

TELESCOPES OF THE SOUTH POLE

The South Pole is one of the premier sites for astronomy. At more than 9,000 feet elevation, the thin, dry air and six months of darkness during the polar winter make for ideal observing conditions. For more than forty years, astronomers have trekked to the bottom of the world to study the cosmos above.

Numerous telescopes over the years have found a home at the South Pole. With them, astronomers have peered deep into space and back in time to when the universe was young. The harsh Antarctic climate can be tough on equipment, but despite sub-zero temperatures and winter storms, researchers working at the South Pole continue to conduct cutting edge research from one of the most isolated places on Earth.

