

Easy hike 8 days

This trip includes all the highlights for a hiker in the Narsarsuaq area. Furthermore, you get a close experience of the daily life of the Greenlanders, who live at isolated farms and settlements in South Greenland. In a week, you visit and stay at sheep farms and in two different villages. From these places, there are an infinite number of hiking trips, with stunning views of ice-filled fjords.

Arrivals/departures

From Reykjavik as well as from Copenhagen.

Note! Flights are not included.

Accommodation

Accommodation is at farm and hostels. You should bring your own sleeping bag. Rental of sleeping bag with sheet one week: EUR 28 / DKK 200. There are double rooms all places except in Narsarsuaq, where there are 4-bed rooms. Here you can upgrade to a double room.

Meals

No meals included except breakfast at day 6 (Sillisit farm)

At each place there are cooking facilities available. There are grocery stores in Narsarsuaq, Qassiarsuk and Igaliku. In Igaliku you can order dinner at the Country Hotel and in Narsarsuaq there is a restaurant and a cafeteria at the hotel. Dinner at Sillisit farm should be ordered in advance.

Difficulty

The hikes between the hostels are easy, and follow gravel roads. The longest is about 14 km, and your luggage is transported by car. The optional day hikes at each place varies. Some are easy, some are more demanding, some routes are marked, and some are not.

Guide

No guide. There will be an info meeting when arriving in Narsarsuaq and you will be able to contact Blue Ice from all places of accommodation. Hiking maps are for sell at Blue Ice Café in Narsarsuaq.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival Narsarsuaq. Info meeting at our office at Blue Ice Café. In the afternoon you can make the small hike to the viewpoint "Signalhøjen" (about one hour). From the top you have an impressive view of the glacier.

Accommodation at Narsarsuaq Hostel for two nights.

Day 2

Day hike to Narsarsuaq Glacier a part of the ice cap only 8 km from Narsarsuaq. The hike goes through the Flower Valley before a 300 m ascend to a plateau gives you a magnificent view of the glacier. From here follows ½ hour walk down to touch the ice! The hike goes the same way back.

Day 3

Boat transfer to Qassiarsuk. Qassiarsuk is also known as Brattahlid, the place where Erik the Red settled in year 982. The ruins from the Norse period are well preserved, and the museum of a long house and little church can be visited (not included). Today, the 50 residents are mainly sheep farmers, but the village also has a school, a church and a shop.

Accommodation in hostel for two nights.

Day 4

You can make a day hike to the sheep farm Tasiusaq located at the Sermilik fjord. It is a relative easy hike by a tractor road through an impressive landscape spotted with small, blue lakes. There are good chances to see the White-tailed Eagle hover above your head. From Tasiusaq you can take the sheep track leading to the neighbour farm Nunataaq. It is a stunning hike along the innermost part of a fjord, which is often filled with small ice bergs. From Nunataaq you can take another tractor road leading back to Qassiarsuk. The round trip is about 20 km in total.

Day 5

Hike to the sheep farm Sillisit, located south of Qassiarsuk in front of the ice fjord. The hike is on a tractor road (about 14 km) and your luggage will be transported by car/boat. Sillisit is a perfect idyll combined with overwhelming nature and added hospitality from a Greenlandic family. Staying one night at the farm gives you an experience which you will never forget.

Accommodation at Sillisit farm for one night. It is possible to buy a local dinner at the farm (not included).

Day 6

Boat transfer from Sillisit to Itilleq, the disembarking point for the village Igaliku. You walk the 4 km at the "Kings Road" (named after the Danish King Frederik 9th's visit in 1952) to Igaliku. Igaliku is one of the most beautiful villages in Greenland! The colourful houses are situated in a green bay with luscious grassland. On the other side of the fjord towers the landmark Illerfissalik (Burfjeld) in a rough and desolate landscape.

Accommodation at Gardar Hostel for two nights.

Day 7

We recommend a day hike along the river to Lake 90, and further on up to the plateau. From here, there is a superb view of the Qooroq Ice fjord, the stranded ice bergs on the moraine and the enormous glacier at the head of the fjord. It is the perfect place for picnic! On the way back, you can be lucky to find minerals and stones, for instance the shining "moon stone" (Labradorit). If you want to climb a top instead, Nuuluk (823 m) is waiting for you south of Igaliku!

Day 8

Boat transfer from Itilleq to Narsarsuaq. Departure to Reykjavik or Copenhagen (check in one hour before).

Price includes

2 nights at Narsarsuaq Hostel (4-bed room)

2 nights in Qassiarsuk (double room)

1 night at Sillisit farm (double room)

2 nights at Gardar Hostel (double room)

Boat transfer Narsarsuaq – Qassiarsuk

Sillisit – Itilleq

Itilleq – Narsarsuaq

Transport of luggage

Price

EUR 448 / DKK 3.250 per person

Upgrading to double room in Narsarsuaq

Extra EUR 72 / DKK 520 per person

Payment by bank transfer