



Torassieppi - Aurora Glamping Betwixmas Break



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 2231
DURATION: 3 nights

In Brief

Fill the days between Christmas and New Year with an extraordinary 3-night break to Torassieppi in Finnish Lapland. With an overnight stay in an Aurora Dome, a husky safari, a reindeer experience and two sessions spent searching for the Northern Lights, you'll really make those limbo days count.

Our Opinion

“ *Between Christmas and New Year is personally my favourite time to travel to Northern Finland. The airports are quiet after the rush of Christmas travel and the stunning wintry scenery lets me cling on to that festive feeling for a little longer. Staying overnight in an Aurora Dome is a brilliant spectacle and the included winter activities are fantastic; huskies, snowmobiles, reindeer and Northern Lights excursions – I don't see how this itinerary could get any better!* ”

Amy Walkington-Gray



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). Routings are subject to change
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers; transfers to and from activities
- **Accommodation:** 2 nights' accommodation in twin/double rooms at Torassieppi Reindeer Farm, 1 night's accommodation in an Aurora Dome. Winter cottage upgrades available (supplements apply)
- **Meals:** 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- **The following activities and equipment are included:** reindeer farm visit and sleigh ride, secrets of the Northern Lights, Northern Lights snowmobile safari, 15km husky safari, Aurora snowshoeing, Aurora glamping, one entry to Arctic Sauna World (order subject to change)
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- 24/7 assistance from our UK based operations team and in destination support from our local partners

Trip Overview

So many of us wonder how to fill that tiresome gap between Christmas and New Year. The excitement of Christmas has come to an end, the sluggish, post-Christmas dinner feeling has kicked in and, there is little to do other than wait for New Year's Eve. There is, however, an alluring alternative to how you spend your 'betwixmas' (as we here at The Aurora Zone like to call it) - fly to Kittilä and spend three nights in the festive winter wonderland that is Torassieppi.

Working hard with our partners in Northern Finland, we have created a trip that is the perfect post-Christmas treat. Every one of our most popular winter activities is included, as well as a night of Aurora glamping in a wonderful Aurora Dome.

Our longstanding relationship with the Pietikäinen family, owners of Torassieppi Reindeer Farm, means that we can cooperate and work closely with them to provide the best possible itinerary. Therefore, we are able to offer you three days full of activities, including a husky safari, snowshoeing

and a reindeer experience.

We have also included an Aurora workshop so you can learn more about this natural wonder before enjoying three Northern Lights experiences.

One evening will see you venture out on snowmobiles into the wilds around Torassieppi in order to try and track down a display. Your guide will take you to a prime Northern Lights viewpoint that they have chosen based on their knowledge of Aurora activity and weather conditions locally that day.

On another evening, you'll be strapping on snow shoes and joining your guide on a Northern Lights hunt by foot. The snowshoes allow you to walk on the deep snow without sinking in up to your waist. This means you can gain access to dark areas away from any local light pollution. In other words, it's a great way to hunt for dark skies and, with any luck, the Northern Lights.

You will also spend a night in an incredible Aurora Dome. These tent-like structures take glamping to a whole new level. Equipped with a see-through wall, wood burning stove and double bed with views out to the Arctic wilderness, this is sure to be an unforgettable night searching for the Northern Lights from the snug comfort of your bed.

So go on; treat yourself to a 'Betwixmas' break and make your friends envious on New Year's Eve, as you gloat about the time that you spent in Finnish Lapland.

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL AND WELCOME TO THE ARCTIC

Once you land at Kittilä Airport, you will be met by your driver and transferred to Torassieppi.

After checking in to your accommodation, you can enjoy dinner in the restaurant and look forward to a few very exciting days ahead.

Please note that the order of activities listed below is for guidance only and your agenda will be confirmed on arrival.

Included Meals: Dinner

DAY
2

REINDEER FARM VISIT, SECRETS OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS AND AURORA SNOWSHOEING

This morning, you will meet with your guide to learn all about the secrets of the Northern Lights.

You'll learn about the science and the magic behind the phenomenon whilst enjoying drinks and snacks. This activity will help prepare you for this evening's adventure, Aurora snowshoeing.

Today will also provide you with a taste of the local culture here in Northern Finland, as you visit Torassieppi Reindeer Farm which dates back to 1847.

When you arrive, the herder will show you how to feed the reindeer before you have the chance to do so yourselves. Then, you will visit the small, on-site museum and receive an informative presentation on the history of reindeer herding and the vital part that the animals play in Lappish and Sámi culture.

There'll be time for a spot of Lappish lasso practice before a short reindeer sleigh ride.

Lunch will be served in a traditional Lappish kota (wooden tepee).

After dinner at the hotel, it's time to venture out into the wilderness in search of the Northern Lights. Strapping on your snowshoes, you'll be able to walk across the snow with greater ease as you follow your guide who will head for a likely Aurora spotting site. You will be out for approximately 2-3 hours, stopping to enjoy hot drinks en-route.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
3

HUSKY SAFARI, ARCTIC SAUNA WORLD, NORTHERN LIGHTS SNOWMOBILE
SAFARI AND OVERNIGHT IN AN AURORA DOME

Today you will experience one of the most popular winter activities that we offer: husky sledding. Firstly though you will check out of your rooms and store your luggage ahead of transferring to your amazing dome accommodation later in the day.

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the dog kennels to prepare for your sledding tour. When you arrive, the dogs will be eager to greet you and bursting with energy as they await their next safari. The excitable sound of barking and yelping will echo through the centre as your guide provides you with a full safety briefing and instruction on how to drive the sled. Then, your team of faithful canines will lead the way as you set off, two people per sleigh, over the sparkling white fells with only the sound of the dogs' soft paws brushing the snow in the background. You will cover around 15km and the activity will last for around two and a half hours including a stop for coffee and biscuits. Lunch will be served back at the hotel.

Following lunch, you will head to Jeris, Torassieppi's sister hotel, where the fabulous Arctic Sauna World sits on the shore of the frozen Lake Jerisjärvi. Here you can relax and unwind in the four saunas, as you enjoy views of the snow-covered lake.

After dinner in the hotel, it's time for your second night of Aurora hunting. Your expert guide will show you how to operate your snowmobile and will provide a safety briefing before you set off on a 20km safari, riding two people per snowmobile. Your guide will take you to a local viewpoint where you will break for warm drinks and hopefully catch sight of the Aurora. Drivers must be over the age of 18 and hold a valid driving licence. You will be out for approximately two hours tonight.

It is then time to head to your Aurora Dome for the night. These tent-like structures offer a large window onto the night sky so you can quite happily search for the Northern Lights from the comfort of

your bed. Make use of the wood-burning stove and stay cosy inside while you look out into the Arctic night for a truly memorable way to end your time in Finland.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY
4

DEPARTURE

After breakfast in the hotel's restaurant, you will return to the airport, taking with you memories that will last a lifetime.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Included Accommodation

Other options are available - see below for details.

Torassieppi Reindeer Farm (Nights: 1-2)



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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Aurora Dome at Torassieppi (Nights: 3)



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).

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, on some dates 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

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