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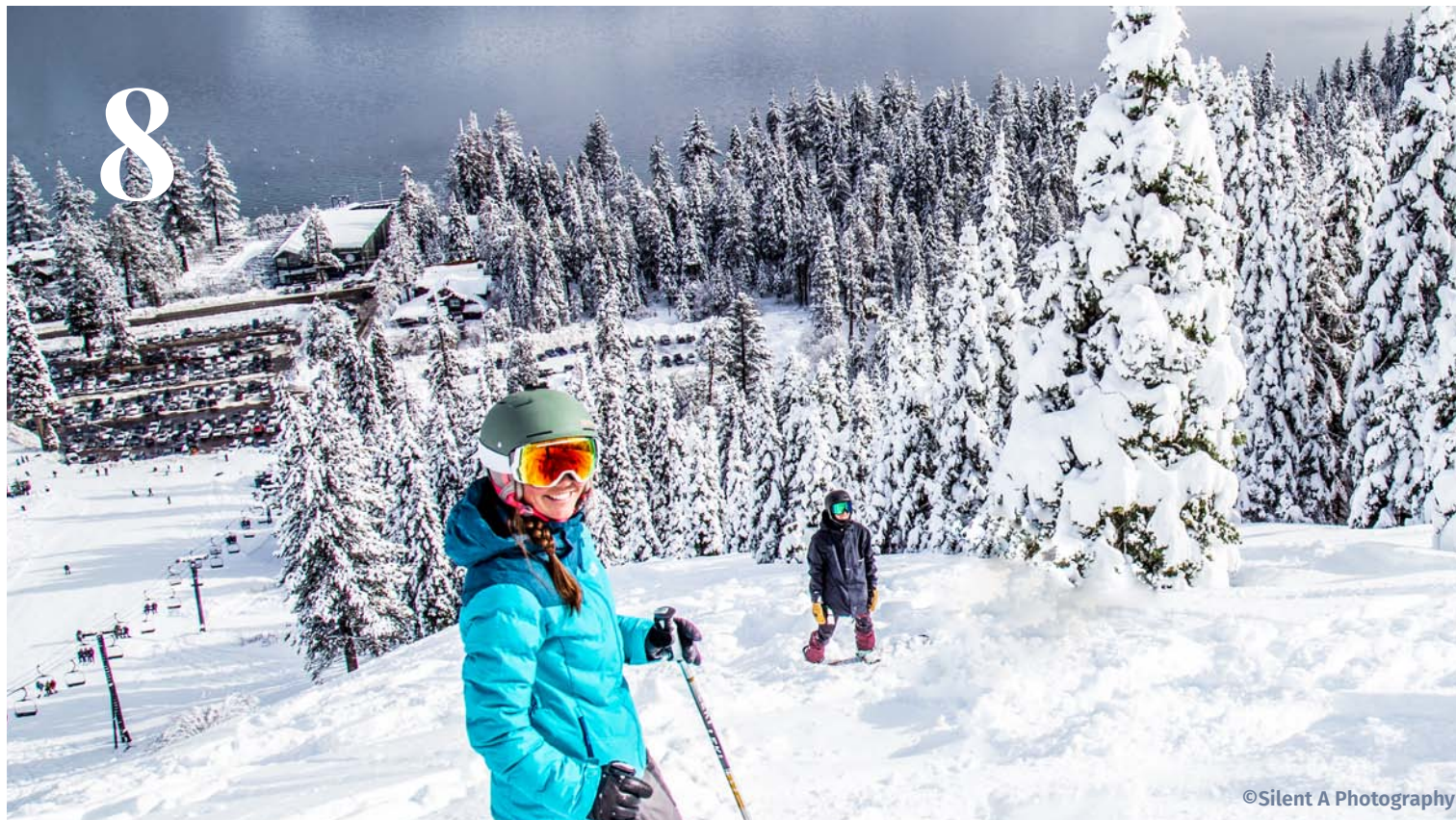
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From the Publisher

Jenny Piper



I don't know about you but I was so excited to see in the news last week the announcement of the opening of the ski fields in NSW and Victoria. I'm thrilled for the travel and tourism industry to see some glimmer of hope for the future. Also I love skiing!

I didn't learn to ski until I was 18, and the first time I went I hated it. I said I would never go again. But of course when my uni friends planned a trip I decided to give it another go, and managed to stay upright on the snow for more than half the time.

Ever since then every few years we have taken a ski trip. When the kids were little we didn't go as much but as they got older they all enjoyed skiing as a family holiday. We also found it was a great way to spend time

with them when they were teenagers and didn't really want to talk to mum and dad. It's amazing what you can chat about on a ski lift!

My kids are now all in their 20's and we were lucky enough to have a family holiday in February just before COVID hit in the USA, skiing in Lake Tahoe. It was one of the best holidays we have had as a family. So let me encourage you to give the snow a go this year. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or an expert, it's a fun holiday, away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

We are blessed with extraordinary scenery in our high country and there is nothing like a beautiful snow covered snowgum.

