

# Families & Kids Supplement 2012



This page has extra information to be read in conjunction with our main brochure. The main brochure can be found at: <http://www.skikaos.com.au/brochure.php>

Ski Kaos caters to: partygoers, social drinkers, "regular" people, serious skiers/boarders, early sleepers, **as well as families & kids.**

To be honest we never really intended to cater to families & kids, but over the past 4 years (2008 – 2011) many families, part-families and single parents with a child have said they are happy to book with us anyway. We've been surprised at how well it has worked. We are not yet at the point of actively promoting to families & kids, but we have produced this one-page supplement for those who are interested. **Please read on before making any assumptions.**

Ironically we're more afraid of scaring off bookings from 18–35s with this supplement than scaring off people with kids! Our marketing has a lot in it about 18–35s, partying and socialising, but here you will see that we do cater to all.

## SO WHO ELSE IS ON THE BUS?

Firstly our actual bus travel is just that – bus travel. The only time our bus trips are anything other than sedate is when we have a private group book an entire bus, and also our Wednesday night pub-crawl bus-trip from Jindy to Thredbo & back – no kids would be on this in any case! Note that some of the buses we use are minibuses, although most are coaches – ask if its important to you.

## OVERNIGHT BUS TRAVEL WITH KIDS

On our overnight bus journeys, kids are usually the EASIEST people to get to sleep on the bus – ADULTS are far more likely to have trouble sleeping on the bus. Its rarely difficult getting kids to sleep on a bus.

## YOUR ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Most of Ski Kaos' accommodation is in separate self-contained apartments. Whist some apartments are next to each other, most are in totally different buildings. **Because of this we can cater to vastly different types of holidaymakers on the one snow trip – we allocate people into different apartments (or buildings) depending upon their booking preferences.** You would not be any more likely to have noisy people next door on a Ski Kaos trip than with any other snow holiday.

Most of the apartments we use on bus trips are near the centre of Thredbo. These are a near-level-walk to both the main central lift area, as well as Thredbo's Village Square. Some are in Woodridge near Friday Flats, but most are near the centre so its a piece -of-cake to get the free shuttle bus (2-minutes) down the road to Friday Flats if you or your kids are beginners.

## Ski Kaos offers you 3 accommodation options:

**Choice 1:** Book a private apartment (or even a lodge/hotel room) with Ski Kaos and combine this with our bus travel. This lets you have a private trip (the bus journeys are peaceful). Sometimes private accommodation costs extra, but if you have "enough" people to fill an apartment it will usually not cost extra, or we can offer you a small private unit for an extra fee. "Enough" varies from trip to trip and also depends what we have left so you have to check.

**Choice 2:** Ask for a private bedroom within a shared apartment – presumably (with kids) . You will want a quiet apartment as opposed to a noisy one – nowadays the noisy ones are the exception to the rule anyway. A fair proportion of our bookings (even 20-somethings) just want to ski all day and sleep early, only some want to make noise and party and we won't be allocating you into their apartment!

**Choice 3:** Book general share accommodation. The best choice when you don't want to pay for private accommodation, or if you just want to meet some people. This is common in (for example) where a father brings his son/daughter. Share-accommodation in quiet apartments is easy for us to allocate because a hefty percentage of our clients come just to ski and go to bed early. It is easy for us to allocate kids & families into these apartments. Often we are also able to match different families&kids bookings to stay together.

**If there is any reason we cannot allocate you to suitable accommodation we will let you know when you call us to place your booking.** When you do call us feel free to discuss any concerns you may have. Ironically (on rare occasions) we've had to refuse bookings with kids with the parents who were pleading that they didn't mind sharing with late-night people – we had to explain that it is the late night people (who booked first) are the ones who would not be happy sharing with kids!

## KIDS PRICES (If you are 15 or over then everything is at full adult prices)

Our bus trip packages are made up of a base-package price and then adding on optional lift passes, lessons and rentals. The base-package includes your return bus travel, National Parks entrance fees, your accommodation, and its escorted and organised by a helpful tour guide. If you stay in Jindabyne, then Ski Kaos' base-package also includes your daily transfers between Jindabyne and Thredbo.

## BASE-PACKAGE PRICES FOR CHILDREN

As a "default rule" the base package price for our bus trips is the same price for both adults and kids, but on a case-by-case basis we often make exceptions.

To cut a long story short: its best to ask us what child rates we can offer you for your circumstances (*ie: your bus trip dates, # of people, # of kids & their ages, your accommodation preferences etc*).

Note that we are in a low-margin business attracting people on even tighter budgets than families (such as uni students & people addicted to snowsports). Most of our adult base-package prices are already at rock-bottom and we do not want to increase these prices in order to balance-out any lower children's prices.

However, having said this it is always worth checking as quite often we will offer a special rate for children, especially if they are very young.

