in Rome on 25 December 336. In the 3rd century, the date of the nativity was the subject of great interest. Around AD 200, Clement of Alexandria wrote:





# THE SOLSTICE

December 25 was the date of the winter solstice on the Roman calendar. A late fourth-century sermon by Saint Augustine explains why this was a fitting day to celebrate Christ's nativity: "Hence it is that He was born on the day which is the shortest in our earthly reckoning and from which subsequent days begin to increase in length. He, therefore, who bent low and lifted us up chose the shortest day, yet the one whence light begins to increase."

# GIFT GIVING.

The exchanging of gifts is one of the core aspects of the modern Christmas celebration, making it the most profitable time of year for retailers and businesses throughout the world. On Christmas, people exchange gifts based on the Christian tradition associated with Saint Nicholas, and the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh which were given to the baby Jesus by the Magi. The practice of gift giving in the Roman celebration of Saturnalia may have influenced Christian customs, but on the other hand the Christian "core dogma of the Incarnation, however, solidly established the giving and receiving of gifts as the structural principle of that recurrent yet unique event", because it was the Biblical Magi, "together with all their fellow men, who received the gift of God through man's renewed participation in the divine life."

# CHRISTMAS NARRATIV

The traditional Christmas narrative, the Nativity of Jesus, delineated in the New Testament says that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in accordance with messianic prophecies. When Joseph and Mary arrived in the city, the inn had no room and so they were offered a stable where the Christ Child was soon born, with angels proclaiming this news to shepherds who then further disseminated the information.



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