



Jeris - Tailor Made



HOLIDAY TYPE: Tailor Made

VISITING: Finland

BROCHURE CODE: 5200

DURATION: 3 or more nights

In Brief

Build your own ideal holiday in Lapland. Spend a minimum of three nights in Jeris choosing from a hotel room or cosy winter cottage, and tailor your time to suit you. Take your pick from a range of winter activities including dog sledding, snowmobiling, reindeer encounters and Northern Lights hunts.

Our Opinion

“ With its inviting spa area, cosy traditional feel and varied agenda of activities, I think the Hotel Jeris is perfect for a winter retreat. What appeals to me greatly is that with the tailor made you can either fill your days with snowmobiling, husky sledding and cross-country skiing or spend the day relaxing in the spa enjoying the spectacular snow-covered fell backdrop. ”

Dawn Kitson



What's included?

- **Flights:** return flights from London to Kittilä (either direct or via Helsinki depending on departure date). Flight routes are subject to change.
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** a minimum of 3 nights hotel accommodation in en-suite rooms.
- **Meals:** half board
- **Activities:** choose from our extensive range of activities (**individually priced as detailed in the [activity timetable](#)**)
- Cold weather clothing for the duration of your stay
- Fully qualified wilderness guides and instructors during activities
- Services of Artisan Travel Company representative

Trip Overview

This winter holiday allows you to experience Lapland your way, you can choose the duration of your holiday, the activities you would like to include and the experiences you would like to have. In terms of accommodation, you may also choose between a welcoming hotel and a selection of cosy winter cottage options. There are also extremely innovative places in which you can spend the night, including the Aurora Domes and the nearby Torassieppi Winter Village.

Jeris has an idyllic setting on the banks of a frozen lake and the accommodation is surrounded by pine forests. The hotel forms the focal point for guests with the winter cottages dotted between five and ten minutes from the building, nestling in the trees.

The schedule of [activities](#) on offer at Jeris is varied and incorporates all of the key experiences which we would recommend to guests visiting Lapland. You can be as active or as relaxed as you like, you can simply enjoy your surroundings and relax in the fantastic Arctic Sauna World (payable locally) or you can fill your days with dog sleds, snowshoes and snowmobiles.

There is something for everyone here and you can really set your own pace and plan out your own ideal winter activity holiday. Our travel experts are of course on hand to help and give you first-hand advice.

Please note that some activities require a minimum number of participants to operate, schedules are always subject to change and are subject to availability.

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Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL, TRANSFER AND WELCOME

Included Meals: Dinner

DAYS
2 TO 3

DESIGN YOUR OWN HOLIDAY

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY
4

DEPART OR EXTEND YOUR STAY

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Snowmobile with Net Fishing

After a full safety briefing with 2 people sharing each snowmobile you will depart from Jeris and head to some of the vast frozen lakes nearby. The total driving distance for the day is around 35km and you will be out between 3-4 hours. Your guide will take you to the wilderness location where the nets have been placed and show the group how to pull up the nets to retrieve the catch of the day. This is an ancient method of gathering food during the winter time for the local people and a really interesting activity to be a part of and learn more about. During the activity lunch will be cooked over the open fire

(not dependent on how successful the catch of the day is!) and you will then head back to the hotel.

This programme is suitable for those aged 12 years and over.

Minimum group size: 2 people

Minimum age: 12 years old

Tour duration: Approximately 3-4 hours

Available: Friday 10:00 am

Other options

ACTIVITIES



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: approximately 2 hours

Available: Tuesday and Thursday at 9pm (Jeris)



Arctic Elements Sauna World

Saunas are a popular and traditional Finnish pastime. The locals use it as a space for relaxation, meditation as well as mental and physical cleanliness - and Jeris is a luxurious spa facility for you to experience this in. What's more, Jeris prides itself on its eco-friendly approach to tourism. For example, geothermal heating is generated from the Jerisjärvi lake, electricity is 100% renewable from wind, water or solar power and the shower water is from the nearby under earth fountain.

The four saunas have been carefully themed on the four elements; earth, air, fire and water, as these are found in all traditions and shamanic wellbeing rituals.

These elements combine to create a fifth, steamy löyly, the spirit of sauna. Each element is represented by Finnish gods or goddesses, as the protectors of the saunas:

Sauna of Tapio (Earth). Tapio is the antlered king of the forest and in this sauna, you will feel the earthy and forest surroundings of the Finnish wilderness. It is split into north, east, south and west, each providing a different kind of löyly.

