

UNESCO sites 4 days

In 2017 five core areas in South Greenland were inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List. They represent a unique landscape and fascinating history of farming in the Arctic, dating from the Norse settlement to the present-day Greenlandic sheep farmers. On this tour, you can visit Hvalsey, Igaliku and Qassiarsuk - 3 of the UNESCO sites - together with South Greenland's colourful town Qaqortoq.

Detailed itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Narsarsuaq and boat transfer 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 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 a visit to the famous Hvalsey Church is included. Hvalsey Church ruin is located on a lush green meadow, only 30 minutes by boat from Qaqortoq. It is one of the most well-preserved medieval ruins in South Greenland, with thick walls up to 6 m high. On the tour, you will have plenty of time to walk around the historic site and explore the ruins and the peaceful countryside before returning to Qaqortoq.

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 1 night.

Day 4

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

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

In short

Arrivals/Departures in 2019

From Saturday to Tuesday 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

Price

Private facilities

Double room: EUR 774 / DKK 5,615 per person

Single room: EUR 972 / DKK 7,045 per person

Shared facilities

Double room: EUR 659 / DKK 4,780 per person

Single room: EUR 840 / DKK 6,090 per person

25% discount for children 2-11 years

Price includes

All accommodations incl. breakfast

All boat transfers

Transport of luggage

Boat trip to Hvalsey

Note! Flights are not included