

# Adventurous round trip in Disko Bay



**Travel all the way around Disko Bay in 8 days and immerse yourself in Greenland's stunning nature and culture, with Arctic highlights such as the Egi Glacier, Ilulissat Ice Fjord, Disko Island and much more**

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Duration: 8 days

Price from: DKK 29 970

Difficulty: 2

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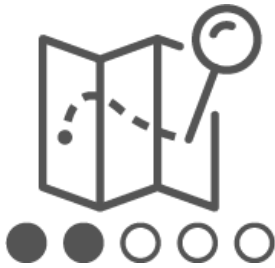
A sublime round trip awaits you in Disko Bay – perfect for those with a great appetite for nature and cultural experiences, and who enjoy hiking without the walks becoming too long or demanding.

The journey takes you deep into the beautiful Arctic landscapes of Disko Bay. Highlights include gigantic icebergs, whales, seals, Arctic birdlife and glaciers. You will also gain fascinating insight into everyday life in Greenland's settlements and towns. Boat trips and hikes take you through Greenland's untouched and unique landscapes, both on land and at sea – a true paradise for any nature lover.

Look forward to visiting Ilulissat and standing in awe of the icebergs at the mouth of the world-famous, UNESCO-listed Kangia Ice Fjord, as well as experiencing town life in Qasigiannguut and Qeqertarsuaq on the magical Disko Island.

On this round trip, Topas has prioritised spectacular accommodation experiences. Among them is one night in the wilderness at the Glacier Lodge Egi, where you will experience the magnificent natural phenomenon of the active Egi Glacier up close.

## Key facts



- 8-day trip
- 5 days of hiking
- Difficulty level – Grade 2
- Max. 12 participants
- Base camp trip with 4 locations
- Departure from Copenhagen

## Highlights

- **Spectacularly located accommodations** with direct views of basalt mountains, ice fjord, glacier and wilderness
- A series of **boat trips in Disko Bay** and to the calving **Eqip Sermia Glacier**
- Hike to the edge of the old **moraine ridge at Eqi** and experience the Eqi Glacier calving up close
- **Unforgettable hikes** through Greenland's most beautiful Arctic landscapes **around Disko Bay**
- Experience **Arctic wildlife** including whales, seals, Arctic birdlife, Arctic hare and perhaps even an Arctic fox
- Get a close-up look at everyday Greenlandic life in **Qeqertarsuaq, Qasigianniguit and Ilulissat**
- Enjoy delicious meals made from fresh **Greenlandic ingredients from the mountains and sea**

## Included

- Group tour with local destination guides and guided hikes
- Flights from Copenhagen – Greenland return
- Domestic flights
- Transfers in Ilulissat from the airport to the boat, and from the hotel to the airport
- All boat trips included in the round trip
- All accommodation (see separate section regarding accommodation)
- Meals as described in the daily programme – excluding drinks
- Luggage transport between boats and accommodation (at Eqi, guests must carry their own luggage from the boat to the cabin)
- Contribution to the Danish Travel Guarantee Fund

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## Program

### Day 1-2. Arrival in Qeqertarsuaq on Disko Island via Nuuk and Ilulissat

We arrive in the town of Qeqertarsuaq on Disko Island and check in at Hotel Disko Island. The island offers, among other things, opportunities for beautiful hikes.

### Day 3. Boat trip from Disko Island to Qasigianniguit in the southeastern part of Disko Bay

We sail from Disko Island to the town of Qasigianniguit, known as the "Pearl of Disko Bay". Here, we go on a hike through a beautiful natural area to Paradise Bay.

### Day 4. Town walk and hike to Strømstedet

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Guided tour of Qasigiannnguit and the opportunity to visit the museum. Hike to Strømstedet or enjoy a relaxing afternoon at the hotel with views over Disko Bay.

#### **Day 5. Boat trip from Qasigiannnguit to Eqi via Ilulissat**

The boat trip first takes us north from Qasigiannnguit via the mouth of the Ilulissat Ice Fjord with its gigantic icebergs, before continuing directly to Glacier Lodge Eqi by the active Eqi Glacier.

#### **Day 6. Eqi and hike to the moraine ridge and glacier front**

From the lodge, we hike to the edge of the moraine ridge and enjoy the magnificent views of the glacier. In the afternoon, we sail to Ilulissat and check in at Hotel Icefiord.

#### **Day 7. Ilulissat, culture & nature – hike in the UNESCO World Heritage area to Sermermiut and the Ice Fjord**

Hike to the historic settlement of Sermermiut, beautifully located by the Kangia Ice Fjord. Guided town walk and cultural tour in Ilulissat, with the opportunity to visit museums independently afterwards.

