

South Greenland 5 days - easy going

South Greenland is famous for its Norse history and blue icebergs, and you can easily reach both from the airport in Narsarsuaq. Explore the historic site of Brattahlid, where the Viking Eric the Red settled, and discover why he named it Greenland! Take a day trip to Igaliku - the most beautiful village in Greenland! And enjoy an unforgettable boat ride into the Qooroq Ice Fjord, where 200,000 tons of ice calves from the glacier front every day. In addition to the 4-day tour, this tour gives you an extra day in Narsarsuaq, with time for small hikes in the area.

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 in Narsarsuaq for 4 nights.

Day 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 3

Day trip to Igaliku. The trip goes through Erik's Fjord to Itilleq – the harbour that serves the settlement of Igaliku. You now have a short walk (4 km) along a picturesque unpaved country road to Igaliku, one of the most beautiful villages in Greenland! From the highest point on the road, you overlook the colourful houses, the green hills and the milky-blue fjord. On the other side of the fjord towers Illerfissalik Mountain with its snow-covered peak piercing the clear blue sky. Igaliku was the Episcopal seat during the Norse period and the ruins from that time are very impressive. Today the town thrives from sheep farming. There is a school, a church and a shop. You can enjoy lunch made with local products at the café in the Country Hotel. The return journey is by boat to Narsarsuaq in the late afternoon/evening.

Day 4

Optional hikes in the area. The Ridge is a very nice, shorter and easier alternative to the full-day tour to Narsarsuaq Glacier. The hike offers great views, a rich flora and fauna (birds, mountain hare) and is also an excellent trip in bad weather (e.g., strong foehn winds)!

Day 5

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! 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.

Meals

Breakfast included

Dinner and lunch packets can be ordered at the hotels

Difficulty

No special requirements on this trip

Price includes

All accommodations incl. breakfast

All boat transfers

Transport of luggage

Boat trip to the Qooroq Ice Fjord