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Icebergs, Northern Lights, and Cultural Heritage in Ilulissat





Experience Greenland's magnificent nature during the low season, when peace and tranquility prevail. Watch majestic icebergs drift by, chase the Northern Lights above Disko Bay, and discover Greenland's rich cultural heritage through authentic encounters with local people.

Duration: 8 days	Price from: DKK 14 970	Difficulty: 1

Experience Greenland’s magnificent winter landscapes in the low season, where peace prevails and nature is at its most striking. Majestic icebergs drift quietly through Disko Bay while the Northern Lights dance across the sky, and each day offers spectacular natural experiences and authentic encounters with local culture.

On guided walks, your local guide shares the history and proud traditions of the area as you explore Sermermiut, a historic site with traces of former settlements. You pass the beautiful building of the Icefjord Centre, a striking landmark in the landscape, and along the fjord you can enjoy the impressive interplay between land, ice, and sea.

Boat trips in Disko Bay offer the chance to experience the icefjord from the water, where giant icebergs slowly drift by and the Northern Lights may color the sky on clear evenings. During an authentic kaffemik

in a local home, you step into Greenlandic hospitality, and a visit to an experienced dogsled musher provides insight into a proud craft and a meeting with the impressive sled dogs that have been part of life in northern Greenland for generations.

Walks along the icefjord and icefjord cruises give you time to enjoy the unique landscape, while a day at your own pace allows you to explore Ilulissat, visit shops and museums, or simply enjoy the view from Hotel Icefiord. During your stay, two meals are included at the hotel restaurant, featuring delicious dishes prepared from local ingredients that reflect the taste of Greenland's nature and culture. In addition, you are offered an authentic Greenlandic coffee accompanied by stories about Greenlandic traditions – with a guaranteed chance of seeing the Northern Lights.

The combination of nature, Northern Lights, icebergs, and cultural heritage creates a stay that is both grand, authentic, and unforgettable – a Greenland you will remember for a lifetime.

Key facts



- 8-day trip
- 2 days of hiking
- Difficulty level – Grade1
- Max. 20 participants
- Base camp trip with 1 location
- Departure from Copenhagen

Highlights

- Hiking in Ilulissat's magnificent landscapes and along the impressive **Kangia Icefjord**
- Sailing to the mouth of the icefjord among **gigant icebergs**
- Sailing in Disko Bay in search of **the Northern Lights**
- **Kaffemik** in a private home, where you experience Greenland's warm hospitality
- Visit to an experienced dog sled musher and meeting **the impressive sled dogs**
- **Fascinating stories** from local guides about Greenland's nature, culture, and proud traditions
- Peace and presence by the icefjord while enjoying **the magnificent Arctic silence**
- Delicious food prepared from local ingredients at the hotel restaurant and authentic **Greenlandic coffee**
- Time at your own pace to **explore Ilulissat**, shops, museums, and everyday life

Included

- Group tour with local destination guides and guided hikes
- Flights from Copenhagen to Greenland return
- Transfers in Ilulissat between airport and hotel
- All accommodation as described in the detailed itinerary
- Welcome and farewell dinner in Ilulissat – excluding drinks
- Guided city tour, hike to Sermermiut settlement, and along the icefjord

- Kaffemik in a local home and visit to a dog sled musher
- Icefjord cruise and Northern Lights boat tour
- Contribution to the travel guarantee fund

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Program

Day 1: Welcome to Ilulissat and the icebergs of Disko Bay
After arrival in Ilulissat, we are welcomed by our local guide and driven to the charming Hotel Icefiord, with a magnificent view of Disko Bay and drifting icebergs. After a short briefing, we gather for a welcome dinner with local ingredients, while the Northern Lights may dance above the fjord, casting magic over our first evening in Greenland.

Day 2: City tour and Northern Lights boat trip
We explore Ilulissat on a guided city tour and hear stories about life in the town and the heroes of polar expeditions such as Knud Rasmussen and Jørgen Brønlund. Later in the evening, we sail into Disko Bay, where the town lights reflect on the water and, hopefully, the Northern Lights dance across the sky.

Day 3: Hike to Sermermiut and the magnificent icefjord landscapes
We hike to Sermermiut, the old settlement by the icefjord, and enjoy an incredible view of the largest icebergs. Along the way, we pass the beautiful Icefjord Centre building and understand why this area is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Day 4: Kaffemik and meeting sled dogs
We are welcomed into a local home for a traditional kaffemik and hear about everyday life while experiencing Greenlandic hospitality. Later we meet an experienced dog sled musher and his dogs and learn about the proud tradition that has shaped life in northern Greenland.

