

WEDDINGS AWAY



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WHITE WEDDINGS

Who said spring is the only season for love? Snow-leaden rooftops, open fires and frosted windows just ooze romance, and those sub-zero temperatures and mulled wine spell affection. Winter in the antipodes provides all the alpine backdrops you need for the ultimate white wedding.

THE CEREMONY

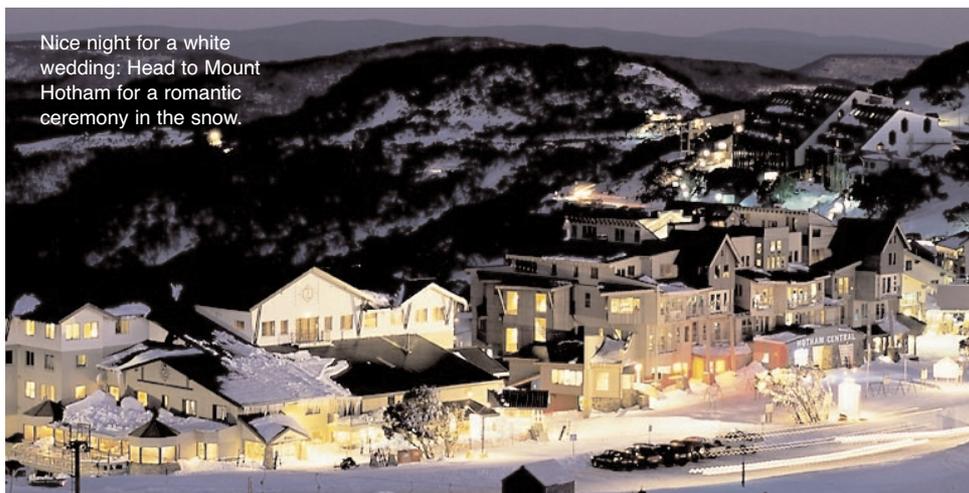
NSW Thredbo Chapel in the ski resorts of New South Wales sits at the base of Crackenback mountain. The glass wall behind the altar looks out over the native snow gums of the Snowy River, perfect for happy and professional snaps. Its non-denominational stance means both priests and ministers are welcome.

See thredbo.com.au or call (02) 6456 2357.

VICTORIA The Great Alpine Inn at the base of Victoria's Mount Hotham features a purpose-built wedding pavilion in the lush winter gardens. Built from the wood from what was once Harrietville Bridge, the pavilion speaks of alpine charm. The Great Alpine Inn is photographer's paradise with a view of snow-capped Mount Feathertop from the property's deck complete with winding staircase. Say cheese. Ceremony and receptions catered for by cordon bleu chef, Kate Elder. Visit greatalpinefood.com, hotham.com.au or call (03) 5750 1600.

NEW ZEALAND The Remarkable Mountain 'Top Wedding' service means doing it in style. Chopper to the top of the Remarkables mountain range and wed on the snow. Each helicopter takes six so you can combine family with witnesses, then arrange flowers, photographer, hair and make-up, accommodation, champagne or

Nice night for a white wedding: Head to Mount Hotham for a romantic ceremony in the snow.



an extra chopper at further cost. Visit nzweddingservices.co.nz, remarkables.co.nz or call + 64 3366 2729.

THE RECEPTION

NSW The Denman Boutique Hotel in Thredbo has an on-site wedding co-ordinator which means you can relax on piste while the logistics are taken care of. The three reception rooms offer the choice of an intimate private reception dinner in the Library, right up to wedding parties of 150 in the Terrace restaurant or Balcony room – all of which have spectacular views. Visit thedenman.com.au, thredbo.com.au or call (02) 6457 6222.

VICTORIA Brides staying in one of the 14 boutique apartments of Huski lodge in Falls Creek need look no further than the foyer for their wedding day beauty. With the Endota ski-in ski-out Spa on site, the bridal party will be glowing from all-over body

treatments and the hot tub on the deck. Zeth Romanis from Melbourne's Stoke House and Luxe Wine Bar heads up the property's Produce Store communal area, perfect for an intimate cocktail function or wedding breakfast. Hire out the entire property so guests can take advantage of the exclusive ski concierge. Visit huski.com.au, falls creek.com.au or call 1300 65 2260.

NEW ZEALAND Millbrook Resort combines a Sir Bob Charles golf course with a \$1.7million spa and some of the best dining in the South Island. Bucks can cruise the golf course while hens pamper in the spa. Together they can marry on the grounds and celebrate in the Clubhouse restaurant with their guests. With Cardrona, Coronet Peak and The Remarkables ski resorts on either side of the resort, you'll love being snowed in for your honeymoon. See millbrook.co.nz or call +64 3441 7000.