



# Jeris New Year Family Adventure in a Winter Cottage



**HOLIDAY TYPE:** Small Group  
**VISITING:** Finland

**BROCHURE CODE:** 1107  
**DURATION:** 7 nights

## In Brief

Spend seven nights with your family in your own private winter cottage and welcome in the New Year in the heart of Lapland. Enjoy a magical reindeer sleigh ride, a thrilling snowmobile safari and dog sledding. There will be plenty of fun and games in the snow along the way including a lunch in the ice restaurant at the spectacular Winter Village.

## Our Opinion

*“ Jeris is a magical family destination and the winter cottages are a true favourite with our staff’s own families. This holiday is packed full of memorable experiences that families of all ages will enjoy so it’s a great place for a multi-generational New Year holiday. What I love especially are the extra touches included in this holiday; the baking, treasure hunt and crafts are excellent for children. The activities are unforgettable no matter what your age and this holiday includes all of the key Lappish experiences. A New Year here will create wonderful family memories. ”*

Jono Archer



## What's included?

- **Flights:** return flights from London to Kittilä (via Helsinki). Flight routes are subject to change.
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 7 nights' accommodation in Type A Winter Cottage (upgrades to larger cottages are available on request)
- **Meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- **The following activities are included:** husky safari, snow fun activities, cookie baking and gingerbread house, snowshoeing, visit to the Torassieppi Winter Village and reindeer sleigh ride, Aurora snow train, snowmobile safari, festive dinner (order subject to change)
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- Fully qualified wilderness guides and instructors
- Services of our local representative

## Trip Overview

This is the ultimate family New Year holiday. Spend seven nights in a cosy winter cottage in Lapland and enjoy a New Year like no other. This holiday includes all of our families' favourite winter activities and some unforgettable experiences. You will traverse this winter wonderland by dog sled, enjoy the thrill of a snowmobile safari and take the reins for a reindeer sleigh ride. What's more, your spectacular location also means you can keep watch for the Northern Lights together as a family.

There are plenty of traditional Lappish family pastimes included as well such as snowshoeing and cross-country skiing which you are all sure to love.

At the end of every day, you and your family can return to your cosy winter cottage which is complete with private sauna and fireplace and can enjoy having your own 'home from home' in which to relax and spend quality time together.

The order of activities listed here is for guidance only and you will be provided with the final agenda on arrival.

# Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

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## ARRIVAL AND WELCOME

Upon arrival at Kittilä Airport in Finnish Lapland, you will land in a snow-covered winter wonderland and be greeted for your transfer to Jeris (approximately 45 mins away).

Situated on the edge of a frozen lake and dotted in the forests, the hotel and winter cottages make for an ideal base for a family holiday.

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**Included Meals:** Dinner

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## HUSKY SAFARI AND COOKIE BAKING

After a hearty breakfast at the hotel, you will go on your first adventure as you head off to meet the huskies. This is sure to be a serious highlight of any holiday in the north as a husky safari is an experience like no other.

A short transfer away, your activity will start with an introduction from your expert mushers who will give you an insight into the lives of these working dogs.

You will be given a full safety briefing before you pair up in teams of two to hit the trail with your very eager dogs. Adults will travel two people per sled (with the chance to swap drivers) and children will travel in a sled controlled by the guide. Covering 9km using purely 'paw power' is an unforgettable experience and you are all sure to fall in love with the dogs.

Back at Jeris, you will enjoy lunch in the restaurant before spending the afternoon baking traditional Finnish gingerbread cookies together and, of course, enjoying them afterwards!

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

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## SNOWSHOES AND ELF KOTA

After breakfast in the hotel, you'll meet up with your expert guide who will take you on a snowshoe safari of the surrounding area. The shoes allow you to walk over the thick snow, exploring nature and enjoying the peace and quiet of the winter wonderland.

Back at Jeris, you will enjoy lunch in the restaurant before heading to a nearby kota. Here you will make keepsake souvenirs and toast marshmallows over the fire.

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

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REINDEER GAMES, TORASSIEPPI WINTER VILLAGE AND AURORA SNOW TRAIN

Today you will take the 10-minute transfer to Torassieppi Reindeer Farm and Winter Village. Your first port of call is the Lappish manor house which dates back over 100 years and houses a small museum that provides information on reindeer herding in the area. You will then be shown how to lasso a reindeer before getting up close to these furry-nosed animals during a 3km reindeer sleigh ride next to the Pallas-Ylläs National Park.

Then it's just a short walk to the stunning winter village, a more modern addition to the farm. Here you can enjoy the sight of the snow and ice carvings before enjoying lunch in the ice restaurant (weather permitting) then heading back to the hotel.

You will have some free time this afternoon to make the most of the snow and perhaps enjoy some sledging or snowshoeing independently. Then, after dinner this evening, you'll head out for an exciting night in search of the Northern Lights. The Aurora Snow Train is a large, heated sledge, which is pulled by a supersized snowmobile. It's a fantastic way to explore the landscape in search of the lights and you'll make a stop along the way to enjoy hot drinks and snacks around an open fire.

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

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SNOWFUN AND SNOWMOBILE SAFARI

This morning is dedicated to making the most of the winter wonderland surroundings. After breakfast, you'll try out snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and tobogganing. The children can even have their own chance to get in the driving seat of a mini snowmobile.

After lunch back at the hotel, this afternoon it's time to get on the snowmobiles! Snowmobiling is a thrilling way to explore the wilderness of Lapland and is great fun for all the family.

The activity starts with a safety briefing and driving instructions for the adults. Those aged 18 and older and who hold a full driving licence can take control of the snowmobile and will travel in pairs. The children will be tucked up warmly in a sled pulled by the guide's snowmobile.

Out on the trail, you will pass through snow-laden forests and whizz across frozen lakes as you cover around 30km.

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

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## GINGERBREAD HOUSE

After breakfast, you have a free morning to spend as you please. Additional activities may be available for you to book locally.

Following lunch, you and your family will build and decorate your own gingerbread house.

A festive dinner to celebrate New Year's Eve will be served tonight in the restaurant.

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

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## FREE DAY TO TAILOR YOUR TIME

The end of the holiday has been left free in order for you to spend your final day as you choose. You may like to relax in your cottage and spend precious family time together or perhaps you may want to add on some additional activities (payable locally) such as the wonderful Arctic Elements Lakeside Spa. Many families like to try their favourite activities again or perhaps hire some cross-country skis or snowshoes to explore the snow independently.

The choice is entirely yours.

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

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## DEPARTURE

Today you will be transferred back to Kittilä and travel home with a head filled with wonderful memories of a New Year spent in Lapland.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## Accommodation Notes

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Families will be allocated the most appropriate cabin available for their family size. Supplements do apply for B and C Type Cabins.

# Included Accommodation

## Hotel Jeris Winter Cottages (Nights: 1-7)



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 a main building which is home to the hotel rooms, gift shop and restaurant. The 32 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 Elements Lakeside Spa 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.

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## 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 a 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 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.

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## 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 8 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>

### Swim stops

There are plenty of opportunities during our cruises for refreshing swim stops in some beautiful spots en route. Please note that this is not a supervised or guided activity and whilst safety equipment is provided on board and staff members will be present, each passenger is responsible for their own safety whilst in the water.