In addition to this we will offer a special rate if you chose the "private bedroom within a share apartment" accommodation AND your child will share a bed with you (common with 2 parents & 1 child in a double bed).

## CHILD LIFT PASSES and LIFTS+LESSONS PASSES

**Children 7–14 years:** Children from 7–14 years can get child rates on lift & lift+lesson passes and attend group lessons without parent/guardian supervision. **See below for prices.**

**Children 5–6 years:** Can get child rates on lift only products, but cannot attend group lessons. They can be booked into the Thredboland program (read below). **See below for prices.**

**Children Under 5:** If your child is 4 or under, then they are entitled to a free day lift pass (everyday until they turn 5). The accompanying parent/guardian has to have a valid lift-pass.

## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

**Childcare 6m–6y:** Thredbo offers childcare, please ask us for prices if interested. Child care does not include skiing or boarding. Thredbo's child care is "resort accredited" – its fully compliant but not eligible for any Govt. rebates.

**Kids Clubs:** Thredbo has 2 kids clubs; Thredboland(skiers 3–6y), and Thredbo-Freeriders(skiers & boarders 7–14y). They're designed to give you free time on the slopes while your kids have the time of their lives in a supervised program. Full days 9am – 4pm, drop off from 8:45am, pick up from 3:45pm. Programs include lift-pass, instruction, a hot lunch and refreshments. The ½-day program starts at 1pm any day. **See below for prices.**

	THREDBO CHILD PASSES:		Book & Pay		Bookings within 10 days	
	REGULAR PRICES apply to all trips except the Sept 7–9 trip which is VALUE		32-days or more ahead	10-days or more ahead	of your trip	
	REGULAR	VALUE	REGULAR / VALUE	REGULAR / VALUE	REGULAR	VALUE
2-Day Lift Pass Only (no lessons)	\$101	\$76	TA0-2C	\$106 / \$81	\$109	\$83
2-Day Lift Pass + Daily Lessons (beginners only)	\$141	\$121	TAB-2C	\$149 / \$128	\$156	\$136
2-Day Lift Pass + Daily Lessons (all levels)	\$172	\$121	TAA-2C	\$182 / \$128	\$193	\$136
2-Day Kids Club Program (lifts,lessons,lunch)	\$268	\$268	Tbol-2	\$268 / \$268	\$268	\$268
3-Day Lift Pass Only (no lessons)	\$144	\$109	TA0-3C	\$153 / \$116	\$158	\$119
3-Day Lift Pass + Daily Lessons (beginners only)	\$189	\$171	TAB-3C	\$200 / \$181	\$211	\$192
3-Day Lift Pass + Daily Lessons (all levels)	\$241	\$171	TAA-3C	\$255 / \$181	\$272	\$192
3-Day Kids Club Program (lifts,lessons,lunch)	\$369	\$369	Tbol-3	\$369 / \$369	\$369	\$369
5-Day Lift Pass Only (no lessons)	\$231	\$177	TA0-5C	\$244 / \$188	\$256	\$194
5-Day Lift Pass + Daily Lessons (beginners only)	\$280	\$247	TAB-5C	\$297 / \$261	\$314	\$276
5-Day Lift Pass + Daily Lessons (all levels)	\$351	\$247	TAA-5C	\$371 / \$261	\$397	\$276
5-Day Kids Club Program (lifts,lessons,lunch)	\$553	\$553	Tbol-5	\$553 / \$553	\$553	\$553

If you find better lift pass prices we will beat them!

*Just like with adult passes, 3-day & 5-day passes can include an extra ½-day free (on the first afternoon)*  
The tiny green-text next to prices are the booking codes, they go on your booking form.

## CHILDREN'S RENTALS

Children 12 & under also get child rates on our rentals (they're about 20% off the adult prices). **See below for prices.**

### Child\* Rental Options

\* For Rentals: A child must be 12 or under on their fit-out day  
Rental of quality snow sports equipment & clothing is done en-route in Cooma with professional assistance.  
**Yes, you can bring your own gear. See main brochure for other rental info.**

SKIING	1 - 2 days	3 days	3½ - 6 days
Skis + boots +poles	36	46	57
Performance Upgrade 1, adds:	33	37	42
Performance Upgrade 2, adds:	57	78	94
Skis + poles only	28	36	50
Boots only	23	28	37
SNOWBOARDING	1 - 2 days	3 days	3½ - 6 days
Snowboard + soft-boots	55	64	86
Performance Upgrade 1, adds:	23	28	33
Performance Upgrade 2, adds:	40	46	66
Snowboard only (strap in)	39	47	63
Boots only	23	28	37
CLOTHING & EXTRAS	1 - 2 days	3 days	3½ - 6 days
Jacket AND Pants	31	37	46
Jacket OR Pants	20	23	29
Helmet	11	13	16
Wristguards	6	9	11
Après Boots (Walk Boots)	11	13	16

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