



Jeris Family Winter Cottage Adventure



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 1108
DURATION: 7 nights

In Brief

This family holiday puts together a range of exceptional Finnish experiences: awesome snow-based activities, comfy winter cottages and stunning landscapes combine for a wonderful family adventure. You will go on husky and snowmobile safaris, visit Torassieppi Winter Village and watch out for the Northern Lights.

Our Opinion

“ It might be clichéd to say that the best things come in threes, but it’s definitely the case when it comes to this Jeris holiday. There are several trios in this trip which make it all the more special: activities, winter cottage, and spa pools...husky, snowmobile, and reindeer safaris... snowshoeing, ice fishing and Northern Lights! ”

Graham Hughes



What's included?

- **Flights:** return flights from London Heathrow to Kittilä, (via Helsinki) Direct return flights from London Gatwick are available for a supplement on specific dates. Flight routes are subject to change
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights' accommodation in Type A Winter Cottage. Upgrades available on request.
- **Meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches*, 7 dinners
- **The following activities and equipment are included:** a visit to Torassieppi Winter Village, a reindeer farm visit and short sleigh ride, Northern Lights workshop, husky safari and Sámi evening, snowmobile safari and net fishing, Aurora Snow Shuttle, snowshoeing, Arctic Sauna World and Lappish dinner (order of activities subject to change)
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- Fully qualified wilderness guides and instructors
- 24/7 assistance from our UK-based operations team and in-destination support from our local partners

*If you're travelling between 7th January and 11th February on direct flights, you will receive 7 lunches

Trip Overview

Treat the family to a range of fabulous Finnish activities and experiences on this fun-filled holiday to Jeris. You'll get to try out a host of classic activities on the snow, stay in a wonderful winter cottage, and explore a true wilderness.

As a family, you will journey through this landscape in a range of ways. Sled dogs are some of the most enthusiastic creatures you will ever meet and you'll enjoy their company on a 15-kilometre husky ride and, during a snowmobile safari with net fishing, you'll see some superb scenery and witness the scale of the wilderness. Another awesome adventure included in this holiday is to head off into the wilderness by Snow Shuttle to hopefully catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights.

Not that the line-up of local delights ends there. At Torassieppi Winter Village you'll have

an unforgettable lunch in an ice restaurant (conditions permitting). There will also be a visit to Torassieppi Reindeer Farm, which has stood since 1847. Learn to throw a lasso and take a reindeer-pulled sleigh ride through the forest.

Jeris is perfectly placed to spot the Northern Lights, so we've organised a workshop with an expert guide who will tell you all about the myths, legends and science behind the Aurora. Hopefully, you will get the chance to witness them at their shimmering best during your stay.

At the end of every adventure, you will return to the warmth of your very own cosy winter cottage accommodation.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

Your family getaway begins as you land at Kittilä Airport and are transferred to Hotel Jeris. The transfer will normally take around 45 minutes. Once you have settled in and made your cabin your own you will walk to the main building to have dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAY
2

TORASSIEPPI REINDEER FARM, WINTER VILLAGE AND NORTHERN LIGHTS WORKSHOP

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to Torassieppi Winter Village. You'll tour its incredible reindeer farm, which has been around since 1847 and travel further into its history with a visit to the small but fascinating on-site museum. After that, you'll learn how to throw a lasso like a real reindeer herder before being taken on a magical three-kilometre reindeer sleigh ride around the woods.

Following the ride is a look around the winter village, filled with enchanting frozen sculptures and designs. Lunch will then be served in the incredible ice restaurant. Please note that if conditions are not suitable, then lunch will be served in a wooden kota tepee or in the hotel restaurant instead.

In the afternoon, it is time for you to learn about the incredible Aurora Borealis, during a Northern Lights workshop which will last around one hour. You'll hear the myths and legends associated with the Aurora and be introduced to the science behind them.

Jeris is in a prime location for witnessing this phenomenal light display, so remember to keep an eye on the sky each night.

Dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant this evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
3

HUSKY SAFARI AND SAMI EVENING

This morning features one of our all-time favourite activities – a husky safari! You will get to tour a husky farm close by and meet the energetic team that will be leading you on safari.

The dogs will be harnessed, and the adults will receive full instructions on how to control the sled. You will then all depart on a magical dog sled ride which covers an amazing 15 kilometres. It may be noisy to begin with, but the dogs soon quieten down, silently slipping you over the snow. You will travel in pairs with children typically travelling in the guide's sled and the adults sharing one team between two.

