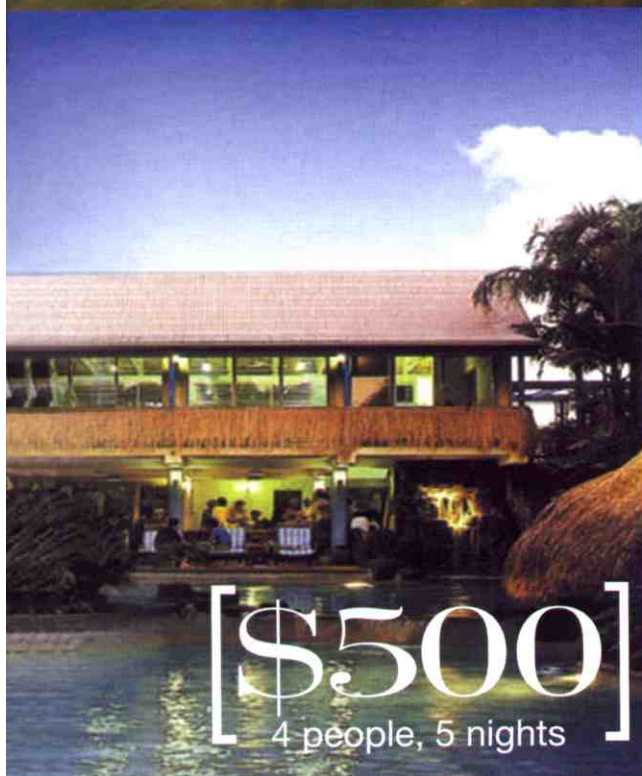




Need to get away but don't think you can afford it? Think again. We've found five well-priced breaks to tempt you

holidays under \$500



FAMILY HOLIDAY NOOSA, QLD

If you fancy a five-day family holiday that doesn't involve sleeping under the stars, take a look at Noosa on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, where you'll find plenty for all the family to enjoy.

The main beach attracts surfers but on nearby Noosa River (above) you can **swim, fish or hire a little boat and explore**. Further afield you can take a day trip to heritage-listed Fraser Island, the largest sand island in the world.

The Islander Noosa Resort is tucked away from the main town centre, close to the banks of the Noosa River. It has **swimming pools, heated spas, saunas, tennis courts and a games room**. The two- and three-bedroom self-contained villas dotted around the grounds have well-equipped kitchen facilities (including microwaves and dishwashers) as well as laundries, televisions and video players. If you don't fancy cooking, there are seven **restaurants in the resort** and plenty more in Noosa proper, which is a 15-minute bus or ferry ride away.

The traditional 'schoolies' period in mid-December – when Noosa swarms with party-loving students – is best avoided.

Five nights at the Islander Noosa Resort in a two-bedroom self-contained villa, which sleeps four people, costs \$500 until December 24. To make a booking, call (07) 5449 7022 or visit www.islandernoosa.com.au ►