



(clockwise from top left) Experience traditional Sámi life by staying in a *lavvu* at Sápmi Nature Camp; even by Greenland standards, its eastern fringes are remote; a live show at the Akanko Ainu Theatre



Founder Lennart Pittja knows the Arctic landscape like the back of his hand. He guides small groups in the wilderness, sharing insights into Sámi culture and introducing visitors to their food. Whether kayaking on the river in summer or snowshoeing the boreal forest in winter, a stay here puts you right in the heart of the Swedish part of Sápmi. And there's no better time to go than during the colder months, when the northern lights paint the sky. **LK** [sapminature.com](http://sapminature.com)

## TAIWAN

### Dulan, Taitung County

#### Dance at an Amis music festival

The village of Dulan, on the coast of south-eastern Taiwan, is home to the Indigenous Amis people. Visitors here can take a walking tour to learn about their traditions, craft-making and traditional foraging – the Amis view the ‘weeds that others look down on’ as treasures. Villagers can show you how to identify tasty edible plants in the wild, then cook them according to the recipes of their Elders. Afterwards, you will gather at the foot of Dulan Mountain to eat together from coconut bowls. It's a unique experience.

Every year in mid-November, Dulan hosts the Amis Music Festival to celebrate the culture and arts of Taiwan's Indigenous peoples. Different Tribes and representatives from local areas and abroad are invited to participate, making it a lively event. But it's not the only draw, and in recent years the area has become popular with surfers. For an introduction to the Amis of Dulan and other communities in Taiwan, join guide Cheryl Robbins ([specialty-tourstaiwan@gmail.com](mailto:specialty-tourstaiwan@gmail.com)) for a deep dive. **YG** [atolan-style.com](http://atolan-style.com)



## EUROPE

### GREENLAND East Greenland

#### Spot polar bears with an Inuit guide

East Greenland is the far away end of a far away country, and Tobias Ignatiussen comes from one of its remotest spots. The boulder-strewn Umiivik Fjord is 200-plus kilometres from the nearest settlement, but only a few from his birthplace. Tobias was born in a camp nearby, and he grew up as one of the last people in Greenland to live a semi-nomadic Inuit lifestyle, so he knows more than a little something about Greenland's fringes.

His tour agency, Sermilik Adventures, is among the first in Greenland to be certified to lead sightseeing tours to spot polar bears, and his expertise in reading the sounds, signs and signals of this Arctic world is unparalleled. Join him for Igloo stays, visits to remote glaciers, wildlife spotting and boat trips into the frozen edges of East Greenland. **SC** [sermilikadventures.com](http://sermilikadventures.com)

### SÁPMI Gällivare, Sweden

#### Stay in a *lavvu* tent at a Sámi-owned wilderness camp

In the depths of northern Sweden, up in the Swedish part of a cross-border region known as Sápmi – the traditional land inhabited by the Sámi – lies a glamping site on the shore of the Lule River. The Sámi-owned Sápmi Nature Camp's traditional *lavvu* tents are the ideal base from which to explore this UNESCO-listed area, and they come furnished with comfortable beds and wood-burning stoves.

### Inari, Finland

#### Visit an award-winning Sámi museum

The Sámi Museum Siida – 2024 winner of the prestigious European Museum of the Year award – is dedicated to raising awareness of the only recognised Indigenous people in the European Union. Located 320km north of the Arctic Circle, it is a must-visit attraction in the Sámi Homeland in Finland.

The museum's main permanent exhibition, *These Lands Are Our Children*, is named after a Sámi poem and based on repatriation work it carried out alongside the Sámi community, returning over 2,200 objects to the Sámi people. The result is some powerful storytelling through art and handicrafts. It also highlights how the Sámi cultural environment and connection to the land have been built through memories and traditions passed down through the generations. **LK** [siida.fi](http://siida.fi)

### Nordkyn peninsula, Norway

#### Join a family of Sámi reindeer herders

For generations, the Utsi family has continued the reindeer-herding tradition of their Sámi ancestors. Their lives revolve around the needs of the herd, and visitors to their remote home on the Nordkyn peninsula learn that the traditional Sámi way of life is intrinsically linked to the landscape and the seasons.

In summer, the midnight sun means the days and nights blend into one, while the coastal climate around Kjøllefjord creates lush grazing areas for the reindeer. In winter, the herd migrates to drier plains in the inner parts of Finnmark, where guests receive a warm welcome and a steaming bowl of reindeer-meat soup as part of a traditional Sámi dining experience. **LK** [davvisiida.no](http://davvisiida.no) ▶