#### **Day 8. Ilulissat – Denmark via Nuuk**

After a round trip filled with Arctic highlights in Disko Bay, we depart from Ilulissat to Nuuk and continue onwards to Copenhagen.

See the detailed itinerary here

### **Not included**

- Pocket money and expenses for drinks.
- Expenses for meals not included (allow approximately DKK 150–400 per meal)
- Entrance fees to museums and similar attractions in Qeqertarsuaq, Qasigiannnguit and Ilulissat.
- Travel insurance and any cancellation insurance.
- Single room supplement DKK 600 per night. However, single rooms are not possible in the cabins at Eqi – single rooms must be requested by email or phone.
- Upgrade to Comfort Deluxe at Glacier Lodge Eqi, DKK 500 per person in a shared twin room.
- Upgrade to Comfort Deluxe at Glacier Lodge Eqi and Deluxe Explorer room at Hotel Icefiord, DKK 1,200 per person in a shared twin room.
- Access to the UNESCO World Heritage area Ilulissat Ice Fjord, [which can be purchased online here](#).

### **Important information for this trip**

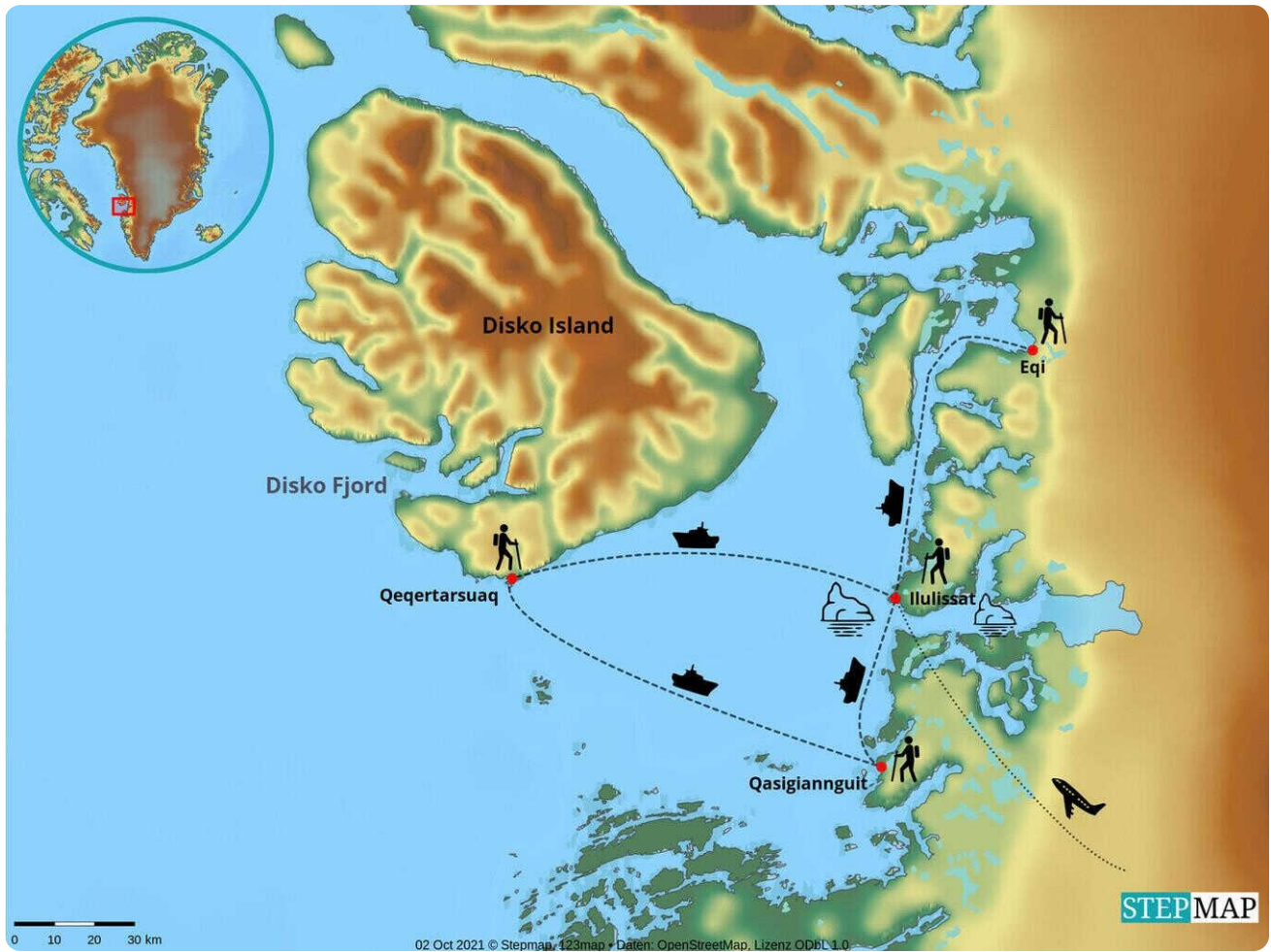
Maximum number of participants on the trip: 12 participants

Please note that there may be additional participants on the locally guided hikes and city walks (people who are not travelling with the group).

