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An Antarctic Research Station's Living Quarters Are Surprisingly Comfy

And considerably more spacious than our apartments.



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What do you picture when you imagine living at a research station in Antarctica? Whatever it is, you'll probably be surprised by this video tour of the Amudsen-Scott South Pole Station, a U.S. research station located at the southernmost point in the world.

The station was originally built in 1958, but since has been torn down and renovated several times. Now, the space resembles a college commons more than the cramped quarters of a secluded research facility. The station also has a wide array of homey amenities, including a popcorn maker adjacent to a screening room, a large library, labs, workstations, small-but-comfortable dorms, a greenhouse, a gym, and a laundry room. The space looks a lot more comfortable than my apartment.

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Of course, as Miller reminds us, the windchill outside is far below zero, and at 9 p.m., the Antarctic summer sun is high in the sky, so outside activities are rarely an option. Although the Antarctic is certainly no paradise, after taking a peek at these images, we wouldn't mind a visit.

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