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There's something extraordinary 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. When the end of the year is upon us, magically, the world's greatest city 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 this enchanting season from admiring Central Park's stunning winter beauty while strolling on its winding paths, to viewing the tree-lighting ceremony and ice skating at Rockefeller Center. The Big Apple experience is always joyfully stimulating. Whether you are uptown or downtown, the holiday attractions are limitless. With seasonal shows such as The Christmas Spectacular featuring the Radio City Rockettes or the New York City Ballet's, The Nutcracker, you will be delightfully entertained. For holiday sightseeing, be sure to check out the fabulous light festival on Randall's Island or simply window shop along 5th Avenue to catch a glimpse of the many incredible window displays.

Holiday gifts can be purchased at various stores and Christmas boutiques including the amazing Columbus Circle and Union Square Holiday Markets, so after a festive day of shopping or events, why not grab a bite to eat at one of the city's finest 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, the decorations in these restaurants are certain to provide a festive dining ambiance. Whatever activities or entertainment you decide to enjoy during this holiday season, the magical island of Manhattan offers an extraordinary experience!

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season,

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