See your travel agent to book or to find out more.

xx
Jenny

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Snowy Mountains, NSW

Home to Australia's highest peak, Mount Kosciuszko, and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve with 20 species of plants found nowhere else in the world, the Snowy Mountains have more to offer than many may think. While summer showcases the stunning array of wild flowers, the mountains transform into a winter wonderland in the colder months. This snow haven is perfect for families and individuals alike, with plenty of space to enjoy the snow before warming up by a cosy fire.



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For foodies

Wild horses couldn't drag me away

With the ski season upon us, it's time to talk about the best ways to keep warm in between cutting a trail through Australia's iconic powder.

Beyond entombing yourself in a GoreTex puffer jacket popularised by George Costanza in *Seinfeld*, you would be well advised to find a few more alternative ways to keep your little cotton socks warm during that next big ski trip.

Our advice is a good, stiff drink – preferably a tasty schnapps.

It just so happens that Australia's recent explosion

in bespoke distilleries extends to the beautiful alpine pocket of the world between Thredbo and Jindabyne, a breathtaking region that the Wildbrumby Distillery calls home.

There you will be able to browse a huge array of quality spirits and liqueurs, but unashamedly their flagship is the schnapps.

The flavours available on the shelves in this quaint establishment appear endless, from butterscotch to pear, peach, apricot and apple. But hey, if you're not sold on boring old apple schnapps, then simply enjoy

a taste of the baked apple, or the Pink Lady apple, or even the sour apple.

If schnapps is not your thing (how dare you), then never fear, Wildbrumby has many more delicious concoctions to sample.

We would recommend the Rubus Patch Gin, an original pink gin infused with organically home-grown raspberries. Or if the blinding cold outside leaves you longing for a drink with a decidedly more Russian feel, then pour yourself a Kosciuszko Vodka, just don't hit the slopes straight afterwards.



In the News



Photos courtesy of Wildbrumby Distillery



Are we going to the snow?

With domestic travel slowly beginning to open, many are wondering whether their favourite snowsports destinations will open also.

Although very few resorts will be open for the June long weekend, the traditional start of the Australian ski season, both NSW and Victoria have announced their seasons will officially begin on 22 June, two weeks later than usual.

However, those who are “gnarly keen” will be able to strap ‘em on at Mount

Hotham from the long weekend, although visitors will be limited to cross-country trails.

Baw Baw, Thredbo and Mts Buller & Stirling are all targeting a 22 June reopening date, while Falls Creek, Perisher, and Hotham's slopes will open on 24 June. Charlotte Pass will commence mountain operations from 26 June.

Travel restart

There may be a light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel, with the Tourism Restart Taskforce last week releasing

an indicative timeline for when various travel, tourism and cruise operations may recommence.

Subject to health advice and the containment of any further outbreaks, the timetable suggests we might be able to travel to New Zealand as soon as next month - while small ship expedition cruising may also be classed as domestic travel and so can get going soon.

Selected international destinations might be open by September or October, but a full resumption of global travel is unlikely until 2021.

See the timeline [here](#).

Ski the run less travelled

There are ski resorts all over the world that are must-sees for keen snow bunnies - the places in the magazines that they all have on their bucket list. But Emma Lovell discovers there are some true gems, not far from big-name resorts, that offer some truly unique skiing experiences.

USA: Homewood, Lake Tahoe

Lake Tahoe has a natural beauty that cannot be missed. Located on the border of Northern California and Nevada, Tahoe offers exceptional panoramic views wherever you go.

For years I'd heard friends rave about Perisher's sister resort in the USA named Heavenly, offering exquisite views of the vast lake. I soon discovered that Lake Tahoe has no less than 13 amazing ski fields, all spread around the lake and mountainous ranges of this region.

For the best view, and the best skiing, head over to the western shore of Lake Tahoe where you'll find Homewood. It's the best value ski field with lift passes sometimes 70 per cent less than others in the region. It also offered some of the most breathtaking views I've ever experienced on a ski run.

Homewood feels like a family operated resort and locals say it has the feeling of "Old Tahoe". You can have the whole piste to yourself and on some runs it feels as if you will ski directly into the pristine waters of Emerald Bay below. This is one resort that I simply cannot get out of my mind.

Australia: Falls Creek, Victoria

There aren't many mountains to choose from in Australia, but everyone has a favourite. I've been to all the major resorts, but for me Falls Creek has some of the most challenging and interesting runs on offer and the most welcoming community vibe.

For some diversity in your day and the ultimate ski perk, take a helicopter over to Falls Creek's sister resort Hotham and make the most of your lift

Homewood Mountain Resort ©Silent A Photography

pass. Within minutes you'll be skiing a whole new resort and enjoying a different style of mountain.

At night, this mountain comes to life with countless bars to choose from, including fun-filled bar and grill, The Frying Pan, which offers classic craft beers and BBQ dishes. For a quieter chalet après experience, make sure to visit Astra. Indulge with a few aperitifs by the fire place while chatting to your friends about the incredible runs of the day.