Sauna of Ukko (Fire). Ukko is the king of all gods and master of lightning, fire and air. This smoke sauna is the most traditional, and a favourite among the Finns. The heating process carries the smoke throughout to create a dark colouring, smokey scent and if you choose, a fiery heat.

Sauna of Vellamo (Water). Vellamo is the goddess of water and the ruler of lakes and rivers. This sauna

has a panoramic view over Lake Jeris, a holy place for Sámi people, offering a calming atmosphere. The soft and moist löyly means you can stay in for longer for extended relaxation.

Sauna of Ilmatar (Air). Ilmatar is the goddess of wind, and the first mother in the beginning of times. This sauna has no fire or thick walls - instead infrared heaters are situated inside a traditional kota for a soft and gentle heat. Think of this as half sauna, half relaxation room.

You can also choose to upgrade to the private Northern Lights sauna. Tulikettu is the mystical firefox that lights up the sky and creates the Auroras. This two-storey panorama sauna is ideally situated under the open sky with a 180-degree view over Lake Jeris. The relaxing room on the second floor has an all-sky panoramic window for a clear view of the night sky and if conditions are favourable, the Northern Lights. This sauna is perfect for private relaxation and comes with its own toilets, changing room and showers. Please ask our Artisan Travel Experts if you wish to include the Northern Lights sauna in your package.

The really brave (and healthy) can also take a dip in the icy lake waters - a technique the Finns swear by!

Minimum age: 5 years old

Available: every day at 4pm (Jeris); Tuesdays and Saturdays at 3:30pm (Harriniva)



Tour to the Reindeer Farm (40km Snowmobile Safari)

After a full safety briefing and driving instructions by the local expert guide, you'll be ready for your 40km snowmobiling adventure. Speed across snowy trails as you travel through forests and over frozen lakes before heading to the reindeer farm.

You'll firstly have the chance to meet and feed some of the resident reindeer at one of Finland's oldest reindeer farms. Lunch will be served before you continue your way back to Jeris by snowmobile.

This trip is based on two people sharing a snowmobile but if you would like to travel with your own machine this can be arranged for a supplement so please just ask our sales team for details. You will be out for a total of around 3.5 hours (including lunch).

Suitable for those aged 12 years and over but please note that you must be over 18 and hold a full driving licence to drive a snowmobile.

Activity level: Medium

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Available: Saturday at 10 am

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Lapland Snowmobile Safari

This is the longest single-day snowmobile safari available at Harriniva. You will travel one per snowmobile and approximately 60-80km, stopping for a picnic lunch and hot drinks around an open fire. Guides, instruction and equipment included.

Please note: snowmobile drivers must be at least 18 years old and hold a full driving licence

Total duration: Approximately 5-6hrs

Minimum group size: 2 people (min 18yrs)

Activity level: High

Available: Friday at 10 am

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Ice fishing

Your guide will provide you with the equipment and teach you how to drill through the thick layer of ice below. Then it's simply a case of dropping down the line and waiting for a fish to bite!

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Trip duration: 2 hours

Available: Saturday at 10am

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Howl with the huskies (Overnight Husky Safari)

A true wilderness experience is in store for you, as you will be pulled through extraordinary outdoor environments covering approximately 20 to 25km each day. You will overnight in a rustic wilderness cabin and have dinner and breakfast there as well as have time to relax in a heated sauna. Lunch will be prepared over an open campfire. You will be responsible for looking after your husky team and assisting with campsite tasks, like collecting firewood.

Each cabin is slightly different from the others, with some having the most basic facilities (no running water or electricity). All are comfy and will keep you nice and warm; all the more so once the fire gets going. Everyone will sleep in a dormitory-style arrangement and helping with water and firewood collection is all part of the outdoor experience! Given the remote location of the cabins, you will be well-placed in light pollution-free zones for viewing the Northern Lights.

All instruction and equipment are provided (including an Arctic grade sleeping bag). Each person will drive their own sled on the safari.

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Minimum age: 18 years old

Activity level: High

Available: Friday at 9.20 am

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Traditional Lappish Dinner

Spend the evening by the crackling, open fire, enjoying local dishes in Jeris' cosy lakeside restaurant.

Minimum group size: 2 people

Minimum age: 12 years old

Tour duration: Approximately 1.5 hours

Available: Monday and Friday at 7pm

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Cross-country skiing in a Winter Wonderland

Learn to travel across the snow Finnish style! Your guide will teach you the basics of cross-country skiing before you head off into the nearby snowy wilderness, following the ski tracks and enjoying the beautiful scenery. You will be out for around 2 hours in total

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Trip duration: Approximately 2 hours

Available: Tuesday and Friday at 10 am



Lappish local culture

Today you will visit a local reindeer farm. You will be given an insight into the lives of the herder and the importance of the reindeer to the local economy and traditions. You will have the opportunity to feed the reindeer and visit the small museum. You will also be given a short reindeer-pulled sleigh ride covering 3km and the chance to see Torassieppi Winter Village during your time here (from late December onwards). Lunch will be served in a small Lappish kota.