Day 5: Hike along the icefjord and Greenlandic coffee
We hike along the icefjord with our local guide and enjoy breathtaking views and fresh Arctic air. Back at the hotel, we warm up with Greenlandic coffee accompanied by stories about culture – and homemade Northern Lights.

Day 6: Icefjord cruise to the largest icebergs
We sail to the mouth of the icefjord and experience the largest icebergs up close, while the cracking and groaning of the ice fills the air and the landscape impresses all senses.

Day 7: Day at leisure and farewell dinner
We enjoy our last day at leisure in Ilulissat – hiking in the mountains, strolling through town, or visiting museums – before gathering for a farewell dinner with local ingredients and toasting unforgettable experiences.

Day 8: Return home – Goodbye to Greenland
After breakfast, we are driven to the airport and fly back to Copenhagen, filled with memories of Greenland's magnificent nature, icebergs, Northern Lights, and authentic cultural encounters.

Please note that the program is weather-dependent and therefore indicative. The local guide may change

the order of activities or introduce alternative plans if necessary.

See the detailed day-by-day itinerary here

Not included

- Pcket money and drinks
- Non-included meals (approx. 150–400 DKK per meal)
- Entrance fees to museums and similar attractions
- Travel and cancellation insurance
- Single room supplement: 2,800 DKK
- Upgrade to Deluxe Explorer room (skylight and balcony) at Hotel Icefiord: 2,800 DKK per room. Upgrade must be requested via email: info@topas.dk. Upgrade available while rooms last

Important information for this trip

Maximum group size: 12 participants

There is no tour leader on this trip. Instead, we have destination guides - local guides who accompany us on excursions.

Read more in the “Practical info” section about:

- Trip difficulty level
- Travelling with local destination guides
- The hotel in Ilulissat
- Travel guarantee for trips to Greenland

Map


THE DISKO BAY
Ilulissat
Hotel Icefiord
Sermermiut
ILULISSAT ICEFJORD
STEPMAP
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Itinerary

Day 1. Welcome to Ilulissat and the icebergs of Disko Bay

The adventure begins upon landing in Ilulissat after a direct flight from Copenhagen of about five hours.

Highlights

- At the airport, we are met by our local guide, who takes care of transportation to the lovely Hotel Icefiord. The hotel is beautifully located right by Disko Bay, where icebergs slowly drift by, offering a first glimpse of Greenland's magic.
- After check-in, we gather for a short briefing where the guide introduces the week's program and the experiences ahead. It's a good opportunity to ask questions, meet the other participants, and feel the anticipation grow.
- In the evening, we meet for a **welcome dinner** in the hotel's restaurant overlooking Disko Bay. Here we enjoy delicious food prepared from local ingredients, and if the weather allows, the Northern Lights may already be dancing above the fjord, creating a magical start to our Greenland adventure.

Included meals: – / – / Dinner

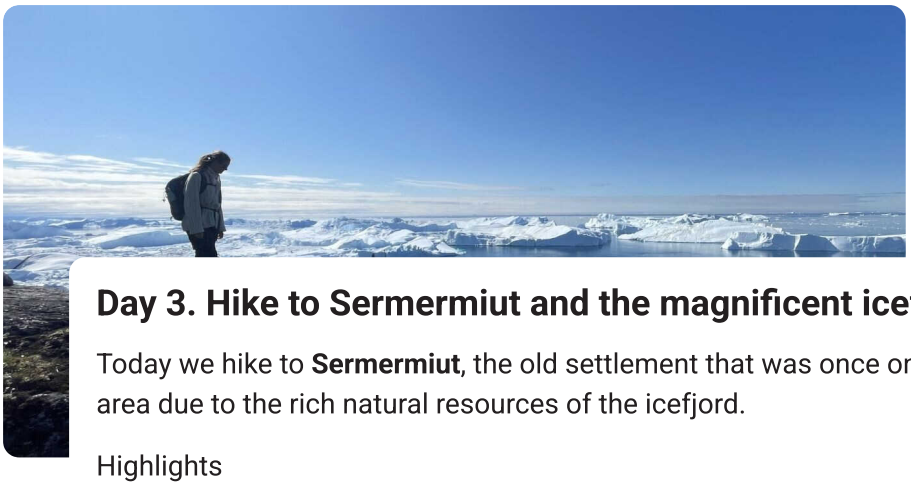
Day 2. City tour and Northern Lights boat trip

We wake up to a magical morning in Ilulissat, where breakfast is enjoyed with a view of Disko Bay and icebergs slowly drifting by. The air is crisp, and the landscape invites a day filled with experiences and history.

