



## Jeris - Aurora Short Break



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Flexible Dates

**VISITING:** Finland

**BROCHURE CODE:** 2223

**DURATION:** 3 nights

### In Brief

The Finnish language has more than 40 words for "snow" and they need pretty much all of them to describe winter here at Jeris. This is picture-postcard Lapland with hanki-covered fells, tykky-laden forests and lunta jäätyneillä lakes. Jeris is pristine, serene and pure but, whatever you do, do not eat the keltainen lumi!

### Our Opinion

“ *Jeris went through a major redevelopment last autumn and the hotel rooms and restaurant have been updated and redecorated in a stylish Scandinavian way. The crown jewel in this wonderful hotel is the Arctic Sauna World. It is the ideal way to relax and unwind in a range of saunas and steam rooms during your Arctic adventure in Finnish Lapland.* ”

Ali Mclean



## What's included?

**ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES LISTED BELOW ARE INCLUDED IN THE HOLIDAY PRICE**

- **Flights:** return flights from London Heathrow to Kittilä (via Helsinki)
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers from Kittilä Airport
- **Accommodation:** 3 nights in a standard twin/double room at Hotel Jeris. Winter Cottage upgrades are available for a supplement.
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- **Activities:** Aurora snowmobile safari and snowshoe hunt for the Northern Lights
- **Additional Activities (not included in the holiday price):** choose from our extensive range of activities (individually priced in the '[Personalise](#)' section of the holiday page
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- One entry to Arctic Sauna World

## Trip Overview

What a setting! Stand on the shoreline of frozen Lake Jerisjarvi with the snowy woods behind you and soak up the sheer Lappish-ness of it all.

The frozen, snow-covered lake stretches away to distant rolling winter fells. On the lake's thick ice, you will spy all manner of activity. Cross-country skiers follow trail markers across its course as do snowmobilers and occasionally a musher and a team of dogs. On the shoreline, you might just see a few reindeer foraging for tasty morsels of hardy lichen growing just below the snow.

Throw in an infinite ice-blue sky and the kind of crisp, crystal pure air that invigorates and exhausts at the same time and you will not want to come home.

Jeris is a small hotel with winter cottages hidden in the forest some 200km north of the Arctic Circle. From this tranquil base, you can spend your time simply relaxing during the day or enjoying activities such as dog sledding and ice fishing.

However, the focus during this three-night stay is on the Northern Lights. Jeris is about 20kms from the nearest small town, Muonio, which means that the night skies are virtually devoid of light

pollution. On a clear night, the Arctic heavens can blaze with shimmering coloured light and at Jeris, you will be in just the right place to enjoy the spectacle.

We have included two Northern Lights activities during your stay while leaving the daylight hours free so that you can pick and choose which snow-based activities you would like to try. Also included is one entry per stay to the Arctic Sauna World. There is nothing the Finns enjoy more than a sauna, and this is the way to experience it in style.

Hotel Jeris is one of the first holiday destinations we ever featured well over a decade ago and we have always loved everything about the place. Above all though, it is the breath-taking scenery and those unforgettable Aurora nights that keep tempting us back time and time again.

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Photography by Antti Pietikainen

# Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

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## FLIGHTS, ARRIVALS AND TRANSFERS

On arrival at Kittilä Airport, you will be met and transferred to the Hotel Jeris. The transfer should take about an hour but can be slightly longer if the driver has to stop for reindeer walking along the roads! Reindeer love to lick the salt from the surface and as there is so little traffic here, they can do so perfectly safely. Yes, you are in a very different part of the world now!

On arrival at Jeris, you will be assigned to your hotel bedroom or winter cottage (available as an upgrade option). Dinner will be served in the main building and you will receive your cold-weather winter clothing either this evening or tomorrow morning.

**Included Meals:** Dinner

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## FREE DAY AND SNOWMOBILE HUNT FOR THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

You can't search for the Northern Lights during daylight hours, so we have left the day free for you to do as you wish. There are plenty of winter activities available here at Jeris including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, dog sledding, snowshoeing, ice fishing and more. Please see the '[Personalise](#)' section for some of the options available.

