



Torassieppi – Winter Retreat with Aurora Glamping at New Year



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 2203
DURATION: 4 nights

In Brief

Celebrate the New Year in memorable fashion on this four-night Northern Lights short break. Start your stay in style with a night of glamping in an incredible Aurora Dome and then spend the rest of your three nights at Torassieppi Reindeer Farm in cosy rooms or winter cottages. You'll encounter reindeer, try snowmobiling, hunt the Northern Lights, learn to cook like a local and take part in an unforgettable husky safari.

Our Opinion

“ *New Year is so often an anti-climax, but when you spend it on a frozen lake, having enjoyed a drink in an ice bar, there's no chance of that happening. This holiday is an ideal post-Christmas escape, which lets you start the New Year in style. I love the combination of the cosy rooms or cottages at Torassieppi and the chance to spend a night glamping in one of the unforgettable Aurora Domes. Add in the key Arctic activities and Aurora potential and this has to be the ideal way to celebrate New Year.* ”

Dawn Kitson



What's included?

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

- **Flights:** return flights from London Heathrow to Kittilä (via Helsinki). Routings are subject to change
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 1 night Aurora Dome glamping, 3 nights' accommodation in hotel rooms (winter cottage upgrades subject to availability)
- **Meals:** 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- **The following activities and equipment are included:** Reindeer farm and sleigh ride, Northern Lights workshop, snowmobile safari, visit to the Arctic Elements Sauna World, Aurora snowshoeing, husky safari, local cookery lesson, entry to the Winter Village (the order of activities is subject to change)
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- Services of our expert local guide and representative

Trip Overview

Avoid an anticlimactic New Year's Eve by travelling to Torassieppi, high above the Arctic Circle, in Finnish Lapland where you can start the year in an unforgettable way.

In the heart of the Aurora Zone, this location offers vast skies in which to view the Northern Lights, as well as a host of unforgettable experiences.

You will start your holiday in sensational fashion when you spend a night glamping in an Aurora Dome. Imagine being able to look out on the Arctic firmament from the comfort of your bed. It is a very special way to spend your first night in Finland. During the rest of your holiday, you'll stay in either cosy hotel rooms or wonderful winter cottages for three nights.

Couple this wonderful combination of accommodation, with the inclusion of a Northern Lights workshop and the chance to hunt for the Aurora on foot, using snowshoes to aid your passage through the snow, and you have an unforgettable holiday.

Of course, we haven't neglected your daytime agenda either, and you will come home with a wealth of incredible memories. Adventures include the chance to learn about Sámi culture at a reindeer farm where you will also enjoy a sleigh ride, a snowmobile safari through the wilds, a thrilling dog sled trip and a local cookery course. All taking place in the spectacular landscape which surrounds Torassieppi.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL

On arrival at Kittilä Airport, you will be greeted and transferred to Torassieppi, your base for the next 4 nights.

After a welcome dinner in the main restaurant, you will check into your Aurora Domes for the night. This is glamping at its finest, and hopefully, the Northern Lights may be there to welcome you to Finland.

Please note that your dome night is intended for your first night but this, as with any element of the itinerary, is subject to change.

Included Meals: Dinner

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2

AURORA WORKSHOP, REINDEER FARM AND SLEIGH RIDE, NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Morning in Lapland kicks off with an all-important Aurora workshop during which your expert guide will present the science behind the Northern Lights. They will also share their own experiences and some of the local myths and legends which surround nature's heavenly light show.

Today's lunch will be served in a traditional wooden kota (teepee) and eaten around a campfire. You will then be introduced to the reindeer for which Torassieppi is famed. The herder will provide an insight into the lives of these animals and their importance to the local culture and economy.

Next on the agenda is a reindeer-pulled sleigh ride, which covers around 3km through the beautiful winter scenery.

Following the safari, you will have the chance to explore the on-site museum and house, which provide a real step back in time and a glimpse of what life was like before roads and motorised vehicles came to the North.

