

Round trip & hiking 10 days

This package is a cocktail that includes all of the highlights of South Greenland, ranging from stunning wilderness, boat trips on spectacular fjords, visits to historical sites and activities in modern towns and settlements. In Narsaq you will experience a modern, medium-sized town surrounded by ice. You will spend three nights in Igaliku – the most beautiful village in Greenland – with some of the best hiking opportunities in the area. And you will stay at an isolated sheep farm nestled in an area of overwhelming natural beauty. Here you will enjoy the hospitality of a Greenlandic family.

Detailed itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Narsarsuaq. Info at the airport and boat transfer to Narsaq (duration about 1 hour). Accommodation in Narsaq for 2 nights.

Day 2

Narsaq is a medium-town in South Greenland with about 1,500 inhabitants. It is beautifully situated at the foot of a mountain and next to a sound, which is always filled with icebergs from the surrounding glaciers. In the backcountry are high mountains, including the famous Kvanefjeld, which contains over 200 different minerals (including the beautiful, pink gemstone Tugtupit) and is a Mecca for anyone interested in geology. The museum is housed in the historic colonial houses around the old harbour, and is definitely worth a visit. From Narsaq you can also buy a tour by boat to the ice cap (Twin Glacier). We recommend that you book the tour in advance.

There are several shorter and longer hiking tours around Narsaq: If you want to visit Kvanefjeld, we advise that you take a taxi to the sheep farm in the valley (about 7 km). Otherwise it is quite a long day hike (20-25 km), and you have less time to look for stones! The walks to Dyrnæs and Narsaq Point are also recommended (7-8 km), as well as to the summit of Tasiigaaq (the smaller of the two mountains near the town that serve as a landmark for Narsaq). Ask for more information at the tourist office, near the museum.

Day 3

Boat transfer from Narsarsuaq 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 3 nights.

Day 4 and 5

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 6

Boat transfer from Itilleq to the Sillisit sheep farm. Sillisit is beautifully located across from the Qooroq Ice Fjord. It is an idyllic spot for an overnight stay that combines a stunning wilderness backdrop with the warm hospitality of a Greenlandic farm family to give you an unforgettable experience. Accommodation at Sillisit farm for 2 nights. It is possible to buy a local dinner at the farm (not included and must be ordered in advance).

Day 7

There are several hiking possibilities around Sillisit. If the weather is good, you can hike to the top of Naajat (about 590 m). There is a fantastic view from the summit and you can follow sheep tracks most of the way (not marked). An alternative tour is to take the gravel road across the peninsula to Sermilik Fjord (Kangerlua sheep farm, about 9 km). This is also a spectacular hike, and Sermilik fjord is often filled with icebergs from several active glaciers. Finally, Sillisit is the perfect place to relax and let the impressions from the previous days settle in, or have a walk around the farm and chat with the family living here.

Day 8

Hike to the village of Qassiarsuk (about 15 km). The hike is easy. The first 5 km follow a gravel road along the fjord, then the road heads uphill and inland for about 5 km before it winds down to Qassiarsuk. Plan approx. 4 hours for the hike. It is also possible to get a lift either by car or by boat for an extra fee of EUR 41 / DKK 300 per person. In Qassiarsuk you can visit the Brattahlid open-air museum on your own (admission fee is not included). Late afternoon boat transfer to Narsarsuaq. Accommodation in Narsarsuaq for 2 nights.

Day 9

Day hike to Narsarsuaq Glacier, which is a part of the ice cap and located only 8 km from Narsarsuaq. The hike takes you through the Flower Valley before the trail winds up a 300 m ascent to a plateau that rewards you a magnificent view of the glacier. From here you walk for about half an hour downhill to the glacier, where you can touch the ice. The way back to Narsarsuaq follows the same route.

Day 10

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 Tuesday to Thursday

From Thursday to Saturday

Accommodation

Accommodation at guesthouse, hotel and farm with shared facilities.

Meals

Breakfast included.

Dinner and lunch packets can be ordered at the guesthouses and farms.

Difficulty

The hikes between the hotels/farms are easy and follow gravel roads. Your luggage is transported by car or boat. From the Sillisit farm to Qassiarsuk (15 km) you can buy a transfer for a supplement of EUR 41 / DKK 300 per person.

Price

Guesthouse shared facilities

Double room: EUR 1,018 / DKK 7,380 per person

Single room: EUR 1,379 / DKK 9,995 per person

Sleeping bag accommodation in 2-bed and 4-bed rooms

EUR 734 / 5,320 DKK per person

25% discount for children 2-11 years

Price includes

All accommodations

Transport of luggage

All boat transfers

Boat trip to the Qooroq Ice Fjord

Note! Flights are not included