Alternatively, you may just want to relax in the Arctic Sauna World.

Lunch will be served in the main building unless you choose to go out on a long safari in which case it will be included in the activity.

This evening, you will be searching for the Aurora on snowmobiles. You will receive full instruction and a safety briefing before heading into the darkness. Your experienced guide will head for some of the best Aurora viewing spots as far removed from any artificial light pollution as possible. There will be a break from driving along the way and the guide will build a campfire and make warm drinks to enjoy while you scan the night sky. To drive a snowmobile, you must have a full driving licence and be 18 years or over.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## FREE DAY AND A SNOWSHOE HUNT FOR THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

This 3-night break is all about searching for the Aurora Borealis and again we have left the daytime free for you to do as you like. Activities can fill up fast and we do recommend booking in advance to avoid disappointment. Please see the options available in the '[Personalise](#)' section of the trip page.

This evening, after dinner, you will be fitted for snowshoes and in the company of a qualified guide, you will head out into the night. Snowshoes allow you to walk across the soft, powdery snow without sinking down to your waist, so the guide will most likely take you to a quiet and remote spot in the forest (but always with views of the night sky).

By now, you will have figured out that the guides love getting a fire on the go and brewing up a warm drink. Meanwhile, your job is to simply enjoy sitting around the campfire surrounded by the vast silent and snowy wilderness and keep your eyes firmly on the sky for signs of emerging green lights.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## DEPARTURE

Sadly, it is time to hand back your cold-weather clothing and board the transfer vehicle back to Kittilä Airport for your flights home.

Enjoy those last precious views of this winter wonderland during the journey and savour the memories until it is time for your next visit!

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

# Personalise this tour

## Our pick



## Snow Train

Step inside the cosy Snow Train carriage for an Aurora hunt into the wilderness.

Pulled along by your expert guide on a snowmobile, the Snow Train has been cunningly designed with an all-Perspex exterior to give you constant views of the night sky. As you journey further into the darkness, keep your eye out for a potential display.

You'll also stop in a prime location to enjoy hot drinks and continue your search. Your location will be chosen

based on the local weather and Aurora forecast for the evening, giving you the best possible chance of ticking the Northern Lights off your bucket list.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Minimum group size:** 2 people

**Available:** Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 9pm

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## Other options

### ACTIVITIES



## Tour de Torassieppi

Visit the Arctic Sled Dog Centre and meet the team of dogs that will be taking you on a 15km (approximately) dog sledding adventure.

After a full safety briefing and instructions, you'll take to the sled and drive your team of dogs through snow-covered forests to see the best of the winter wonderland.

Two people will ride per sled and we recommend taking it in turns so you can sit back and enjoy the ride.

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**Duration:** 3 hours in total including transfers (approximately)

**Minimum group size:** 2 people

**Suitable for:** Aged 12 years and over

**Available:** Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1:45 pm



## Ice Fishing

See who can get the catch of the day during ice fishing. You'll be provided with all the equipment as well as an introduction to winter fishing. This trip also includes a hot drink and if you catch a fish, the kitchen will prepare it for you.

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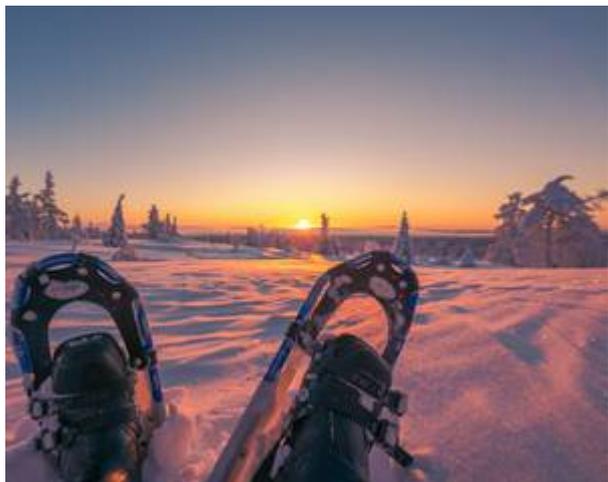
**Duration:** 2 hours (approximately)

**Minimum group size:** 2 adults

**Available:** Wednesday and Saturday at 10 am

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## Snowshoes Trip to National Park

This tour starts with a short transfer to the Pallas fell area, the largest fell area in western Lapland. It is renowned for its breath-taking scenery and you'll be in and amongst it as you strap on your snowshoes and hike around.

