

## Round trip 5 days

Five days give you the opportunity to experience a South Greenlandic town, two different settlements and a beautiful landscape of great variation. The tour takes you to the town Qaqortoq (Julianehåb), the cultural and educational centre of South Greenland. We make a stop at Hvalsø Church (the best preserved ruin from the Norse period), before arriving at Igaliku, the most beautiful village in Greenland! Here you stay one night at the cosy Igaliku Country Hotel. The next day you visit Brattahlid (today Qassiarsuk); the place where Eric the Red settled down 1000 years ago. Finally, it is time for a boat trip among the turquoise icebergs at the Qooroq Ice Fjord.

### Arrivals/departures

Arrival Thursday from Reykjavik. Departure Monday to Reykjavik.

### Accommodation

You can choose between accommodation with shared facilities and B&B in Qaqortoq, or accommodation at hotels with private facilities (except one night at Igaliku Country Hotel).

### Eating

In Qaqortoq there are several places to eat. In Igaliku you can order dinner and lunch or lunch packet at Igaliku Country Hotel. In Narsarsuaq there is a restaurant and a cafeteria at the hotel, and Blue Ice Café serves light meals.

### Difficulty

No special requirements on this trip.

### Guide

The package is self-guided and made for individuals. Info meeting at arrival. You will be able to contact Blue Ice from all places of accommodation. At the museum at Brattahlid, there is a local guide showing around.

### Itinerary

#### Thursday

Arrival Narsarsuaq. Info in the airport, and boat transfer from Narsarsuaq to Qaqortoq (the boat transfer takes two hours).

Accommodation at Hotel Qaqortoq or Qaqortoq B&B for two nights.

#### Friday

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.

#### Saturday

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 weeding hold in the church in September 1408! The boat continues to the village Igaliku. Igaliku is very beautiful situated at a green and fertile plain. On the other side of the fjord towers the landmark Illerfissalik (Burfjeld) with its snow-covered peak piercing the clear blue sky. Igaliku was the Episcopal seat during the Norse period, and the ruins from that time are very impressive. In 1782 Anders Olsen and his Greenlandic wife Tuperna established themselves as farmers at the same land, and that was the beginning of Igalikus newer history. There is a small museum in the church, which is worth visiting. Today the village thrives from sheep farming. Accommodation at Igaliku Country Hotel for one night.

#### Sunday

In the morning you walk the 3 km at the "Kings Road" (named after the Danish King Frederik 9th's visit in 1952) from Igaliku to Itilleq. The hike is easy, but you can also get a ride with the car, which is transporting your luggage.

Boat transfer from Itilleq to Qassiarsuk also known as Brattahlid, the place where Erik the Red settled in 982. The trip includes the entrance to the Norse reconstructions of Erik the Red's farm and Tjodhilde's Church, where a guide will show you around. Late afternoon boat transfer to Narsarsuaq.

Accommodation Hotel Narsarsuaq for one night.

### **Monday**

Check out the room. Luggage can be left at the hotel.

9 .00 - 12.00 Boat trip to the Qooroq Ice Fjord. A boat trip among icebergs of all colours, sizes and shapes. When the glacier is in view, the boat engine is stopped, so you can enjoy the absolute silence and a drink chilled with glacier ice - more than 1000 years old!

15.45 Departure to Reykjavik (check in one hour before).

### **Price includes**

Accommodation with breakfast:

2 nights at Hotel Qaqortoq or Qaqortoq B&B

1 night at Igaliku Country Hotel (shared facilities)

1 night at Hotel Narsarsuaq (shared or private facilities)

Car transfer to/from airport – harbour – hotel/hostel

Boat transfer: Narsarsuaq – Qaqortoq

Qaqortoq – Hvalsø – Igaliku

Itilleq – Qassiarsuk – Narsarsuaq

Entrance and guide at Brattahlid (Norse reconstructions)

Guided boat trip to the Qooroq Ice Fjord

### **Price**

EUR 635 / DKK 4.600 per person (double room, shared facilities, B&B in Qaqortoq)

EUR 773 / DKK 5.600 per person (single room, shared facilities, B&B in Qaqortoq)

EUR 759 / DKK 5.500 per person (double room, private facilities, hotel in Qaqortoq)

EUR 993 / DKK 7.200 per person (single room, private facilities, hotel in Qaqortoq)

Payment by bank transfer