Austria: Kühtai, Austrian Tyrol

The Austrian alps are famed for their brilliant skiers, cross country enthusiasts and of course the après scene. One of the world's most famous ski resorts is St Anton in the Arlberg region, known for its challenging slopes and active nightlife.

However, a little skiing town tucked away in the Austrian Tyrol has captured my heart. Kühtai is Austria's highest ski resort located

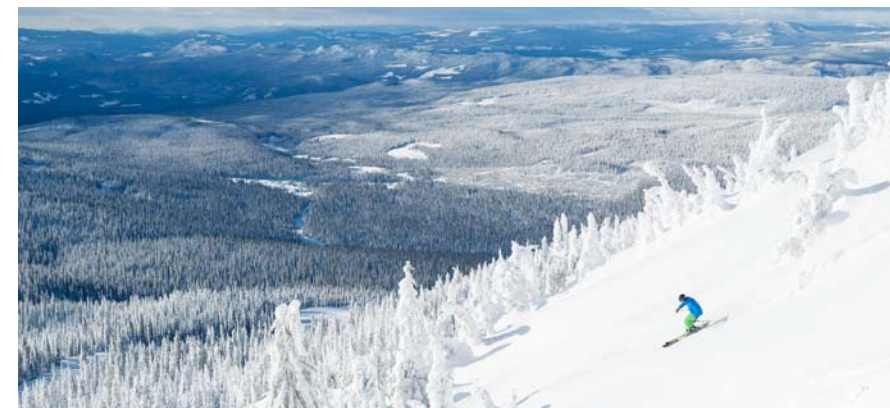
just 45 minutes from the charming city of Innsbruck.

Looking for the quintessential ski chalet snow holiday? Why not stay at the AlpinLodges Kühtai, an imposing wooden façade that greets you as you drive through the village. Enjoy stepping out into the powder on your balcony and admiring the crisp peaks that surround you. Then challenge yourself with days of incredible skiing in the quiet, natural beauty of this charming Austrian ski town.

Typical Tyrolean delicacies are available at a number of local restaurants. Some even high up on the piste, providing great lunch views. Spend your nights sampling the quintessential Austrian schnapps and meeting the locals.

Canada: Big White, British Columbia

One of the most well-known resorts in North America, and possibly the world, is



*Clockwise from top: Skiing Big White ©Geoff Holman
Falls Creek Village ©Adam Selwood
Fireworks over the village at Big White ©Big White Ski Resort
Chalets at Kuhtai ©Tirol Werbung / Kranebitter Klaus
View of the lake at Falls Creek ©Chris Hocking*



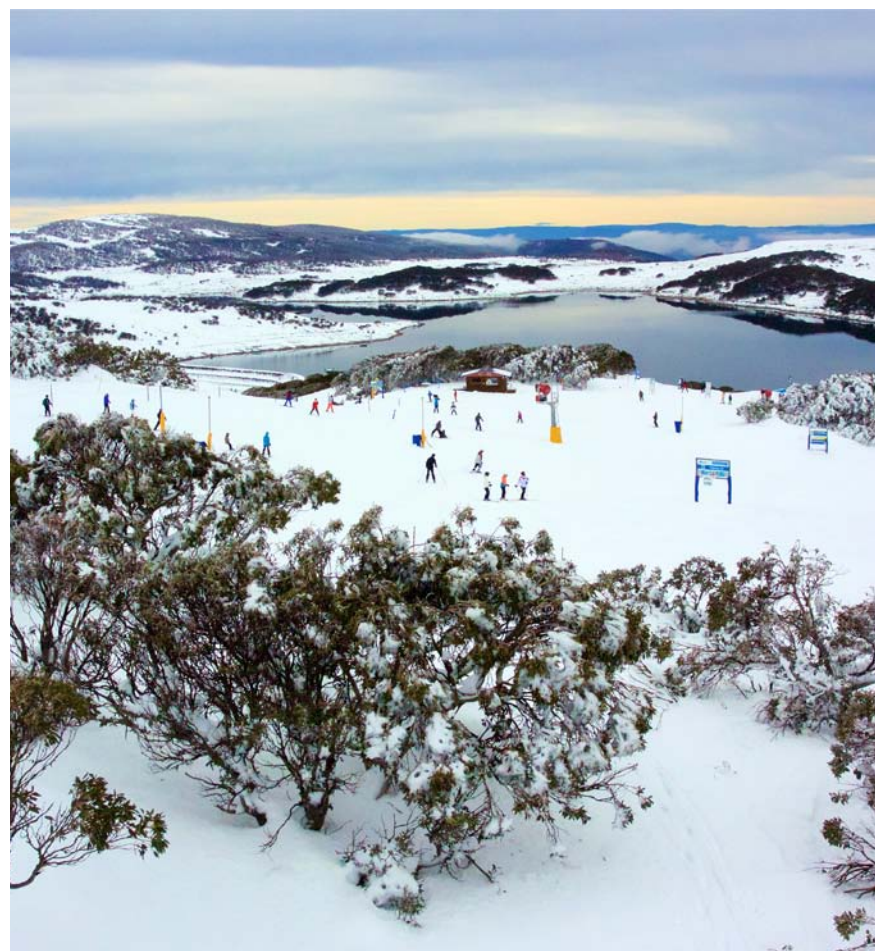
Whistler. Endless runs, the party town atmosphere and accessibility make it a big draw card for visitors. In Canada, it's known as little Australia for the number of Australian residents who've made it their skiing playground.

