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Under the Dancing Skies

When you tuck in at night after trekking along a trail inside the Arctic Circle with the British adventure company **Nature Travels**, there's a good chance you'll have just seen one of the most awe-inspiring sights of your life. In the remote wilderness of Swedish Lapland, a day's train ride north from **Stockholm**, the northern lights glow and twist across the night sky in a display of spectacular brilliance. There are few places in the world with as clear a view of the aurora borealis, and none where you'll enjoy better company — a team of domesticated reindeer. Nature Travels' six- or eight-day journey excursions on reindeer sleighs through the birch and fir forests of Lapland are also veined with unique side adventures — you'll learn to ice-fish, snowshoe, and drive your own team of reindeer. The company's guides, from the area's indigenous Sámi people, teach travelers about the region's history and environment. Dinner is cooked on open fires, and the beds are warm layers of reindeer hides and spruce boughs in a Sámi-style teepee. This is backcountry camping at its finest, with the most beautiful nightlight you could imagine.

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— *Andrew Eitelbach*