

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. Finally, you have a day in Narsarsuaq for making a hike to the ice cap.

Arrivals/departures

From Reykjavik as well as from Copenhagen

Accommodation

Accommodation is at hostels with shared facilities. 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.

Eating

At each place there are cooking facilities available. It is possible to buy food in the shops in Narsarsuaq, Qassiarsuk and Igaliku. Dinner at Inneruulalik Sheep Farm should be ordered in advance. In Igaliku you can have dinner at the Country Hotel and in Narsarsuaq there is a restaurant and a cafeteria at the hotel.

Difficulty

The hikes between the hostels are easy, and follow gravel roads. The longest is about 9 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

The package is self-guided and made for individuals. 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, and 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. Today, the 50 residents are mainly sheep farmers, but the village also has a school, a church and a shop. Accommodation in private house for two nights.

Day 2

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 3

In the morning there will be a guided visit at Brattahlid, the Norse reconstructions of Erik the Red's farm and Tjodhilde's Church. Next, you make the day hike to the sheep farm Inneruulalik, located south of Qassiarsuk just in front of the ice fjord. The hike is on a tractor road (about 9 km) and your luggage will be transported by car. Inneruulalik 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 Inneruulalik farm for one night. It is possible to buy a local dinner at the farm (not included).

Day 4

Around noon a boat take you from Inneruulalik to Itilleq, the disembarking point for the village Igaliku. You walk the 3 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 and very fertile bay with luscious grassland. On the other side of the fjord towers Illerfissalik (1752 m) in a rough and desolate landscape. Accommodation at Gardar Hostel for two nights.

Day 5

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 in the bottom of the fjord. You can be lucky to find minerals and stones on the way, 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 6

You have most of the day for another hike, which could be a hike towards the waterfalls; a long series of waterfalls which falls from the lakes at Igaliku Peninsula and down towards Tunulliarfik Fjord. Late afternoon the boat leaves from Itilleq and brings you to Narsarsuaq.

Accommodation at Narsarsuaq Hostel for two nights.

Day 7

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 over the glacier. From here follows ½ hour walk down to touch the ice! The hike goes the same way back.

Day 8

You can spend the last time at the museum in Narsarsuaq and at the Blue Ice Café.

Departure to Reykjavik or Copenhagen (check in one hour before)

Price includes

Accommodation:

2 nights at private house in Qassiarsuk (double room)

1 night at Inneruulalik Sheep Farm (double room)

2 nights at Gardar Hostel (double room)

2 nights at Narsarsuaq Hostel (4-bed room)

Boat transfer Narsarsuaq – Qassiarsuk

Inneruulalik – Itilleq

Itilleq – Narsarsuaq

Transport of luggage

Entrance and guide at Brattahlid (Norse reconstructions)

Price

EUR 410 / DKK 2.975 per person. Minimum 2 persons

Upgrading to double room with shared facilities in Narsarsuaq

Extra EUR 76 / DKK 550 per person

Payment by bank transfer