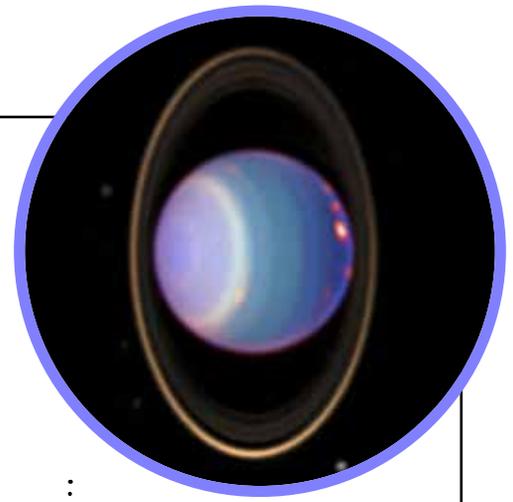


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Uranus is a giant, icy ball of gas and liquid, with a solid center. It's the seventh planet from the sun and the farthest that you can see without a telescope.

Although Neptune is even farther from the sun, Uranus is the coldest planet in our solar system. The temperature of its atmosphere is minus 350 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 212 Celsius).

Did you know ...

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sides and it orbits the sun on its side. The strange way that it spins can mean nights on some parts of Uranus last more than forty years! Scientists think a planet as big as Earth may have crashed into Uranus at some point, tipping it onto its side.

There's another fun fact about Uranus—it's the only planet named after a Greek god instead of a Roman god. Uranus was the Greek god of the sky and the husband of Earth.

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Montage of Uranus's five largest satellites

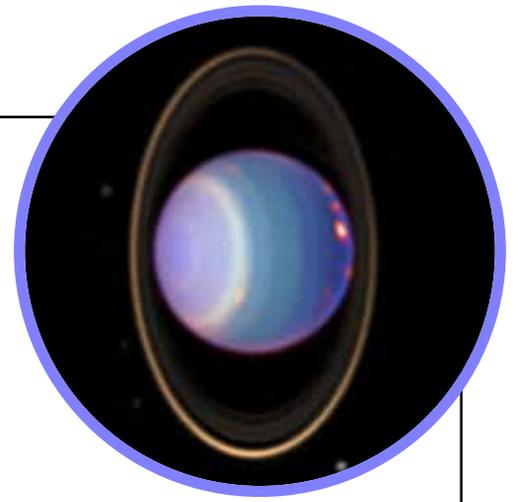


From right to left: Oberon, Titania, Umbriel, Ariel, and Miranda

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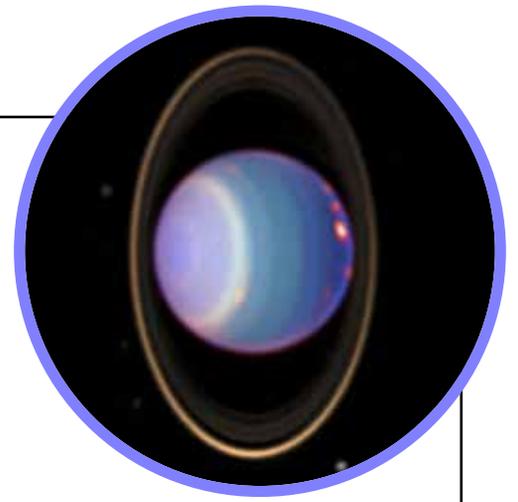
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