A half-day bus ride north of Rovaniemi, **Inari** lies along the fringes of Inarijärvi, one of Finland’s largest lakes, and makes an attractive base from which to explore this part of Lapland further. In the town, the excellent **[Siida](http://siida.fi" \t "_blank)**(Sámi Museum; June–Sept daily 9am–7pm; Sept–May Tues–Sun 10am–5pm; €10) has an outstanding outdoor section illustrating how the Sámi survived in Arctic conditions in their tepees, or kota, while the indoor section has a well-laid-out exhibition on life in the Arctic. Huge photographs depict how drastically the weather fluctuates here throughout the year. Towards the northern end of the village, summer **boat tours** (€20) depart from under the bridge to the ancient Sámi holy site on the island of **Ukonkivi.** If walking’s your thing, then check out the pretty **Pielpajärvi Wilderness Church**, a well-signposted 7km (2hr) hike from the village. [Hotel Inari](http://hotelliinari.fi) (**t**016 671 016) has an adjoining outdoor adventure company that organizes fun excursions in the surrounding wilderness.