However, the charming resort of Big White nestled in the mountains of Kelowna, British Columbia, is wooing Aussies over from its more famous counterpart. The village-like atmosphere of this quaint ski resort builds a sense of community that is instantly inviting to travellers. Offering more than 116 runs, this is no small fry when it comes to resort skiing.

Big White's town centre, lit up with fairy lights, dotted with pointed roof cabins and surrounded by snow dusted pine trees is like a Christmas card. This winter wonderland will charm its way into your heart.

With après ski areas named things like Happy Valley, you're assured of a good time. Remember to stop along your run and enjoy some famous Canadian fare such as poutine. Don't miss the fireworks on Saturday nights, lighting up the whole mountain and adding to the magic.

If you love the snow and want more from your skiing experience, I encourage you to explore the many mountain resorts around the world. Turn your skiing into a true adventure, and take the run less travelled next time.



Take four

One of the most important facets of mountainside accommodation is proximity to ski runs, and we've picked out four of the most luxurious and convenient in Australia.

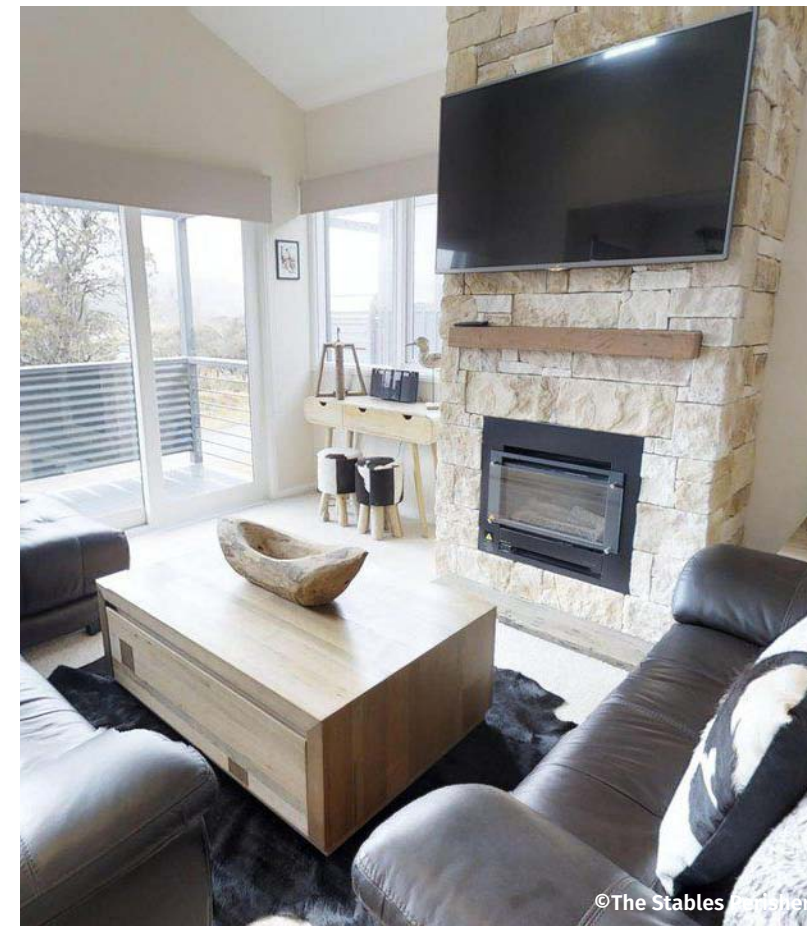


QT Falls Creek, Vic

This apartment-style hotel offers a cocktail bar, a restaurant, and a spa, all with ski-in-ski-out accommodation. The self-contained rooms and suites boast a hot tub, as well as a private balcony, with views overlooking the ski fields and the Victorian Alps. QT has also become known as the “party hub” of the southern slopes, so the enjoyment never stops, even when you're done on the runs.

Ski-in Ski-out Chalets, NSW

This Thredbo-based accommodation delivers exactly what it promises: European Alpine-style accommodation allowing you direct access to powder of the Snowy Mountains. Included in your stay is a kitchen, wi-fi, a balcony, and a communal lounge, all set less than 50 metres from Australia's longest ski run, the Crackenback Supertrail. The chalets are also a short walk from the town's bars and restaurants.

