



For a cosy winter break the hut's a hit

MANY places boast of letting you get away from it all, but few deliver like the historic Moonbah Hut near Jindabyne. This stone cattleman's hut, bordering Kosciuszko National Park, has no TV or mobile phone reception. Think games of Scrabble, glasses of red wine and rambling conversations in front of the open-stone fire and wood stove. It's super cosy when the mercury plummets. Winter packages are available with 10 per cent off normal rates. Wombat sightings are a bonus. See takeabreak.com.au/MoonbahHut.htm.

Little luxuries

OUR historic and blood ties to England mean hundreds of Australian families travel to London each year. But not everyone wants to bunker down with great-auntie Doris for their holidays. London's Athenaeum Hotel has a special children's program that caters for newborns to teens, so

families can set up a comfortable base camp. The hotel supplies nappies, wipes and bottle sterilisers and sells freshly-made, organic baby food. Children get an age-appropriate toy box, evening biscuits and milk and pint-sized robes, slippers and hangers. There's even a DVD-lending library stocked with essentials like *Thomas The Tank Engine*, iPod docking stations, PlayStations and Xboxes. The hotel is offering half-price breakfasts for children 10 years and under. See www.athenaeumhotel.com or email

info@athenaeumhotel.com.

Fancy free

WHO can resist a dollar dazzler? A luxury apartment at North Queensland's Airlie Beach is on offer for \$1 a night. But, as always, there's a catch. It has to be a Wednesday night, booked as part of a five-night minimum stay at the Grand Mercure Azure Seas Apartment Hotel. Still,

whichever way you look at it, it means an (almost) free night. Rates start at \$195 for a one-bedroom apartment. The resort is a 15-minute walk from the beach, and the apartments all have balconies overlooking the Coral Sea. The offer is available until August 31. See www.accorhotels.com.au or phone their reservations number on 1300 65 65 65.

Kill and grill

VEGETARIANS, please stop reading now. A Scottish hotel is offering guests a spot of huntin' and shootin' on its highland property, with the chance to stalk, shoot and then eat a stag for dinner. Venison burgers anyone? The hotel, Ardanaiseig, set on the shores of Loch Awe, is promoting this kill-it-and-grill-it experience under the more genteel name, "caught a pounder". See www.ardanaiseig.com.

> GIVEAWAY

Our lucky internet cafe winner receives a Hedgren's Utopia collection of bags valued at more than \$500. The collection includes an expanding trolley case, ideal for up to seven days' travel (worth \$349.95) and a shoulder bag (worth \$99.95) perfect for daytrips with many pockets and compartments for maps, passports and brochures. There is also a laptop sleeve (worth \$55) for business trips. To win the collection, email travelshd@fairfaxmedia.com.au and tell us your holiday highlights in 100 words. Include the name and address of the internet cafe or hotel you are emailing from, plus your contact details.



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