Read more under the tab Practical info about, among other things:

- The difficulty level of the trip
- Glacier Lodge Eqi
- Safety guarantee for trips to Greenland

# Map



# Itinerary



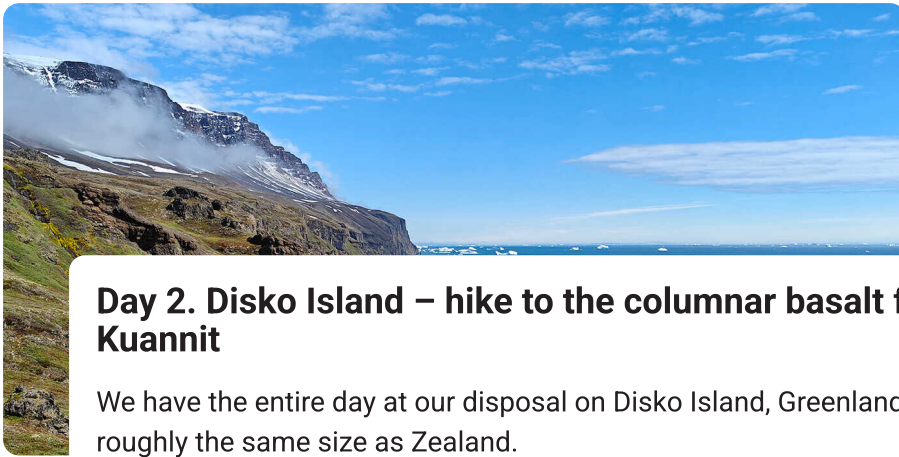
## **Day 1. Copenhagen – Qeqertarsuaq on Disko Island via Nuuk and Ilulissat**

We fly from Copenhagen to Ilulissat. Shortly after arriving in Ilulissat, we continue by boat to the town of Qeqertarsuaq, beautifully located on the southern coast of Disko Island.

### **Highlights**

- During the crossing, the island's impressive basalt mountains become increasingly visible as we approach. During summer boat trips in Disko Bay, there are often excellent opportunities to spot humpback whales – so keep your eyes open!
- We will stay at [Hotel Disko Island](#) for the next two nights. The hotel consists of a number of small houses centrally located in town, just a few minutes' walk from the shop, Kongebroen (the King's Bridge), and other local sights.
- After settling into our rooms, there will be time to admire the towering mountains rising behind the hotel. In the evening, we gather for a shared dinner served in the hotel's restaurant.

**Included meals:** – / – / Dinner



## Day 2. Disko Island – hike to the columnar basalt formations at Kuannit

We have the entire day at our disposal on Disko Island, Greenland's largest island, which is roughly the same size as Zealand.

### Highlights

- Our local guide will lead us on an approximately 4–5-hour return hike to the **Kuannit** area, located along the coast north of Qeqertarsuaq.
- Kuannit is a truly special place for several reasons: it features impressive basalt formations and structures created by flowing lava millions of years ago, and the area is remarkably lush, almost neon green, with mosses and large, beautiful angelica plants.
- We enjoy our packed lunches while sitting among the heather with views across Disko Bay – and perhaps even a whale or two!
- In the afternoon, there is an opportunity to join the local guide for a **city walk** and gain insight into the history of Qeqertarsuaq and the daily life of the island's inhabitants.

### About Disko Island

Around 1,000 people live in Qeqertarsuaq, while fewer than 10 people live in the small settlement of Kangerluk, located a full day's dog sled journey from Qeqertarsuaq (or a couple of hours by small boat in summer). The rest of the island consists of uninhabited wilderness with mountains, valleys, and permanent ice caps on top of the basalt mountains.

**Today's hike:** Approx. 10,5 km (Approx. 5 hours)

**Elevation:** Approx. +280 meters (up) and -280 meters (down)

**Included meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / –



### Day 3. Sailing from Disko Island to Qasigianniguit in the southeastern part of Disko Bay

Today we continue by boat to the town of Qasigianniguit, known as “The Pearl of Disko Bay”, beautifully located in the southeastern corner of Disko Bay.