Snowshoes allow you to walk across the deep snow with ease, so you can spend your time admiring the incredible views. Lunch is included and will be enjoyed back at the hotel.

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**Duration:** 4 hours in total (approximately) including transfers and lunch

**Minimum group size:** 2 people

**Available:** Tuesday at 10 am



## Skiing in Wonderland

After a lesson on cross-country skiing, you will be guided on a skiing trip through the winter wonderland surroundings.

Not only is this a great form of exercise and popular pastime, but it's also a great way to up close to the nature around you.

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**Duration:** 2 hours (approximately)

**Minimum group size:** 2 adults

**Suitable for:** Aged 4 years and over

**Available:** Tuesday and Friday at 10 am



## Aurora Adventure by Snowmobiles

For an adventurous way to search for the Northern Lights, hop onto a snowmobile and drive through the Arctic night (2 people per snowmobile).

This form of transport takes you to the best location for spotting the Aurora and you will also enjoy warm drinks as you search the sky.

You must over 18 to drive a snowmobile and hold a valid driving licence.

**Duration:** 20km (approx. 2 hours)

**Minimum group size:** 2 adults

**Suitable for:** Aged 12 years and over (children can ride in a sled pulled by the guide's snowmobile).

**Available:** Monday and Saturday at 9 pm



## Reindeer Aurora Experience

Go in search of the Northern Lights on a traditional reindeer sleigh ride. Wrapped up warm in blankets, you'll enjoy a peaceful sleigh ride and get to witness the wonderful winter surroundings at night.

Though the mystical woodland is incredibly enchanting in the dark, make sure you keep your eyes on the sky as you might just be able to see the Northern Lights.

After the sleigh ride, you'll warm up with a hot drink by the fire.

**Duration:** 1hr-1.5hrs (approximately) including transfers

**Group size:** Minimum 2 people; 2 people per sled

**Suitable for:** Aged 12 years and over

**Available:** Tuesday and Thursday at 8:40 pm



## Local Culture

Reindeer herding is intrinsic in Lappish culture. During this activity, you will gain an authentic insight into this tradition at one of the oldest reindeer farms in Finland.

You will learn all about the fascinating history of the family who used to live here and visit the museum on site.

You will also meet the animals as they pull you in a traditional sled through the forest.

Lunch is served in a traditional Lappish Kota around an open fire. You will also see the impressive Winter Village Snow Hotel which is situated next to the farm.

**Duration:** 3.5-4 hours (approximately) including transfers.

**Minimum group size:** 2 adults

**Suitable for:** Aged 4 years and over.

**Available:** Monday, Friday and Saturday at 10:40 am



## Panorama Safari

After a full safety briefing and instructions, you will drive your snowmobiles through the Lappish winter landscape (2 people per snowmobile)

This sightseeing tour lasts for around 2 hours (30km) as you move across the snow to reach incredible lookouts.

You must over 18 to drive a snowmobile and hold a valid driving licence.

**Duration:** 2 hours (approximately)

**Minimum group size:** 2 adults

**Suitable for:** Aged 4 years and over (children can ride in a sled pulled by the guide's snowmobile).

**Available:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2 pm

### SPECIAL NIGHTS



## 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 (Nights: 1-3)



Hotel Jeris occupies an enviable location which is 20 kilometres from the nearest village and is located directly on the shores of Lake Jerisjärvi. It is this remote position that makes the hotel an enchanting forest retreat.

