



January 2026

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
All Aboard!							
Credit: Ilya Bodo, IceCube/NSF	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Snow that accumulates at the South Pole often results in large drifts that must be removed from around structures. The “hills” that result are tall enough to elicit smiles from this group of sledders.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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February 2026

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Summer is Over							
Credit: Connor Duffy, IceCube/NSF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The South Pole has only two seasons—summer and winter. Crews working at the Pole for the summer generally arrive in October or November and depart in January or February. This Basler plane, one of the smaller aircraft for Pole departures, is taking away the last group of summer personnel before the station closes for winter.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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March 2026

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The Ceremonial South Pole							
Credit: Ilya Bodo, IceCube/NSF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunset at the South Pole lasts for weeks and usually offers up some nice photo opportunities. Here, the marker at the ceremonial South Pole is centered on the sun while it's still fully visible on the horizon. The flags flying at this spot represent the twelve countries that made up the original signatories of the Antarctic Treaty, signed in 1959, which protects Antarctica as a place for peaceful, scientific explorations.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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April 2026

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Shades of Blue							
Credit: Ilya Bodo, IceCube/NSF	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
With waning daylight, the IceCube Lab begins to blend into the background. As twilight progresses, the darkness will make outdoor photographs more difficult.	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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May 2026

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Jedi Nights							
Credit: Ilya Bodo, IceCube/NSF	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sometimes the light is just right for a lightsaber battle in the snow. Red exterior lighting is used in the dark of winter to reduce interference for light-sensitive experiments.	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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June 2026

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	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bright Skies							
Credit: Ilya Bodo, IceCube/NSF	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
To really enjoy auroras, you want a nice dark sky. And in winter, the South Pole enjoys very dark skies. The beauty of these natural spectacles goes a long way to make up for the long winter nights.	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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July 2026

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	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Snow Day!							
Credit: Ilya Bodo, IceCube/NSF	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
There's a lot of snow here for a place that is classified as a desert. That's because snow is carried in from strong winds that blow across the continent. The blowing snow accumulates around the station and all the structures located at the Pole, including the IceCube Upgrade storage containers and the IceCube Lab.	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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August 2026

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Milky Way in the Mix							
Credit: Ilya Bodo, IceCube/NSF	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sometimes IceCubers are lucky enough to witness auroras and stars on the same night. They might feel luckier still to get a good glimpse of the Milky Way, too. This busy sky providing a backdrop to the IceCube lab has it all!	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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September 2026

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A Farm in the Snow							
Credit: Calvin Moschkau, IceCube/NSF	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Along with an industrial kitchen, dining room, and gym, the South Pole station includes a fully functional greenhouse, where people can grow fresh produce despite the inhospitable climate outdoors.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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October 2026

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Infinite Horizon							
Credit: Connor Duffy, IceCube/NSF	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
After the long winter, sunrise is quite welcome at the South Pole. The Pole is technically a desert, and this image's snow-swept surface is reminiscent of a sandy desert that one might see in a hot climate. The reflective nature of the surface snow and ice in this barren landscape produces a calming and beautiful sunrise scene.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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November 2026

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Keeping Things Cold							
Credit: Calvin Moschkau, IceCube/NSF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The South Pole station features a network of underground tunnels, used for storage and other infrastructure. Some say the cold storage area beneath the station looks “Indiana Jones-esque.” What do you think?	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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December 2026

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Walking on Ice							
Credit: Calvin Moschkau, IceCube/NSF	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A group of winterovers are walking out to the Dark Sector, an area at the South Pole designated to minimize radio and light pollution for the experiments housed there, which include IceCube and the South Pole Telescope.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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