Dinner this evening will be served in the lakeside restaurant or in a traditional kota with an open fire. Afterwards, you will be joined by a local Sámi and you can listen to traditional Sámi joikus. These are sometimes haunting mixes of chant and song, tell of Sámi life and the natural world with which their lives have been so tightly intertwined over the centuries.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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4

SNOWMOBILE SAFARI AND NET FISHING

Today it is time to rev up the action with a snowmobile safari. Full instruction and a safety briefing precede your departure onto the trails for a thrilling ride along the snowy trails. You need to be 18 years old and hold a full driving licence to take the controls and adults will travel two people per machine. Children will travel in a sled pulled by the guide's snowmobile.

You will stop on one of the frozen lakes (the ice is incredibly thick) and learn the techniques of ancient net fishing. Your guide will demonstrate how the Sámi people have traditionally fished here using nets and will also get a fire going and cook up lunch out in the open. Food always tastes better in the fresh air!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
5

FREE DAY AND AURORA SNOW SHUTTLE

Today has been left free for you to relax or book additional activities (payable locally). If you're addicted to the outdoors, it will be possible to hire snowshoes or cross-country skis and explore more of the natural routes around Jeris at your own pace.

Whatever you decide, you can either have lunch in the hotel restaurant or take a packed lunch with you on your personal adventures.

After dinner in the hotel's restaurant, you will head off on an adventure to search for the Northern Lights. A carriage pulled by the guide's snowmobile (the type of carriage will depend on the weather conditions on the day) will take you out into the Arctic night. Once you arrive at the campfire site, your guide will get a fire on the go. You can enjoy a warm drink and a snack while, hopefully, catching a glimpse of the Northern Lights. You will be out for around 2 hours in total.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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6

SNOWSHOEING AND ARCTIC SAUNA WORLD

There's a classic Nordic sport after breakfast today. After a short transfer, a guide will lead you on a snowshoe hike through the surrounding wilderness of the Pallas fell. Lunch will be enjoyed back at the hotel.

Afterwards, you will get to indulge in one of the Finns most favoured pastimes. It is said that the sauna is the first room any Finnish architect considers when planning any building. You can, of course, then take on the challenge of either a dip in the lake or a roll in the snow to really complete the experience - but it is entirely optional and only for those who are in excellent health.

Dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant this evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
7

FREE DAY AND LAPPISH DINNER

We've kept the end of your holiday free for you to have some free time and try your favourite activities again. If you would like to discuss or book any additional activities in advance please speak to one of our Travel Experts.

This evening a very special Finnish dinner will be served at the hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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8

DEPARTURE

It is time to wave farewell to Lapland and once you've had breakfast, you will be transferred to Kittilä Airport for your journey home.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Night in an Arctic Firefox Lodge

For an exclusive experience, guests can choose to upgrade to the exceptional Arctic Firefox Lodge at Jeris for a night during their stay. This lakeside retreat offers panoramic views across Lake Jerisjarvi. You can spend your evening unwinding in your very own private sauna, before heading upstairs to your cosy bed, where unobstructed views of the night sky and the Arctic wilderness await. You can snuggle up in bed and gaze at the

sky above you and if the Northern Lights appear above you, it really will top off this magical night. Your stay in this very special accommodation includes entry to Arctic Sauna World, bathrobes and slippers.

Prices vary depending on dates and availability. Please speak to our Travel Experts for a quotation.

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Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Hotel Jeris Winter Cottage (Nights: 1-7)



Winter Cottage Type A

Hotel Jeris and its winter cottages are on the shores of Lake Jerisjarvi around 20km from the nearest town. They offer families an idyllic location for a holiday in the wilds of Finnish Lapland.

The hotel consists of the main building which is home to the hotel rooms, gift shop and restaurant. The 35 winter cottages are dotted in the surrounding forests.

Hotel facilities:

- All meals are served in the main hotel restaurant. There is always a selection of options which often includes local dishes as well as more international cuisine.
- The buffet breakfast offers a wide selection of cooked and continental options; whilst lunch and dinner are usually a selection of salads, then a choice between a meat/fish main course and a vegetarian option, followed by a set dessert. During December, a special buffet menu and certain soft drinks are also provided for children.
- Tea and coffee are available free of charge throughout the day in the hotel restaurant/bar area.
- There is a small lounge area in the main building where guests can use the free Wi-Fi connection and there is a small shop selling souvenirs and snacks.
- Jeris is home to the lovely Arctic Sauna World just a short walk from the hotel. Renovated for winter 2019/20, the spa has strong eco-credentials thanks to its use of entirely renewable electricity and geothermal heating generated from the Jerisjärvi lake. Here there are four saunas each inspired by the four elements; earth, fire, water and air and named after Finnish gods and goddesses. You can also upgrade to the special Northern Lights sauna for a relaxing way to search the skies! If you are feeling brave (and are in good health) try an adventurous dip in the ice pool.