The hotel is owned and run by the Pietikäinen family, who also manage the neighbouring sister hotels of Harriniva, Kittila and Torassieppi.

Their hotels are some of our most popular accommodation options in Finland, having received high praise for their knowledgeable guides and exciting activity options.

The hotel consists of a central building and 32 winter cottages in the adjacent forest.

## Hotel facilities

- Your meals will be served in the hotel restaurant, which offers a rustic menu of traditional and local Finnish dishes. Meals are served buffet-style with one or two options for each course. Guests can enjoy local delicacies, such as salmon and reindeer. The hearty food here is ideal for setting you up for your adventures in the snow.
- There is a small lounge area where guests can relax in the evening and take advantage of the hotel's free Wi-Fi.
- Tea and coffee are available free of charge throughout the day in the hotel restaurant/bar area.
- A significant feature of Hotel Jeris is the wonderful Arctic Elements Lakeside Spa. Renovated for winter 2019/20, the spa is the first of its kind in Finland, with strong eco-credentials, thanks to its use of entirely renewable electricity and geothermal heating generated from the Jerisjärvi lake. There are four saunas here each inspired by an element; earth, fire, water and air and each named after Finnish gods and goddesses. Included are a traditional smoke sauna and plenty of areas for relaxation. Spa area entry is included in the majority of our trips (see what's included for details), but if not you can book entry via the reception for a daily fee. For the Aurora enthusiasts, there is also an upgrade option to the special Northern Lights sauna which offers panoramic views of the night sky. If conditions are favourable, this could be one of the most relaxing ways to see this fantastic light display. For the brave (and healthy) you can complete your sauna experience with a dip in the ice pool - a Finnish tradition.
- A small selection of souvenirs is available for guests to purchase (including postcards and local handicrafts and snacks) in the reception area.

## Double/twin rooms

In the main hotel building at Jeris, there are 27 comfortable traditional bedrooms. All guest bedrooms have an en-suite shower room, a drying cupboard and television. A limited amount of hairdryers are available from reception.

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## Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

### Jeris Winter Cottage Type A



The Type A Winter Cottages (36 square metres) are generally located around a 10-minute walk from the main hotel building. The cottages are ideal for couples looking for a private retreat.

The cottages can vary slightly in size but all can sleep two to four people. They consist of one spacious room with a sleeping alcove for two people and a pull out sofa bed for two more. All the cottages are privately owned; consequently, the decor and style can vary. Each cottage contains a cosy wood-burning stove, a kitchenette, a television, a shower room and a private sauna.

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 to borrow from reception.

Please contact our Travel Experts for a quote.

## Jeris Winter Cottage Type B



The Type B Winter Cottages (63 square metres) are situated around a 15-minute walk from the main hotel building and we would recommend these for groups of four or more adults.

The cottage consists of a bedroom for two people and a loft area which can sleep up to four more. The cottages can vary slightly in size but every cottage is equipped with a kitchenette, a wood-burning stove, a shower room, a toilet and a private sauna. All the cottages are privately owned; consequently, the style and decor can vary. Each cottage offers a comfortable and welcoming retreat.

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 amount of hairdryers are available from reception.

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## Jeris Winter Cottage Type C



Perfect for groups of five to seven people, the Type C Winter Cottages (70 square metres) are the largest available. These cottages are situated around a 20-minute walk from the main hotel building.

Although the size of the cottage can vary slightly, each cottage has two bedrooms (each bedroom will sleep two people.) The loft of the cottage has a sleeping alcove, which will sleep a further three people. As they are privately owned the cottages vary in decor and style but each has the same facilities. These include a kitchenette, a wood-burning stove, a shower room, a toilet and a private sauna.

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 amount of hairdryers are available from reception.

Please contact our Travel Experts for a quote.

## The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum numbers required for this holiday to run vary from 2 to 8 people (depending on departure date). Maximum 30 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

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Aurora Zone holiday is typically 12 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company [www.activitiesabroad.com](http://www.activitiesabroad.com).

## 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 and Conditions

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