

Round trip and hiking 11 days

This package is a cocktail with all the highlights from South Greenland. It includes amazing nature, boat trips on spectacular fjords, visits to historical sites and modern towns and settlements. You stay at an isolated sheep farm in an overwhelming nature. Here, you enjoy the hospitality of a Greenlandic family and delicious meals made by their own products. We take you to the thriving town Qaqortoq (Julianehåb), which is the cultural and educational centre of South Greenland. Furthermore, you spend 3 nights in Igaliku - the most beautiful village in Greenland - with some of the best hiking opportunities in the area.

Arrivals/departures

From Monday to Thursday from Reykjavik.

From Wednesday to Saturday from Copenhagen.

Accommodation

Accommodation is in double room with made up bed and shared facilities. Breakfast included.

Eating

In Qassiarsuk dinner can be ordered locally. At Inneruulalik Farm the dinner is included. In Qaqortoq there are several places to eat. In Igaliku you can have dinner at the Country Hotel, and in Narsarsuaq there is a restaurant and cafeteria at the hotel. There are grocery stores in Narsarsuaq, Qassiarsuk and Igaliku and super-markets in Qaqortoq.

Difficulty

The hikes between the places of accommodation are easy, and follow gravel roads. The longest is about 9 km, and your luggage is transported by car. There are many days on this trip which include optional hikes. Most of these are quite easy, following roads or tracks. However, there occur ascents and descents and parts in terrain with no tracks.

Guide

The package is self-guided and made for individuals. There will be an info meeting when arriving in Narsarsuaq and Blue Ice can be contacted from all the places of accommodation. Hiking maps are for sale at Blue Ice Café in Narsarsuaq.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival Narsarsuaq. Info 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. Dinner made of local products is included.

Day 4

You spend the morning around the farm. In the afternoon a boat will pick you up, and bring you to Qaqortoq. The biggest town in South Greenland.

Accommodation at Bed & Breakfast for 2 nights.

Day 5

Qaqortoq, which means "The White", is the biggest town in South Greenland with 3500 inhabitants. Qaqortoq is the education centre for South Greenland with grammar school, school of commerce and folk high school. Furthermore, the town has several fair-sized companies such as Great Greenland with tannery and sewing facilities for creating beautiful sealskin clothes. Around the town, the visitor will meet sculptures being a part of the famous project "Stone & People", where different sculptors have made the town a big sculpture park. Greenland's oldest fountain is situated at the town square next to the harbour. Here you can sit and watch the hunters and anglers arriving with today's catch for the market.

Day 6

Departure by boat to Hvalsø Church Ruin. Here we make a one-hour stop (no guide), and you can walk around these amazing ruins from the Norse period. Hvalsø Church is the latest evidence of Norse activities, as there is a written description of a wedding held in the church in September 1408! The boat continues to the village Igaliku. Igaliku was the Episcopal seat during the Norse period, and old ruins are scattered everywhere. Today the town thrives from sheep farming on the lush grassland that reaches down to the deep blue fjord.

Accommodation at Igaliku Country Hotel for three nights.

Day 7

You can make the 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 icebergs 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).

Day 8

You can make another amazing hike south of Igaliku towards the waterfalls; a long series of waterfalls which falls from the lakes of the Igaliku Peninsula and down towards Tunulliarfik Fjord. Both hikes are well described at the information at Igaliku Café.

You can also go fishing at lake 90 (fishing gear can be rented at Igaliku Café) and catch beautiful arctic char and trout. You can visit the ruins of the Episcopal seat and the cathedral from the Norse period. They are very well preserved and situated in the middle of the village. Finally, it is possible to go to "kaffemik". A local family invites you to a cup of coffee or tea and home-made cake in their home, and you get a talk about living in a South Greenlandic village (not included).

Day 9

You walk the 3 km at the "Kings Road" (named after the Danish King Frederik 9th's visit in 1952) from Igaliku to Itilleq. Your luggage is transported by car. On the boat transfer from Itilleq to Narsarsuaq we sail slowly by the Qooroq Moraine. This is where the biggest icebergs are stocked on the ground, and it is amazing scenery to sail through. The Americans established Narsarsuaq as an air base during World War II. Today it is a thriving town and airport with 150 inhabitants.

Accommodation in Narsarsuaq (shared facilities) for two nights.

Day 10

You can make the 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 there, follows ½ hour walk down to touch the ice! The hike goes the same way back.

Day 11

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

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

Price includes

Accommodation in double room with shared facilities:

2 nights in Qassiarsuk

1 night at Inneruulalik Sheep Farm

2 nights at B&B in Qaqortoq

3 nights at Igaliku Country Hotel

2 nights in Narsarsuaq

Breakfast

Dinner at Inneruulalik Farm (Day 3)

Transport of luggage

Boat transfer: Narsarsuaq – Qassiarsuk

Inneruulalik – Qaqortoq

Qaqortoq – Hvalsø – Igaliku

Itilleq – Qooroq Moraine – Narsarsuaq

Entrance and guide at Brattahlid (Norse reconstructions)

Prices

EUR 917 / DKK 6.650 per person. Minimum 2 persons.

Payment by bank transfer