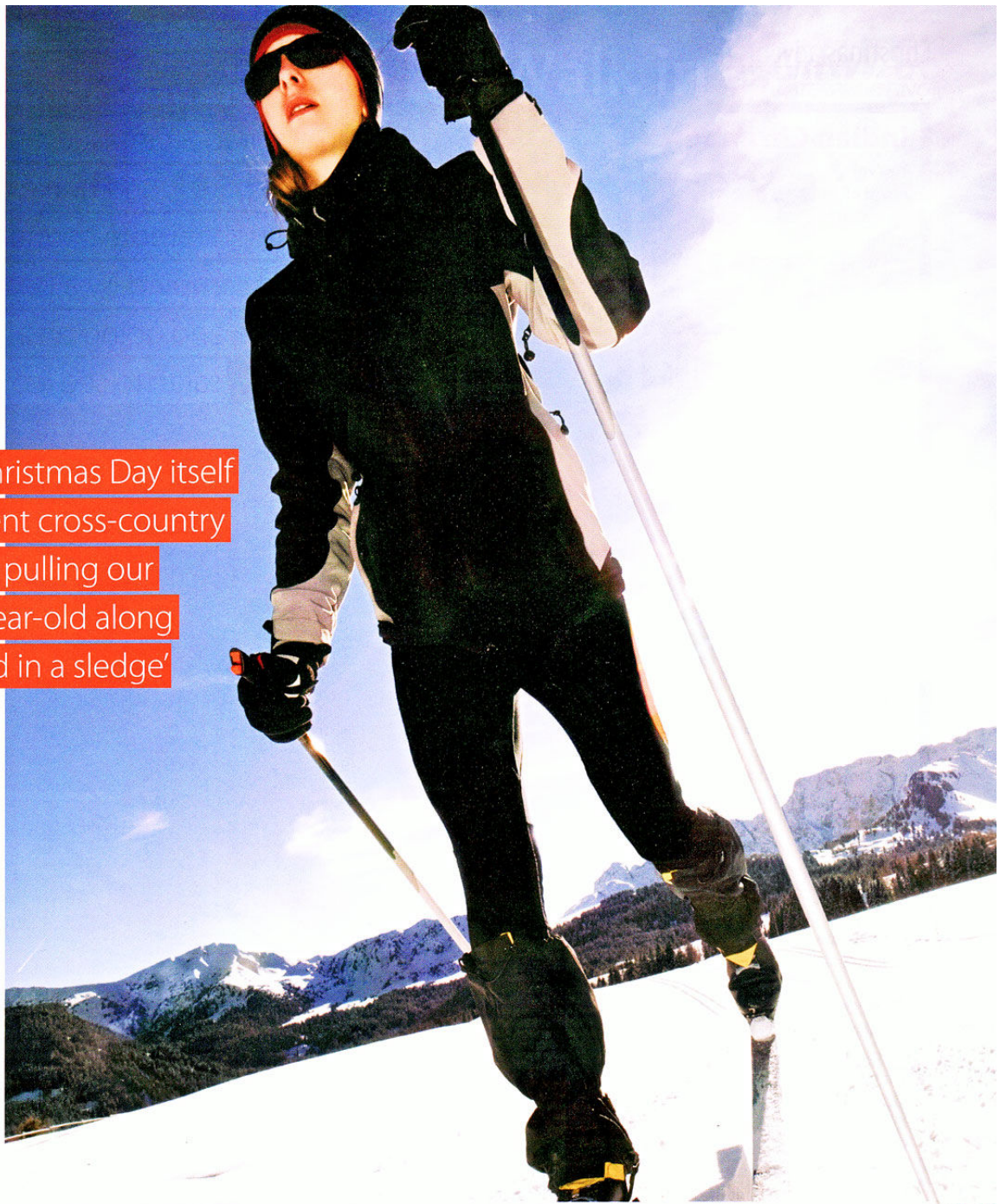


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Swedish Chrimbo

Ingrid Wilkins and family (her husband and their three children aged two, nine and 10) spent Christmas on a farm in Sweden, in splendid, Swedish isolation.

"It was really interesting to experience another culture," says Ingrid. "No-one missed our normal rituals, it made a nice change. Everything was covered in snow and very beautiful, very peaceful, and there was no-one else around.

"We went on a horse-drawn

sleigh ride to chose the Christmas tree, which we cut down and decorated," continues Ingrid, who's a doctor. "The main day was Christmas Eve with a special Swedish meal and a visit from Tomtem – their version of Santa. On Christmas Day itself we went cross-country skiing, pulling our two-year-old along behind in a sledge. The children loved it.

"Our friends and family took it well – we're often working over the festive period anyway – and we

had amazing stories to tell when we got back. We're looking forward to doing something like it again."

The Wilkins family went on a Winter Wonderland Experience with Nature Travels:
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