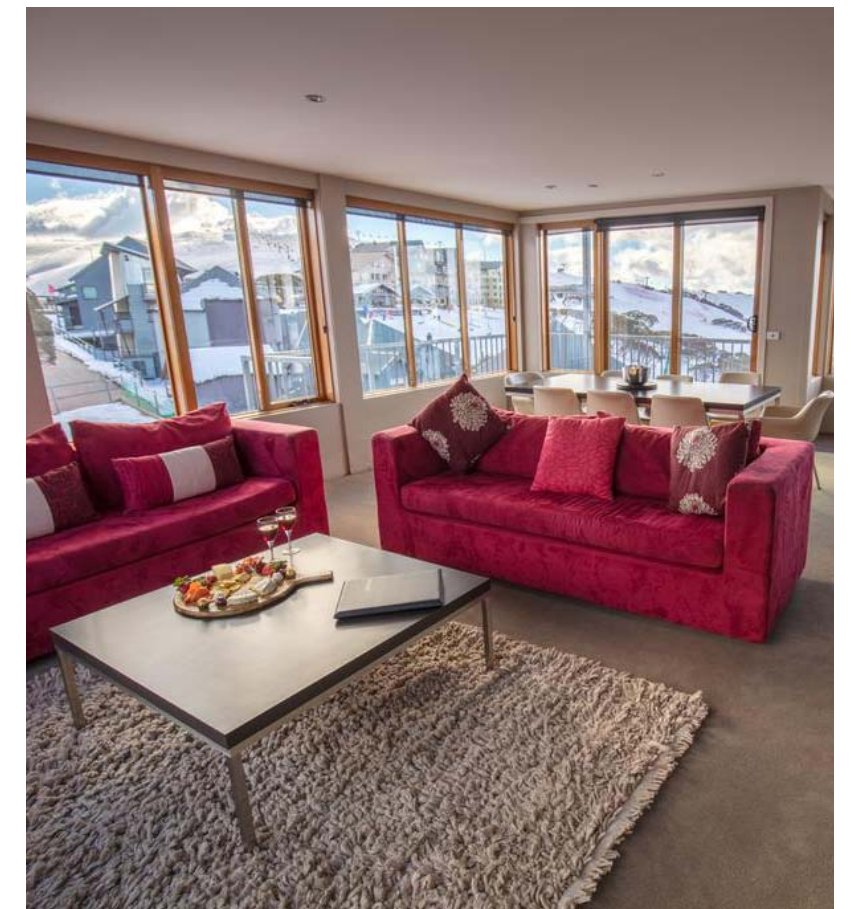


The Stables Resort Perisher, NSW

At the end of a long day on the slopes, there is nothing better than warming up by a cosy fire. So if you're hoping for your accommodation to come with a fireplace, this is perhaps your best chance of securing one. The Stables Resort Perisher's rooms also feature kitchen and laundry facilities, and dining, all set among the snowgums, and most importantly, just 12 minutes from Perisher's slopes.

Absollut Apartments, Vic

Absollut Apartments in Mt. Hotham is centrally located in town, but also offers stunning mountain views set on the snow. Providing modern, luxurious accommodation for groups and families, Absollut Apartments also includes spa baths, and is just 100 metres from a chairlift, allowing you more time on the slopes.



A beginners guide to snow holidays



Snow in Victoria's alpine region ©Tourism Australia

As governments move to ease restrictions, many Australians may be turning their attention to embarking on their first snow holiday. Whether it's the adrenaline rush of gliding down the slopes, breathing in the crisp, fresh air, or soaking up captivating landscapes that draws you in, there's a reason snow-lovers get hooked. Understanding the nuances of a ski holiday during the early stages of planning can help ensure time on the slopes is maximised.

Australia's ski season will vary depending on conditions, but usually runs from around June to early October and the five main resorts are Hotham, Falls Creek and Mount Buller in Victoria, and in New South Wales, Thredbo and Perisher.

Hotham Alpine Resort

Best for village atmosphere

Hotham is Australia's highest alpine village and is nestled amongst the Victorian Alps of the Great Dividing Range, 4.5 hours drive from Melbourne. It has its own airport and 320 hectares of ski terrain, ranging from simple slopes to more challenging terrain for the more experienced. It is the only resort in the Southern Hemisphere where the village is located on top of the mountain, allowing spectacular views and the opportunity to ski-out from accommodation. It also offers family friendly activities like

tobogganing, dog sled tours and snowmobile rides, along with luxurious day spas and 18 restaurants and bars to choose from.

Falls Creek

Best for families

Falls Creek is Victoria's largest alpine resort, boasting 90 trails to explore over 450 hectares. It is located in the Alpine National Park in the North East of Victoria and is 4.5 hours from Melbourne. Falls Creek is a ski-in, ski-out village in peak snow conditions, so staying in the village allows visitors to ski straight out the door to the lifts each morning. It is known as the family resort as it hosts family-friendly activities each week,

including night skiing every Wednesday and Saturday on Wombats Ramble, Australia's longest green run, a free Night Show Spectacular on Thursdays, snow tubing in the Village Bowl, and a Children's Snowsports School. This is complemented by 37 different places to eat and drink.

Mount Buller

Best for terrain parks

Mount Buller is a three-hour drive from Melbourne and boasts 21 lifts, making it the largest lift network in Victoria. The resort features three terrain parks designed for all skill levels spread across 300 hectares of skiable terrain. It also has plenty of activities aside from skiing and snowing, such as tobogganing, sled dog tours

and snowshoeing, the chance to catch a movie at the cinema and hit the indoor rock-climbing wall. The Mt Buller Village sits at the heart of the mountain, offering ski in, ski out accommodation and over 30 bars and restaurants.

