



Snow Australia First Timer F.A.Q

What do I pack for ski and snowboard holidays?

Alpine weather is unpredictable and condition can change quickly. Wear your clothing in layers with insulating clothes on the inside and wind and waterproof clothing on the outside. Several thin layers made of wool or synthetic fibres have insulation properties and are better than thick bulky layers. Do not ski in jeans, cotton or nylon, as these materials do not provide adequate protection.

- Waterproof/windproof jacket & pants (Can be hired)
- Waterproof gloves
- Waterproof footwear that offer good grip (can be hired)
- Sunglasses and/or goggles
- Beanie and neck warmer or scarf
- Ski Socks
- Thermal underwear
- Warm clothing (layers)
- Sunscreen (You can get very burnt in the snow)
- All ski's, snowboards, boots and poles are able to be hired

Do I need a lesson?

Lessons are a great way to learn the basics or develop more advanced skills; the experienced instructors will ensure you have heaps of fun. A lesson is a way to ensure a safer and less frustration start to your snow holiday. It will get you up and going quicker and enable you to see more and enjoy your holiday.

Do I need snow chains for my car?

In NSW all 2-wheel drive cars must carry snow chains above the snowline and must fit them when instructed by road and traffic officials.

In VIC all vehicles are required to carry snow chains on alpine roads and must fit them when instructed by resort board personal or advisory road signs

In all resort regions there are attendants in chain bays to help instruct you on how to put on snow chains correctly and safely. Snow Chains are available for hire from many outlets in towns as you approach the alpine areas.

How do I drive in the snow?

- Do not drive unless visibility is good enough to see the next snow pole on edge of road. In poor visibility situations, drive with your headlights on.
- Travel slowly on snow or ice, braking gently and early. Avoid braking when cornering.
- Keep well behind the vehicle in front, at least twice the normal distance.
- A little methylated spirits in the windscreen washer fluid will prevent water freezing overnight.
- Change coolant and increase the amount of anti-freeze before travel to alpine areas.
- Check all tyres have good tread, including the spare. Bald tyres and icy roads are an accident waiting to happen.
- Loose snow chains can cause severe damage to bodywork, suspension and brake lines. Always re-check tension after driving 20m

- Keep skis and boards and poles on racks outside vehicle. Try and avoid having loose items in the cabin of vehicle.
- Keep some comfortable clothing in your car for your trip home. Don't drive in damp or wet footwear- driving in socks is better than driving in heavy wet shoes. Do not drive in ski boots.

Can snowboarders and skiers have a lesson together?

Skiers and Snowboarders require different instruction and so are unable to share lessons.

Whole family coming skiing what are our option for the children?

There are many options for Children, most resorts cater for children on snow from 3 years old or as soon as they are toilet trained. Most resorts have kids programs for ages 3-14 years ranging from a few hours to the whole day. Another option most resorts have long day care centres for ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Contact the resorts direct to find out what services they offer.

I don't ski what other activities can I do?

There are so many activities that you can do on and off the snow if you do not want to or are unable to ski.

- Shopping
- Great coffee and hot chocolate by open fire
- Tobogganing
- Snowshoeing
- Snow tubing
- Day Spa
- Massage
- Watch a movie
- Relax

Check with the resorts to find out if they offer an activity you are interested in and if you have to book.

What facilities are in the Ski Fields?

There is a variety of facilities and service located in the resorts on in the towns near your accommodation.

- ATM
- Post Office
- Internet access
- Chemist
- Supermarket
- Newsagency
- Childcare
- Ski and Board Hire
- Ski and Board Retail
- Medical Centre/Doctor
- Lockers

Check with the resort if you have a specific requirement to ensure it is available before you travel.

If you have any more enquires to not hesitate to email to contact@snow-australia.com or contact the resorts direct.