

Round trip 6 days - Qaqortoq

This trip showcases the contrasts of South Greenland, from the lush green and cool blue of the landscape and fjords, to the region's modern towns and the peaceful village of Igaliku. Qaqortoq is a bustling town and the centre of education and culture in South Greenland. Highlights include the fascinating "Stone and Man" art project – an open-air sculpture park that extends across the town, with many works carved into the living rock.

Detailed itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Narsarsuaq. Info at the airport and boat transfer to Qaqortoq (duration about 2 hours). Accommodation in Qaqortoq for 2 nights.

Day 2

Qaqortoq is the largest town in South Greenland with about 3,300 inhabitants. It is the main centre of education in South Greenland with an upper secondary school, a business school, a vocational school adults and a school for tourism management and guide training. Furthermore, the town has several fair-sized companies such as Great Greenland, with its tannery and sewing facilities for creating beautiful sealskin clothes. The town is well known for the project "Stone and Man", which consists of more than 30 sculptures that are carved into the granite bedrock by various artists. This permanent exhibition makes a stroll around the city a very special experience. Finally, Greenland's oldest fountain is situated at the town square next to the harbour. Here you can sit and watch the hunters and fishermen selling the catch of the day at the nearby fish market. From Qaqortoq you can also visit the famous Hvalsey Church on a short excursion. We recommend that you book the tour in advance.

Day 3

Boat transfer from Qaqortoq to Itilleq, followed by a 4 km hike along the "King's 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 on lush grassland next to a milky-blue fjord. On the other side of the fjord the landmark Illerfissalik (Burfjeld) Mountain towers over a rough and desolate landscape.

Accommodation in Igaliku for 2 nights.

Day 4

Igaliku was the Episcopal seat (named Gardar) for a period of about 300 years (1100-1400) during the Norse era, and the ruins from that time are very impressive. In 1782 Anders Olsen and his Greenlandic wife Tuperna established themselves as farmers and that was the beginning of Igaliku's more recent history. There is a permanent exhibit in the church that tells this particular story. Today, Igaliku and its surroundings have some of the best hiking opportunities in South Greenland. One optional day hike (17 km) goes to the plateau, which offers a superb view of the Qooroq Ice Fjord, the stranded icebergs on the underwater moraine at the entrance to the fjord and the enormous glacier at the head of the fjord. It is the perfect place for a picnic! On the way back, you may be lucky enough to find minerals and stones, like the shining "moonstone" (labradorite). The "waterfall hike" (about 15 km) is another popular day trip. A set of beautiful waterfalls tumble like pearls on a string down towards Tunulliarfik Fjord. This

hike can be combined with the summit of Nuuluk Mountain (823 m), which lies south of Igaliku (20-22 km).

Day 5

Boat transfer from Itilleq to Qassiarsuk. Qassiarsuk is also known as Brattahlid, the place where Eric the Red settled in 982. The Norse ruins are well preserved and the open-air museum (Brattahlid) can be visited on your own (admission fee is not included). The approx. 40 inhabitants earn their livelihoods from sheep farming, but the village also has a school, a shop and a church. Late afternoon boat transfer to Narsarsuaq.

Accommodation in Narsarsuaq for 1 night.

Day 6

Check out of the room.

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 1,000 years old! You can spend the rest of your stay enjoying a cup of coffee at the cosy Blue Ice Café and/or visiting the museum in Narsarsuaq.

Departure to Reykjavik or Copenhagen (check-in one hour before your flight).

In short

Arrivals/Departures in 2017

From Thursday to Tuesday

From Saturday to Thursday

Accommodation

Accommodation at hotel with private or shared facilities.

Meals

Breakfast included.

Dinner and lunch packets can be ordered at the hotels.

Difficulty

No special requirements on this trip. There are good hiking possibilities around Igaliku.

Price

Private facilities, cabin with shared facilities in Igaliku

Double room: EUR 904 / DKK 6,555 per person

Single room: EUR 1,219 / DKK 8,835 per person

Shared facilities

Double room: EUR 730 / DKK 5,290 per person

Single room: EUR 988 / DKK 7,165 per person

25% discount for children 2-11 years

Price includes

All accommodations incl. breakfast

All boat transfers

Transport of luggage

Boat trip to the Qooroq Ice Fjord

Note! Flights are not included