This afternoon, you will check into your cosy hotel room or winter cottage for your remaining three nights. Dinner will be served in the main building and guests can all gather for New Year's Eve celebrations, which normally centre around the nearby ice bar, and a fireworks display down on the frozen lake. The Northern Lights may even make an appearance if conditions are favourable.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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3

SNOWMOBILE SAFARI, ARCTIC ELEMENTS SAUNA WORLD AND AURORA
SNOWSHOE

After a hearty breakfast to clear away any New Year's Day cobwebs, it is time for you to start 2021 in spectacular fashion, with a thrilling snowmobile safari. After a full demonstration and safety briefing from your guide, you will head out onto the trails, travelling two per snowmobile, and covering around 30km. This is the ideal way to get a greater sense of the huge scale of Lapland's winter wilderness. Please note that you must be over 18 to drive a snowmobile and should hold a full driving licence. There will be the opportunity to swap drivers during the trip.

Lunch will be served in the main restaurant back at Torassieppi, following which the pace will drop a tad as you head to nearby Jeris for some well-deserved rest and relaxation. You'll enjoy the Arctic Elements Lakeside Spa which sits on the edge of Lake Jeris and provides wonderful views. It consists of a collection of four saunas, each inspired by the four elements; earth, water, fire and air and named after Finnish gods and goddesses. The facilities include a traditional smoke sauna and plenty of areas for relaxation in this stunning lakeside setting. To complete your experience, you may want to take a dip in the ice pool in the lake (healthy adults only!) which sounds daunting beforehand but leaves you feeling wholly invigorated afterwards.

Back at Torassieppi, dinner will be served in the main restaurant before you head out with your guide on snowshoes. The aim of this evening is to escape any local light pollution and head to a prime Aurora viewpoint. You need the snowshoes to ease your path over the deep snow, and they allow you access to areas which otherwise can prove inaccessible at this time of year. With a little luck, the Northern Lights will begin their dance above your head.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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4

HUSKY SAFARI AND LOCAL COOKERY LESSON

After breakfast, it is time for what is always a holiday highlight as you head to meet the eager huskies. You can always hear the dogs long before you can see them, as they make their excitement for the trail incredibly obvious. You will be given full instruction on how to handle a sled, before being allocated a team of eager dogs and setting off on the trail, travelling two people per sled. You will cover around 15km during the adventure and the feeling of travelling purely under paw power is quite unforgettable.

Lunch will be served in the main restaurant and you will have some free time to relax in the afternoon.

In the early evening, you will join your guide for a special meal, as they provide a demonstration of

how to cook some local dishes in a traditional kota. You will dine on the menu you have prepared together tonight.

After dinner make sure you keep an eye on the sky for your final chance to see the mesmerising Northern Lights.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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DEPARTURE

All good things must sadly come to an end, and this morning you will have one last breakfast in Lapland, before returning to the airport for your flights home.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Overnight at Torassieppi Winter Village

Spend a memorable night in a traditional snow igloo room within Torassieppi Winter Village. Snow structures and igloos have been used for centuries as a form of protection from the Arctic weather and whilst the outside temperatures can plummet, inside they remain more moderate.

Your surroundings may be made of snow and ice, but the thick sleeping bag and mattress will ensure a warm night.

Any required transfers, sleeping bag, hot drink and breakfast are all included. You will enjoy your evening meal at your hotel prior to transferring to your snow igloo room in the evening at approximately 8:30/9pm. The toilet and sauna facilities are approximately 200 metres' walk away. You will check out after breakfast

Available: Monday to Sunday at 8.30/9pm

Please note: that as activity schedules can be subject to change we may be unable to confirm the exact night that you will spend at Torassieppi although every effort will be made to accommodate

specific requests they cannot be guaranteed. Your final itinerary including confirmation of the date of your stay at Torassieppi will be confirmed upon arrival in Finland.

Prices are based on you spending the first or last night of your holiday in this unique accommodation and not keeping your original accommodation. If you would like to do this on any other night during your holiday you will need to keep your accommodation and supplements will apply.

