



# Chase the rambling wombat

THE AUSTRALIAN SKI SEASON IS UNDER WAY, AND TAKEABREAK.COM.AU HAS SOME COSY DEALS ON BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIAN SNOWFIELDS. MORE THAN 11,000 PROPERTIES ARE LISTED AT THE SITE: WWW.TAKEABREAK.COM.AU

FALLS Creek was a big hit with school-aged guests this week after the Ruined Castle and Scotts Quad chairlifts were opened for the first time this winter.

The Sun Valley lifts provide access to many intermediate and more challenging slopes. After several days of fresh snowfalls and snowmaking, there was about a half a metre of snow on the resort's south-facing slopes.

The 2.2km Wombat's Ramble – the longest beginner trail in Australia – was also well covered.

Skiing and boarding was the best of the 2008 season and more snowfalls

## SKI DEAL 1

are expected. The resort has an all-inclusive family special offering five nights' accommodation, five breakfasts, three dinners, a five-day ski lift pass, five-day ski/board hire, five two-hour group lessons an adult, five full days of ski school for each child and a Snow Bungy ride for each child.

It costs \$1712 for each adult, \$1218 for a child between six and 14, and \$818 for a child between three and five.

The deal is valid until August 16 and

callers should quote code CONDPE.

The Quintessential Ski Lodge experience offers five nights' accommodation in a standard lodge room, five breakfasts, a five-day ski lift pass, five-day ski/board hire, five two-hour group lessons for each adult, five full days of ski school for each child, and snowtubing sessions a child. Cost is \$1527 an adult, \$1193 a child (6-14) and \$626 a child (3-5). The offer is valid until August 29. Quote FTNDPE.

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## DEAL 2

Birches Luxury Spa Chalets is offering an all-inclusive Above It All two-night romance package for \$1550 a couple. It includes champagne and chocolates on arrival, two cooked breakfasts, a traditional silver service dining experience with butler service in the privacy of a villa, before and after-dinner drinks, a main meal and dessert, a bottle of wine and two 30-minute massages.

## DEAL 3

Abalina Cottages has 4-star accommodation. Less than 12 months old, the two cottages feature three bedrooms and two bathrooms, heaters, a home theatre and breakfast provisions included.

## DEAL 4

In NSW, 150m from the ski lifts at Smiggins Holes, is the Snow Bunny Ski Lodge. Takeabreak is offering discounts for family accommodation at the renovated resort. It has 10 rooms that sleep between two and five people. Deals include bed and breakfast and either on-site parking or pick-up and return to the Perisher Ski Tube terminal.

## DEAL 5

Step back in time at Moonbah Hut, a stone and slab cattleman's hut 15 minutes from Jindabyne. The hut sleeps two adults and two children. It has an open fireplace, woodfired stove for cooking and no mobile or TV reception. Winter packages are available to October with 10 per cent off normal rates. Packages include Swiss chocolates and a bottle of red wine to end the day.



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