

South Greenland 5 days

Experience amazing South Greenland on a 5-day getaway from Iceland. On this tour you have time for a couple of wonderful day hikes and with easy access to South Greenland's blue icebergs and fascinating history. In addition to the highlights from "South Greenland 4 days", this 5-day tour gives you an opportunity to hike to the ice cap from Narsarsuaq (16 km return).

Detailed itinerary

Day 1

Option 1 and 2:

Arrival in Narsarsuaq. Info at our office at the Blue Ice Café. In the afternoon you can take a little hike to the Signal Hill viewpoint (about 1 hour). From the top you can admire an impressive view of the glacier. Accommodation in Narsarsuaq.

Day 2

Option 1 and 2:

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 3

Option 1:

Boat transfer from Narsarsuaq 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. After a couple of hours you take the boat 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.

Option 2:

Day trip to Qassiarsuk. The village of Qassiarsuk is situated across the fjord approx. 15 minutes by boat from Narsarsuaq. Today sheep farmers cultivate exactly the same land that the Viking Eric the Red chose for his settlement more than 1,000 years ago. Take a stroll through the village, which beautifully combines ancient history and modern living, and visit the Brattahlid open-air museum (admission fee is not included), which consists of the replicas of Tjodhilde's Church and a Norse longhouse. You can also take an enjoyable hike from Qassiarsuk towards Sermilik Fjord on the other side of the peninsula. Halfway there you can enjoy an amazing view over both fjords; Sermilik is usually filled with ice floes. If you follow the gravel road all the way to the end, you will reach the Tasiusaq sheep farm (16 km return).

Day 4

Option 1:

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).

Option 2:

Day trip to Igaliku (read about the village above)

Day 5

Option 1:

Boat transfer Itilleq - Narsarsuaq. Boat trip to the Qooroq Ice Fjord (see the description below).
Departure to Reykjavik or Copenhagen (check-in one hour before your flight).

Option 2:

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 Saturday

From Thursday to Monday

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 and Narsarsuaq.

Price

Option 1 (2 nights in Narsarsuaq/2 nights in Igaliku)

Private facilities, cabin with shared facilities in Igaliku

Double room: EUR 628 / DKK 4,555 per person

Single room: EUR 877 / DKK 6,355 per person

Shared facilities

Double room: EUR 511 / DKK 3,705 per person

Single room: EUR 670 / DKK 4,855 per person

Price option 2 (4 nights in Narsarsuaq)

Private facilities

Double room: EUR 662 / DKK 4,800 per person

Single room: EUR 966 / DKK 7,000 per person

Shared facilities

Double room: EUR 483 / DKK 3,500 per person

Single room: EUR 635 / DKK 4,600 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