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Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Aurora Dome at Torassieppi (Nights: 1)



These incredible structures at Torassieppi offer a rather different overnight experience for guests. Shaped like domes, these tents have pleasant, cosy décor, with one wall designed to be see-through, allowing you to gaze at the night sky in search of the Northern Lights.

Each dome has a double bed and a wood-burning stove. Toilet, shower and sauna facilities are just a short walk away (around 50-100 metres).

Torassieppi Reindeer Farm (Nights: 2-4)



Located on the edge of Lake Torasjarvi, and bordering the Pallas Ylläs National Park, Torassieppi Reindeer Farm is situated in one of the most picturesque wilderness areas in Finland.

The farm building dates back to 1847 making it one of the oldest in the area. Today it has been lovingly renovated and accommodation has been added nearby so that guests can stay in this spectacular spot.

Torassieppi Reindeer Farm is also listed by [National Geographic Travel](#) as one of the places to visit in 2017.

Here they offer guests a choice of accommodation, in winter cottage rooms or in detached winter cottages.

Facilities

- Torassieppi has a central restaurant and reception building which is a short walk from the rooms and winter cottages. A roaring fire accompanies the evening meals which include as much local produce as possible Typically they are served in a buffet format and include traditional Finnish ingredients such as reindeer (of course dietary requirements are also catered for).
- There is no bar but alcohol can be purchased from the restaurant so it can be enjoyed with your evening meal.
- The reception building also has a small gift shop area which sells a variety of local crafts, including reindeer hides and traditional carved Kuksa cups.
- There are two lakeside saunas at Torassieppi which are both heated in the evenings for guests to use. Separate facilities are provided for both men and women.
- There is free Wi-Fi in the main restaurant building.
- Tea and coffee are available free of charge throughout the day in the hotel restaurant / bar area.
- During the winter months, the nearby Torassieppi Winter Village is carved out of snow and you can personalise your stay by adding an overnight in one of the amazing snow igloos. You may also choose to add a night of Arctic glamping in one of the famous Aurora Domes, which are only a short walk away from the main building and available all year round. Please see our personalise section for further details of both options.
- A perfect spot to search for the Aurora, there are also a few wooden benches on the edge of the frozen lake, which are ideal for enjoying the expansive wilderness and hopefully a Northern Lights display or two

Room types

DOUBLE/TWIN ROOMS: Torassieppi has only eight rooms which are located a short walk from the main building. There are two rooms to each small cabin building. Each room is completely independent with their own en-suite bathroom and entrance but some rooms can be interconnecting at the guest's request. The rooms can be made up as either twin or double bedded rooms and are really cosy with all the facilities you will need to enjoy your stay including tea and coffee making facilities and hairdryers.

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Other accommodation options

Contact us for a personalised quote.

Torassieppi Reindeer Farm - Winter Cottages



Torassieppi offers 8 detached winter cottages to which you can upgrade. The cottages are ideal for those who want more space or for larger groups of people. Located close to the main restaurant, they are only a short walk away through the snow-laden trees and close to the frozen lake beyond.

The smaller cottages contain a fireplace, living room area, toilet, shower, hairdryer and kitchenette. There are two bedrooms, one with twin beds and another with three beds (including a set of bunk beds). These can accommodate two to five people, we feel they are ideal for 3 or 4 adults.

Torassieppi also has some larger cottages and these have their own sauna in addition to the fireplaces. The larger cottages offer a living room area, toilet, shower, hairdryer and kitchenette with a kettle. They have two bedrooms which have twin beds and a sleeping alcove with bunk beds. Whilst they can sleep up to 6 people, we feel that they are most suited to 4 or 5 adults.

Please contact our Travel Experts for a quotation if you would like to upgrade to a winter cottage.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

This holiday requires a minimum of 2 people to run, however, we require a minimum of 8 people for our flight allocation. Maximum 24 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.

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

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