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There's something spectacular that happens in NYC during the winter holiday season. The cold weather along with the holiday spirit sends an electrifying energy to the already bustling neighborhood streets, and when the end of the year is upon us, the world's greatest city magically transforms itself into a winter wonderland filled with holiday lights, decorations and festive attractions.

My personal and most treasured memories have been spent enjoying NYC's holiday inspired activities. There are endless ways to relish in this enchanting season: admiring Central Park's stunning winter beauty from its winding paths, viewing the much anticipated tree-lighting ceremony, and ice skating at the historic Rockefeller Center rink. The Big Apple experience is sure to be joyfully stimulating whether you are uptown or downtown and the holiday attractions are limitless. With seasonal shows such as The Christmas Spectacular featuring the Radio City Rockettes or New York City Ballet's, The Nutcracker, you will be delightfully entertained. For holiday sightseeing you can check out the fabulous Festival of Lights on Randall's Island or simply window shop along 5th Avenue to catch a glimpse of the many creative and memorable window displays.

Holiday gifts can be purchased at various Christmas stores including the incredible Columbus Circle and Union Square Holiday Markets, and after a fun filled day of events why not grab a bite to eat at one of the city's many fine restaurants decked out for the holidays? From The NoMad, which is known for its remarkable Norway Spruce Christmas tree to The Tavern on the Green located in the heart of Central Park, an incomparable dining experience awaits you; their magnificent holiday decorations create a beautiful and festive dining ambiance. Whatever activities or entertainment you decide to enjoy this holiday season, the magical island of Manhattan offers an extraordinary and unforgettable experience!

Warm wishes,

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