

Easy hiking 8 days

This trip includes all of the hiking highlights of the Narsarsuaq area. Furthermore, you get to experience first-hand the daily life of the Greenlanders who live in isolated farms and settlements in South Greenland. Within one week, you visit and stay at sheep farms and in two different villages. These are ideal starting points for a wide range of hiking trips, with stunning views of glaciers, green mountainsides and ice-filled fjords.

Detailed itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Narsarsuaq. 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 Narsarsuaq for 2 nights.

Day 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

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.

Accommodation in Qassiarsuk for 2 nights.

Day 4

You can take a day hike to the Tasiusaq sheep farm located on Sermilik fjord. It is a relative easy hike along a gravel road, overlooking an impressive landscape dotted with small, blue lakes. There is a good chance that you can catch a glimpse of white-tailed eagles soaring overhead. From Tasiusaq you follow the sheep track to the neighbouring Nunataaq farm. It is a stunning hike along the Tasiusaq inlet, which is often filled with small ice floes. From Nunataaq you can take another gravel road back to Qassiarsuk. The round trip is about 20 km in total.

Day 5

Hike to the Sillisit sheep farm. The hike is along a gravel road (about 15 km) and your luggage will be transported by car/boat. 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 1 night. It is possible to buy a local dinner at the farm (not included and must be ordered in advance).

Day 6

Boat transfer from Sillisit 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 7

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. 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 8

Boat transfer from Itilleq to Narsarsuaq. 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 Narsarsuaq.

Please note! Due to limited capacity at some accommodations the order of the itinerary may change.

In short

Arrivals/Departures in 2019

Any day and departure one week later

Accommodation

Sleeping bag accommodation at farm and hostel in 2-bed and 4-bed rooms. Bring your own sleeping bag. Rental of sleeping bag with sheet for one week: EUR 28 / DKK 200

Meals

No meals included. Cooking facilities available at all places. You can go shopping in Narsarsuaq, Qassiarsuk and Igaliku. There is a restaurant in Igaliku and Narsarsuaq. Dinner at Sillisit sheep farm should be ordered in advance.

Difficulty

The hikes between the hostels/farms are easy and follow gravel roads. The longest is about 15 km. Your luggage is transported by car or boat.

Price

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

EUR 510 / 3,700 DKK per person

25% discount for children 2-11 years

Price includes

All accommodations

Transport of luggage

All boat transfers

Note! Flights are not included