

South Greenland 5 days - active

The famous blue icebergs of South Greenland and the charming village of Igaliku are just some of the highlights of this trip. The village of Igaliku is situated in one of the most luxuriant and idyllic parts of Greenland. Staying in Igaliku gives you an opportunity to take a day hike to a nearby plateau, which offers views of the Qooroq Ice Fjord. The same fjord you will experience close-up on an unforgettable boat ride among the icebergs. In addition to the tour "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

Arrival in Narsarsuaq. In the afternoon you can join a 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.

Accommodation in 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

In the morning we take you on a boat trip to the Qooroq Ice Fjord. This is 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! After the tour 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.

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. 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 Itilleq - 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 overnight accommodations, the order of the itinerary may change.

In short

Arrivals/Departures in 2019

From Tuesday to Saturday from Iceland

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

Private facilities

Double room: EUR 697 / DKK 5,050 per person

Single room: EUR 961 / DKK 6,970 per person

Shared facilities

Double room: EUR 548 / DKK 3,970 per person

Single room: EUR 727 / DKK 5,270 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