Thredbo

Best for all abilities

Thredbo is Australia's highest ski mountain and lays claim to the country's longest ski runs. It is roughly a six-hour drive from either Sydney or Melbourne and is located within the Kosciuszko National Park. It has a huge amount of snow terrain for all ages and abilities, including a purpose-built area for beginners to aid in safe skill progression. Thredbo's

village at the base of the mountain offers a range of accommodation, restaurants, bars, cafes and retail shops.

Perisher

Best for variety

Perisher is in NSW's picturesque Kosciuszko National Park and its four resort areas make it the Southern Hemisphere's largest alpine resort. It has a varied terrain which makes it suitable for all ages and ability levels. Many visitors to Perisher get to the slopes on the Skitube, a train that takes passengers from Bullocks Flat on the Alpine Way through a tunnel in the Ramshead Range to the Perisher Resort.

The next step

To reach the slopes at each resort it is essential to buy a lift pass. To save time queuing up and to save money through a bundle, it is often advisable to purchase a lift pass in advance. There is also the option to hire equipment and clothing before the trip, or in villages upon arrival.

Compared to a beach holiday, heading to the snow requires a bit more coordination. For further information on planning a snow getaway, get in touch with your travel agent.



Hotham village and lifts at sunset ©Mt Hotham Skiing Company

Sudoku

DIABOLICAL

Complete the entire grid using the numbers 1-9. Each number can only be used once in each row, column, and box.

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W this?



Somehow we thought that it might be nice and easy to guess the country's flag if it had basic colours, but it turns out with only a limited palette generally used, it might be trickier than we thought, compared with nations who have symbols on their ensigns. Do you know whose flag it is?

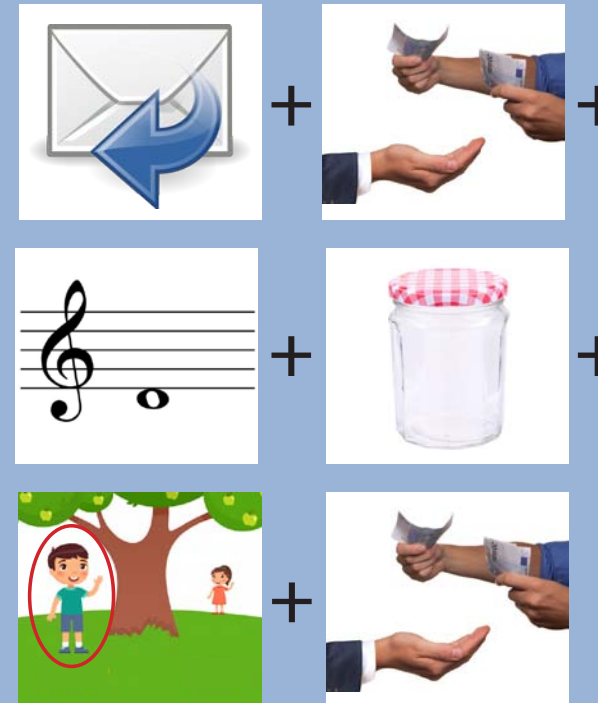
Pub quiz

1. What meat is traditionally used in Austria's Weiner Schnitzel?
2. Which tropic is closer to Hawaii, Cancer or Capricorn?
3. Which country is considered by the UN to be the least developed nation in the Caribbean?
4. Which future actor and politician was born in the Austrian village of Thal?
5. What country's national anthem is called La Marseillaise?
6. What mountain range covers more than 70% of southern Switzerland?
7. What is the only US state with a single syllable name?
8. What country protects the local turtle population in the marine park called Gumoo Woojabuddee?
9. What is the collective name given to the islands located at the tip of the Florida peninsula?
10. What is the name of New Zealand's highest mountain?
11. What place is this collection of pictures is spelling out?



Pub quiz

1. Where would one find the city of Taipei?
2. In which Australian State or Territory would one find the Devil's Marbles?
3. I.M. Pei designed which famous glass structure?
4. To which Islamic site do Muslims pilgrimage to as part of a rite known as 'hajj'?
5. Which country was predominately used for the filming of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy?
6. True or False: Indira Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India, was the daughter of Mahatma Gandhi.
7. Freddie Mercury was born in which idyllic Tanzanian region?
8. From what region is the dish 'bulgogi' from?
9. Which country has hosted the Olympics the most times?
10. Which country is IRON PAGES an anagram for?
11. What city does this collection of pictures spell out?



Unscramble

How many words can you make out of these nine letters? Every word needs to include the letter in the centre, have four letters or more and not be a proper noun or a plural. You can only use each letter once. There's also one word that uses all nine letters.

T	A	O
A	P	N
M	R	U

Good – 17 words

Very good – 25 words

Excellent – 33 words

NOTE: We've used Chambers Dictionary to decide what words are acceptable.