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Minimum age: 5 years old

Total duration: Approximately 3.5-4 hrs

Activity level: Low

Available: Monday and Saturday at 10.40 am



Reindeer sleigh Aurora experience

Travel through the forest on a reindeer sleigh ride (2 people per sled). With minimal light pollution, this is an ideal opportunity to view the Northern Lights should conditions be favourable. A hot drink will be served around the fire following your safari.

Group size: Minimum 2 people; 2 people per sled

Trip duration: Approximately 1-1.5 hours (including transfers)

Activity level: Low

Available: Tuesday and Thursday at 8.40 pm



Panoramic snowmobile safari

During this thrilling snowmobile safari, you will explore the fells and forests around Jeris. It provides a great introduction to the area and to snowmobiling. You will cover around 30km and travel with two people per machine along trails that lead you through stunning scenery. There will be the chance to change drivers if you both have a driving licence and are 18 years or over.

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Total duration: Approximately 2 hours

Activity level: Low

Available: Tuesday at 2pm and Sunday at 10 am



Aurora snowmobile adventure

The chances of seeing the Aurora Borealis are enhanced on this night safari by snowmobile. After a safety briefing and instruction, you will set off on your machine travelling two people per snowmobile. You will cover approximately 20km and enjoy a warm drink and gaze out at the night sky. You can change drivers as long as both have driving licences and are at least 18 years old.

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Minimum age: 12 years old. Please note: snowmobile drivers must be at least 18 years old and hold a full driving licence

Activity level: Low

Total duration: Approximately 2 hours

Available: Monday at 9 pm



Arctic Sauna World with Shaman

The newly renovated Arctic Sauna World makes for the ideal little arctic oasis if you want some time to relax during your holiday. Saunas are a huge part of Finnish tradition and culture, with the earliest records dating back to 7000BC! Finns often joke that the sauna is the first room built in any new houses and it is uncommon in Lapland to find a home without a sauna. It really is a huge way of life and a real must-do during your time in Finland.

During this activity, you will learn about the history of the sauna and the traditions of how to relax and connect with nature. Arctic Sauna World was designed around the four elements: Tapio (the earth sauna), Ukko (fire sauna), Ilmatar (air sauna) and Vellamo (water sauna) represent the elements through our mythological gods and goddesses. A traditional local drink will be served and a shaman will make a ceremony calling on the power of the four elements.

This programme is suitable for those aged 4 years and over.

Available: Tuesday at 9.00 pm



Husky safari - Tour de Torassieppi (15km)

This is a wonderful safari for those who have not tried dog sledding before. You will meet with the eager dogs and receive instruction on driving a team. You shall then hit the trails for a 15km safari. You will travel two people per sled with opportunities to switch between driver and passenger.

Guides, instruction and equipment included.

Minimum group size: 2 people

Minimum age: 12 years old

Total duration: 3 hours (approximately)

Activity level: Medium

Available: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1.45 pm



Husky safari (25km)

After getting to know the huskies at the sled dog centre, you will be given full instruction and a safety briefing. Your guide will then lead the way on to the trails for a 25km safari in the wilds with everyone taking control of their own team of eager dogs. This is an unforgettable dog sledding experience and a real adventure. A picnic lunch is served around an open fire.

Total duration: approximately 5-6 hours

Minimum group size: 2 people (you will travel with one person per sled and drive your own team of dogs)

Minimum age: 15 years old

Activity level: High

Available: Thursday at 9.50 am



Northern Lights Husky Safari

Search for the Northern Lights while dog sledding through the silent wilderness.

Following a safety briefing, you'll set off with your own team of dogs, riding 2 people per sled, in search of the Aurora.

Total duration: approximately 2.5 hours in total (including transfers)

Minimum age: 12 years old

Activity level: High

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Available: Wednesday and Saturday at 8.40 pm



Snowshoe walk in the national park

Experience the traditional way of travelling over thick snow (without sinking up to your waist!). This walk is led by a guide who will take you into the Pallas National Park area. This is the biggest fell region in West Lapland and it is renowned for its spectacular scenery and beautiful views.

Lunch is included back at Jeris.

