



WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER OR FALL, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS VISIT TAKETHEFAMILY.COM

Well. Summer's finally over.

And what a summer it's been.

England won the Ashes! Which is surely reason enough to take the family on an immediate gloating holiday Down Under.

Here in the UK meanwhile, there's now a distinct autumnal nip in the air, the days are getting shorter and thoughts turn to half term, winter sun and of course ski holidays as we head into the colder months.

And here at [Take the Family](#), we're standing by to help you make the most of the winter season, whether you fancy the Red Sea or the Black Runs.

While some schools seem to be relaxing rules on taking holiday time out, the majority are getting even stricter, making the mid-October week more precious than ever.



HITTING THE BEACH



If you're after the sun, there's still good availability **within three or four hours flight**:

Take the Family half-term favourites include Cyprus ([North](#) and [South](#)), Crete, Tunisia and [Egypt](#). In mid-October, you're still guaranteed good weather combined with some truly top class family friendly resorts.

1) LastMinute.com is offering a **Red Sea paradise - 7 nights half board in 3* Hurghada**. Departs various dates October 2005 to March 2006. **From £299.**

2) Children under seven receive **free accomodation** and those aged between four and nine recieve **free entry into the exclusive kids club** Scallyways between 15th-22nd October 2005 at the beautiful [Hotel Anassa \(pictured](#)

[above\) in Cyprus.](#)

If you can take more than a week then some fantastic long haul destinations come into play such as South Africa, [Florida](#), the Far East and the Caribbean. These destinations (as well as Australia and New Zealand) also make wonderful Christmas destinations, although they always book up fast, so do book early.

Last Minute offers currently include:

- 1) [Family friendly deals to Florida for half term.](#)
- 2) [Family Christmas in the Carribean.](#)
- 3) [A selection of hot family Christmas offers.](#)

HITTING THE SLOPES

We're constantly expanding our family ski portfolio and teaming up with an ever increasing number of partners who offer child friendly frolics in the snow.

Whether you're looking for the thrill of the moguls or the reassurance of hot chocolate, we can help you find the perfect ski holiday for you and your family. Some will want all the facilities of a luxury hotel while others may prefer the cosiness and privacy of chalet accommodation.



Whatever standard of skier you are, whatever age your kids are and whatever your budget, we can get you on the slopes this winter. Take a look at some of our offers:

1) Powder Byrne are offering a **complimentary night** when you book one of the weeks below at the Belvedere in Grindelwald. The Belvedere is a smart, family-run hotel with a warm, friendly ambience and an excellent range of facilities.

[18 Dec - 26 Dec 2005 \(8 nights\) from £1,143](#)

[14 Jan - 21 Jan 2006 \(7 nights\) from £929](#)

[21 Jan - 28 Jan 2006 \(7 nights\) from £929](#)

Powder Byrne's exclusive children's clubs will be running for kids aged from 6 months to 14 years. Prices are per adult and include bed and breakfast accommodation, flights and transfers, plus kids under two go free.

2) Premiere Neige offer a range of catered chalets at the small french family orientated resort of Sainte-Foy. All the chalets are family focused, being close to the slopes, equipped with TVs/DVDs and sledges. The Cub Club crèche runs

from 9am - 5pm, Monday - Saturday and is open three evenings a week from 5.30 - 7.30pm for the Husky Club, nannies will take children to and from ski school, and a private nanny service can be arranged, plus an evening babysitting service is also available. [Premiere Neige are offering 10% off the accomodation price if you book a full occupancy chalet before 15th October.](#) (excludes peak weeks).



3) Lapland - not quite ready to hit the slopes, but fancy seeing a bit of snow and meeting Santa. [Esprit holidays are offering up to 50% off their Lapland departures for 8th, 12th & 14th December 2005.](#)

HITTING THE MOTORWAY

With just a week for half term, you may want to maximise your time and stay in the UK. If so, we have a great selection of [cottages](#), luxury holiday parks and family friendly hotels right here.

[Luxury Family Hotels](#) continue to exceed our (and many Take the Family subscribers') expectations. They have wonderful properties in Devon, Cornwall, Wiltshire and Suffolk. They aren't cheap but they do offer you a genuine rest with their Four Bears Den childcare.

We have a [SPECIAL OFFER](#) for the luxurious Woolley Grange Hotel in Wiltshire, at the very special seasonal rate of **£200** per room, per night; including a sumptuous dinner and farmhouse breakfast (valid until 17th October 2005 only). Minimum two night stay, Sunday to Thursday and includes complimentary use of the Woolley Bears Den and winter activities for the little guests. [Click here for more details.](#)

The Grand Hotel at [Eastbourne](#) is also building a loyal family following right on the seafront, it is big and formal but looks after children well they even offer kids check in including a set of steps if they can't reach the front desk.

[Click here for a full selection of days out to UK theme parks.](#)

HITTING THE HEADLINES

Apart from the cricket, here are Take the Family's other summer highlights and discoveries:

[The Picnic Boat](#) - Run by former nanny and trained skipper Liz Ogbourne, this is a real treat for anyone enjoying a **family holiday with young kids** (or any age) in South Devon. Liz is great fun and nothing is too much trouble she even produced a bucket when our kid needed a wee in the middle of the Dart). She also organises a **great pirate party** complete with hats, sea shanties and shouting at other boats on the way home "WE WANT YOUR TREASURE!" Liz picked us up by boat from Dartmouth, took us **crabbing in Dittisham** (fantastic) before heading back with plenty of pirate pranks. **Great value at £15 a child** (tea included). Parents can choose grown up menus or just have drinks and nibbles. **Call Liz on 01803 752625** or visit the **[Picnic Boat](#)** site.



[Grenada](#) is a less developed alternative to the Caribbean classics such as **[Barbados](#)** and Jamaica. Fantastic beaches, less development and a wonderful choice of private villas and family-friendly hotels at much more reasonable prices.

[Amsterdam](#) - it sounds crazy - but the place you used to head to for its fleshpots and 'cafes' is actually a top spot for the nippers. Give it a go and enjoy wonderful canal trips, the Vondelpark, the Artis zoo, the brilliant Nemo science centre and a vast selection of child friendly restaurants.

So we hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to helping you enjoy an even more exciting winter.

Bon voyage from everyone at Take the Family!

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