Winter Cottage Type A:

Type A winter cottages (30 square metres) are, on the whole, the closest to the hotel and are ideal for families with small children.

The cabins can vary in size but all sleep from two to four people in one spacious room with

a sleeping alcove for two people (generally with a double bed) and a pull-out sofa bed for two more. They are all privately-owned and so the décor and style can vary, but each has a cosy wood-burning stove, clothes-drying cupboard, kitchenette, television, shower room, toilet and a private sauna.

All meals are served in the hotel restaurant.

Cabin guests will receive a small 'starter pack' of firewood. Further wood supplies can be purchased locally for approximately 10 euros.

Please note: a limited number of hairdryers are available from reception.

Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.



Jeris Winter Cottage Type B

Type B winter cottages (63 square metres) sleep from four to six people and are ideal for families of four or more. There is a living room area with kitchenette and wood-burning stove, one bedroom for two people and a mezzanine loft area (please note that this is accessed by a steep ladder so is not suitable for small children) which can sleep up to four more.

The cottages are all privately owned and so some contents and décor may vary, but all are equipped with a clothes drying cupboard, sauna, TV, shower and toilet room.

The cosy winter cottages are located in the forests which surround Jeris; the furthest being across the quiet road and tucked in the trees around a 15-minute walk from the main building. Your luggage will be transferred for you on arrival.

Cabin guests will receive a small 'starter pack' of firewood. Further wood supplies can be purchased locally for approximately 10 euros.

All meals are served in the hotel restaurant.

Please speak to one of our Family Travel Experts for a quote.

Please note: A limited number of hairdryers are available from reception.

Jeris Winter Cottage Type C



Type C winter cottages (70 square metres) are the largest available and sleep from four to seven people. There are two bedrooms (each for two people) downstairs and a loft sleeping area for a further two (or three if you don't mind being very cosy!) people accessed via a steep staircase (not suitable for small children).

As with all the cottages, there is a log-burning stove, clothes drying cupboard, kitchenette, sauna, TV, shower and toilet room. They can vary in layout a little and as they are privately-owned, the décor is determined by the owner's personal choice.

They are located in the forests which surround Jeris; the furthest being across the quiet road, and tucked in the trees between a 10 and a 20-minute walk from the main building. Your luggage will be transferred for you on arrival. All meals are served in the hotel restaurant.

Cabin guests will receive a small 'starter pack' of firewood. Further wood supplies can be purchased locally for approximately 10 euros.

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The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

This holiday requires a minimum of 2 people to run, however, on some dates we require a minimum of 10 people for our flight allocation. Maximum 22 people (approximately). Please speak to our Travel Experts for further information.

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of

your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum numbers required for a holiday to operate

Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to operate (as listed in the 'Group Size' section). If your holiday departure has not yet reached the minimum number, you will be told at the time of booking. In the unlikely event that your chosen date is not guaranteed by nine weeks before your scheduled departure date, we will contact you to discuss the available options as per our booking conditions.

Minimum and maximum age

The minimum age for this holiday can be found in the 'Key Facts' section of the holiday overview.

Younger family members may be able to participate but may not be able to take part in all activities. Please contact one of our Travel Experts if you have any questions.

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

Terms - Jeris cabin minimum number requirements

Minimum accommodation occupancy:

Cabin A: price is based on 2 adults sharing a cabin with one or more children (minimum occupancy for a cabin A is 2 adults)

Cabin B: price is based on 2 adults sharing with 2 children (minimum occupancy for a cabin B is 2 adults and 2 children or 3 adults)

Cabin C: price is based on 3 adults sharing with 2 children (minimum occupancy for a cabin C is 3 adults and 2 children or 4 adults)

Terms and Conditions

Our full booking terms and conditions can be found on our website: <https://www.activitiesabroad.com/booking-conditions>

Please note: our payment and cancellation terms will be unique to each booking - they will be confirmed with you at the time of quotation. The terms listed above are noted as a guide only