Total duration: Approximately 4 hours (including transfers)

Minimum age: 4 years old

Minimum group size: 2 people

Activity level: Medium

Available: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 10 am



Aurora snowshoeing hunt

This Aurora hunting session will see your guide lead you on foot as you use snowshoes and headlamp to navigate your way to an ideal Aurora viewpoint. Warm drinks will be served as you watch the skies for a potential Northern Lights display.

Total duration: 2-3 hours

Minimum age: 12 years old

Minimum group size: 2 people

Activity level: Medium

Available: Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 pm



Secrets of the Northern Lights

The myths, legends and science surrounding the Northern Lights are all deeply fascinating and during this workshop, you'll learn all about the incredible natural display.

Your expert guide will answer any questions you have and will try and give you a better understanding of this remarkable phenomenon.

The workshop lasts approximately 1 hour.

Activity level: Low

Minimum group size: 2 adults

Minimum age: 12 years old

Available: Monday and Friday at 5 pm

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LITTLE EXTRAS



Fat biking - rental

Exploring Lapland by fat bike is an increasingly popular pastime and allows you to travel greater distances than you can perhaps manage by snowshoe or on cross-country skis. The wide tyres (hence the name) provide the grip you need to travel across the snow and experience the peace and quiet of your surroundings.

This is an unaccompanied activity and you are free to choose your own route; the staff at reception will have suitable route suggestions that start at the hotel.

Helmets are provided.

Credit: Antti Pietikainen



Cross-country ski hire

You can hire cross-country skis from the hotel and hit the trails independently. You should have some previous experience of cross-country skiing to do this and you should also ensure that you get trail information and maps from reception before departing.

Available: Daily



Snowshoe hire

Snowshoes allow you to explore areas covered in snow with greater ease. You may like to hire some during your stay to explore independently. You should always ensure that you get trail information and maps from reception before departing.

Available: Daily

SPECIAL NIGHTS



Overnight at 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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Overnight in an Aurora Dome

The remarkable Aurora Domes, offer a unique experience for overnight guests. These dome-shaped tents are filled with cosy features and they're simple but warm. The domes have been designed so that one wall is see-through and therefore provides views of the night sky and, with luck, the Northern Lights.

Toilet, sauna and shower facilities are just a short 100m walking distance away.

Any required transfers and breakfast are included. If you are staying at an Aurora Dome in Jeris, check-in is approximately 4 pm throughout the season and you will have dinner at Jeris as well.

At both locations, you will check out after breakfast.

Please note: the price shown is based on your spending the first or final night of your stay in a dome and therefore not requiring a hotel room or cottage. Should you wish to spend an alternative night glamping then additional supplements will apply. Please contact one of our team for a quote.

Available: Every day at 4 pm

Total duration: 1 night

Minimum age: 5 years old

Minimum group size: 1 adult

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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 town and is located directly on the shores of Lake Jerisjärvi. It is this remote position that makes the hotel an enchanting forest retreat, with the amazing backdrops of the forested fells and frozen water.

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.
- The Arctic Elements Sauna World is a very popular feature and can be found on the lakeshore, a short walk from the main hotel building. Renovated for winter 2019/20 and the first of its kind in Finland, the spa has strong eco-credentials thanks to using entirely renewable electricity and geothermal heating generated from the Jerisjärvi lake. There are four saunas, each meticulously designed to incorporate the four elements; earth, air, fire and water and named after Finnish gods and goddesses. There are four saunas, each representing one of the four elements; earth, air, fire and water. A special fifth Northern Lights sauna is also available as an upgrade option. For those who wish to experience a Finnish tradition, there is also an ice pool to take a dip in following the sauna (you do need to be in good physical shape). Guests staying in either the cabins or the hotel rooms normally have one spa entry per holiday included. If you wish to visit more than once then this can be arranged and paid for locally with reception.
- A small selection of souvenirs is available for guests to purchase (including postcards and local handicrafts and snacks) in the reception area.

Guest bedroom types

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.

Please note: 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



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

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 (although we recommend just one extra adult). They are all privately-owned and so the décor and style can vary, but each has a 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.

Hairdryers are not provided as standard, but a limited number are available from reception.

Jeris Winter Cottage Type B



Type B winter cottages (63 square metres) sleep from four to six people. 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) 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 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.

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.

Hairdryers are not provided as standard, but a limited number 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.

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 20-minute walk from the main building.

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.

Hairdryers are not provided as standard, but a limited number are available from reception.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 1 person - during activities the maximum group size is approximately 24 people

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 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 in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Artisan holiday is typically 8 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.

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