Where in the world?

No it's not Hogwarts, though Harry Potter fans may know where this is as it was used as a location for some of the films. As well as being a set for many other films, it has a long and famous history. Do you know where this is?



France word search

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See if you can find these words. They are hidden horizontally, vertically and diagonally, forwards and backwards.

BAGUETTE
BASTILLE
BORDEAUX
BURGUNDY

CAMEMBERT
CHAMPAGNE
EIFFELTOWER
ESCARGOT

LOIRE
LOUVRE
NICE
NOTREDAME

PARIS
RIVIERA
SEINE
VERSAILLES

Pub quiz

1. What is the capital of Uganda?
2. What precious commodity is found at Kimberley, South Africa?
3. What country produces more hydroelectricity per capita than any other nation on earth?
4. What were not worn in the Hawaiian Islands until the 1870s?
5. What is the largest city in Libya?
6. Which islands off the coast of Africa introduced bananas to Jamaica in the 16th century?
7. How many times is the United States mentioned in its national anthem?
8. Which country's government building is a vast wooden structure referred to as The Beehive?
9. What Cuban naval base has been leased to the US until 2033?
10. How many of the 10 highest mountains in the world are located in Asia?

Unscramble

How many words can you make out of these nine letters? Every word needs to include the letter in the centre, have four letters or more and not be a proper noun or a plural. You can only use each letter once. There's also one word that uses all nine letters.

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Good – 27 words

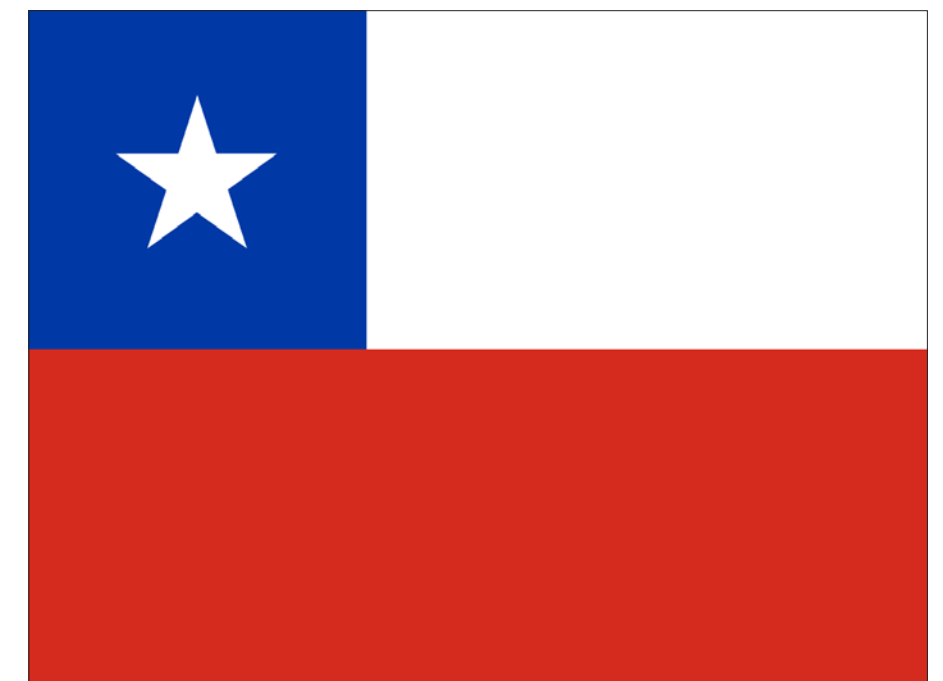
Very good – 40 words

Excellent – 53 words

NOTE: We've used Chambers Dictionary to decide what words are acceptable.

W is this?

This country's flag is actually very similar to the flag of a US state - in fact the flag is known as "La Estralla Solitaria" or "The Lone Star", which also happens to be the tagline of that state. The colours of the flag symbolise the sky, snow on mountains and blood that was shed fighting for freedom. Do you know whose flag it is?



Whose flag is this?

This flag's colours are heavily influenced by two of its neighbours, but the coat of arms is made up of a number of different symbols representing the parties that worked together to create the nation. Do you know whose flag it is?



Sudoku

EASY

Complete the entire grid using the numbers 1-9. Each number can only be used once in each row, column, and box.

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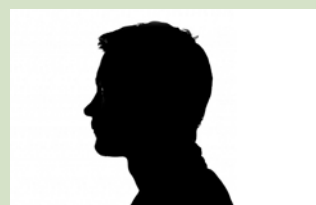
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Pub quiz

1. What is the only country in the world starting with Q?
2. Where is Lego made?
3. In which city would one find the Sagrada Familia?
4. What colour is most commonly found on national flags?
5. Which two countries discovered they had the exact same flag when they arrived at the 1936 Olympics?
6. Where would one find the largest desert in the world?
7. Where would one find the Nazca Lines, hundreds of enormous drawings only visible from the air or hilltops?
8. Which two countries have the most borders with other countries?
9. Which two countries have the most UNESCO world heritage sites?
10. Which city is AIR HACK an anagram for?
11. What word is this collection of pictures is spelling out?