Highlights

- During the day, our local guide takes us on a **guided city walk** through Ilulissat.
- We visit the main sights and hear vivid stories about the town's history and everyday life. We also learn about polar expedition heroes such as **Knud Rasmussen** and **Jørgen Brønlund**, and their importance in Greenland's history.
- Later in the day, we board a boat for a **Northern Lights cruise** in Disko Bay.
- We sail into the darkness and see Ilulissat's lights reflecting on the water, while hopefully experiencing the Northern Lights dancing across the sky, far from city lights.
- It is a magical experience where nature's grandeur and the calm glow of the town create an unforgettable setting.

Included meals: Breakfast / – / –



Day 3. Hike to Sermermiut and the magnificent icefjord landscapes

Today we hike to **Sermermiut**, the old settlement that was once one of the largest in the area due to the rich natural resources of the icefjord.

Highlights

- While hiking at Sermermiut we enjoy a breathtaking view of the icefjord and its massive icebergs – a sight that cannot truly be described, only experienced.
- Along the way, we pass the beautiful building housing the **Icefjord Centre**, designed by Dorte Mandrup, which stands as a striking architectural feature in the landscape.
- The entire area is part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and it is easy to see why this part of Greenland has received this recognition, where nature and human history meet in an unforgettable way.

Todays hike: Approx. 6 km (Approx. 3 hours)
Elevation: Approx. +200 meters (up) and -200 meters (down)
Included meals: Breakfast / – / –

Day 4. Kaffemik and meeting sled dogs

Today we get very close to authentic Greenlandic culture.

Highlights

- In the morning, we are invited to **a traditional kaffemik** in a local home, where we step into everyday life and experience the warm hospitality Greenland is known for.
- We are served coffee and cakes in the Greenlandic style while our host shares stories about life, traditions, and daily rituals that connect families and communities. It is an experience filled with smiles, laughter, and vivid storytelling.
- Later we meet **a local dog sled musher** and his dogs. Here we learn about the proud tradition of sled dog culture in northern Greenland.
- We see how the dogs are trained and cared for, and feel the strong bond between humans and animals – a connection that has been essential for life in the Arctic for generations.

Included meals: Breakfast / – / –

Day 5. Hike along the icefjord and Greenlandic coffee

Today we take a beautiful hiking route along the icefjord with our local guide.

Highlights

- Along the way we enjoy the impressive landscape with icebergs, fjord, and fresh Arctic air.
- Every turn of the trail offers new breathtaking views, and there is time to absorb the peace and silence of the area.
- Back at the hotel, a well-deserved **Greenlandic coffee** awaits.
- Along with the coffee comes stories about Greenlandic culture – and the Northern Lights are guaranteed to dance above our cups while we enjoy the moment.

Todays hike: Approx. 4 km (Approx. 1,5 hours)
Elevation: Approx. +100 meters (up) and -100 meters (down)
The day's hiking route may vary depending on the weather and snow conditions.

Included meals: Breakfast / – / –



Day 6. Icefjord cruise among the largest icebergs

Today we set out on a spectacular icefjord cruise toward the mouth of the icefjord.

Highlights

- Here the largest icebergs lie, some grounded and others slowly drifting.
- We hear the soft cracking of the ice as we are surrounded by this impressive natural world – it almost feels like you can smell the ice in the crisp air.
- The cruise offers a unique perspective of Disko Bay and the icefjord, allowing us to truly feel the raw power and grandeur of nature.
- It is an experience combining peace, excitement, and awe – one of the absolute highlights of the journey.

Included meals: Breakfast / – / –

Day 7. Day at leisure and farewell dinner

On our final day in Ilulissat, we have time at our own pace.

Highlights

- Some may take a last hike in the mountains and enjoy the quiet views of icebergs drifting through Disko Bay.
- Others may stroll through town, visit shops for souvenirs, or explore local museums showcasing Greenlandic history and culture.
- In the evening, we gather for a farewell dinner in the hotel restaurant, enjoying local cuisine while sharing memories from the week. With views over the fjord and drifting icebergs, it becomes a warm and memorable conclusion to our Greenland adventure.

Included meals: Breakfast / – / Dinner

Day 8. Return home – Goodbye to Greenland

It is time to say goodbye to Greenland. After breakfast, we pack our memories and experiences from the week and are driven to the airport. On the flight back to Copenhagen, we reflect on the stunning nature, Northern Lights, icebergs, and cultural encounters we have experienced in Ilulissat and Disko Bay.

Included meals: Breakfast / – / –



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