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All answers are on page 22

Travel the world with mince & meatballs

We can only afford mince at the moment and we're confined to our homes but that doesn't mean we can't travel the world with our tastebuds. Each week we will feature a recipe from a different corner of the globe.

Adzuki Meatballs with Avocado Pesto Zoodles

Technically these are not meatballs, not even mince! But for our vegan/vegetarian readers we don't want you to miss the meatball journey. So thanks to TTFN Travel we have this recipe for Adzuki 'meat' balls.

Ingredients

MEATBALLS AND ZOODLES
 ½ cup adzuki beans soaked overnight
 ½ cup green lentils soaked overnight
 2 tbsp flaxseed
 225g mushrooms (of your choice)
 1 cup rolled oats
 Handful of fresh mixed herbs (eg. parsley, basil and oregano)
 2 Asian shallots (or a medium onion), chopped
 2 cloves garlic, chopped
 Olive oil
 Salt and pepper to taste
 1 large zucchini per 2 people
 Pine nuts or almonds to dress

ZINGY AVOCADO PESTO (MAKES EXTRA)
 One large avocado
 Clove of garlic
 ½ tbsp lemon or apple cider vinegar
 1 tbsp rinsed capers
 3 tbsp olive oil
 Handful of fresh basil
 Handful of pine nuts or walnuts (optional)

Method

Preheat oven to 190°C (180°C fan forced).
 Place the beans in a heavy medium saucepan and cover with 5cm of water. Bring to a boil then simmer for 15 mins before adding lentils for the last 10 mins, keeping an eye on them so all the liquid hasn't been absorbed. Drain well and let cool.
 Meanwhile combine flaxseed in a small bowl with a ¼ cup warm water. Leave 10 mins to form a gel.
 Add mushrooms, well-drained bean mix, oats, herbs and flaxseed in a food processor and pulse until it combines.
 Fry chopped shallots or onions in 1 tbsp of olive oil for 2 mins then add chopped garlic, salt and pepper and cook another minute or two.
 In a large bowl combine the onion mixture and mixture from the food processor and form into golf ball size balls or patties if you prefer.
 Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper. Transfer balls to tray and bake 15 mins. Flip and bake for another 10 mins.
 For the pesto, add all ingredients in a food processor and process until combined. It doesn't have to be completely smooth.
 Make zucchini noodles with a spiralizer. If cooking them make them thicker, or thinner if eating raw.
 Fry off the zucchini in a little coconut oil but add some great texture by keeping some raw and adding to the cooked. Turn off heat and toss enough pesto through for your liking.
 Serve by placing meatballs on top of pesto zoodles and scatter some nuts over.

Puzzle answers

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Pub quiz: 1 Veal, 2 Cancer, 3 Haiti, 4 Arnold Schwarzenegger, 5 France, 6 The Alps, 7 Maine, 8 Australia, 9 The Florida Keys, 10 Mt Cook, 11 Columbia (column + bee + ahh)

Whose flag is this: Belgium

Sudoku:

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Unscramble: apart, aport, apron, atop, mantrap, napa, pant, panto, para, paramount, part, patron, port, pour, pout, pram, pana, prom, puma, punt, ramp, rampant, rapt, romp, rump, tamp, tampon, tramp, trap, tromp, trump, unapt, upon, 11 Rio de Janiero (re[ply] + owe + D [note] + jar +near + owe)

Pub quiz: 1 Taiwan, 2 The Northern Territory, 3 The Louvre, 4 Mecca, 5 New Zealand, 6 False, 7 Zanzibar, 8 Korea, 9 The United States, 10 Singapore

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Where in the world: Christ Church College, Oxford, England

Word search:

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Pub quiz: 1 Kampala, 2 Diamonds, 3 Iceland, 4 Grass skirts, 5 Tripoli, 6 The Canary Islands, 7 None, 8 New Zealand's, 9 Guantanamo Bay, 10 All ten, 11 Busselton (bus + Elle [Woods] + tonne)

Unscramble: aged, aide, anted, daft, date, dating, deaf, deafen, dean, defat, defeat, DEFEATING, defiant, define, deft, deign, dent, detain, diene, diet, dine, ding, dint, edge, edit, fade, fading, fainted, fanged, fated, feed, feeding, feigned, fiented, fend, feted, fetid, fidget, fiend, find, fined, gained, gated, geed, gifted, idea, need, negated, teed, tend, tide, tied, tinged

Whose flag is this: Chile

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Pub quiz: 1 Qatar, 2 Denmark, 3 Barcelona, 4 Red (it is on 75% of all national flags), 5 Haiti and Liechtenstein, 6 Antarctica, 7 Peru, 8 China and Russia both have 14, though China also borders Hong Kong and Macao, 9 Italy (55) and China (55), 10 Karachi, 11 Port Hedland (port [wine] + head + land)

Whose flag is this: Andorra

Sudoku:

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7	1	3	8	9	2	4	5	6
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