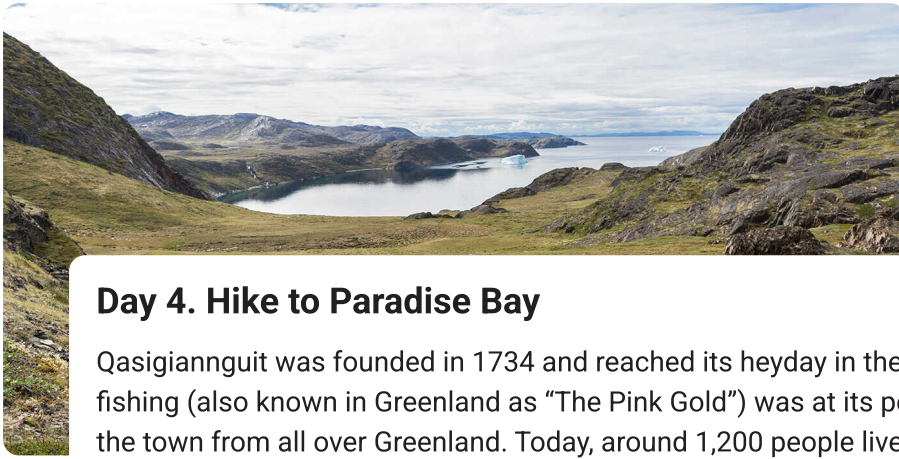
#### Highlights

- Along the way, we can look back towards Disko Island’s impressive basalt landscapes, which we have explored and learned more about over the previous two days. Once again, there are excellent opportunities to spot humpback whales – an experience you can never get enough of!
- Upon arrival at the harbour in Qasigianniguit, our luggage will be transported to the hotel while we walk the short distance ourselves.
- [Hotel Diskobay](#) is beautifully situated by the water, and it is not uncommon to spot humpback whales from the hotel terrace – something the “whale bell” is a sign of. Qasigianniguit is located in a scenic area with mountains, tundra plains, green valleys, blue fjords, and mountain peaks offering views across Disko Bay and towards Disko Island.
- Together with the local guide, we take a short walk through town, after which you can choose whether you prefer a relaxing afternoon on the hotel terrace overlooking Disko Bay or a hike northwards. We follow the yellow hiking route towards **Strømstedet (Eqalunnguit)**, where Lake Tasersuaq flows into Salmon Bay. The route is relatively flat and follows the lake.
- At Strømstedet, we enjoy the views before heading back. We can either return the same way along Lake Tasersuaq or take the “high route” over the mountain.

**Today's hike:** Approx. 12 km (Approx. 5 hours)

**Elevation:** Approx. +250 meters (up) and -250 meters (down)

**Included meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / –



## Day 4. Hike to Paradise Bay

Qasigiannnguit was founded in 1734 and reached its heyday in the 1970s, when shrimp fishing (also known in Greenland as “The Pink Gold”) was at its peak and workers came to the town from all over Greenland. Today, around 1,200 people live here, and Qasigiannnguit is a great example of a medium-sized Greenlandic town.

### Highlights

- The area is particularly well suited for hiking, and today our local guide will lead us on a 3–4-hour hike into the mountains, specifically to “**Paradise Bay**”.
- If you are a winter swimmer and fancy a refreshing dip, remember to bring your swimwear and a towel today.
- Afterwards, there is an opportunity to visit **the town museum**, located in Poul Egede’s former trading house from 1734. The museum includes, among other things, a unique archaeological collection from the Saqqaq culture (Greenland’s first inhabitants, around 2,000 BC).

**Today’s hike:** Approx. 8 km (Approx. 4 hours)

**Elevation:** Approx. +200 meters (up) and -200 meters (down)

**Included meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / –



## Day 5. Boat trip from Qasigiannuit to Glacier Lodge Eqi (via Ilulissat)

We leave Qasigiannuit in the morning and sail north, following in the footsteps of the great French Arctic polar explorer Paul-Émile Victor.

### From Qasigiannuit to Ilulissat

- We follow the coastline towards the mouth of Ilulissat Icefjord, just south of the town, where some of the largest icebergs run aground on the underwater moraine, despite the water depth being at least 350 metres!
- We sail around these ice giants (at a safe distance, of course) and experience **the UNESCO-protected area** while perhaps catching a glimpse of the Inland Ice, which is the source of the icebergs some 60 km further into the fjord. Deep inside the fjord, 1,000-year-old inland ice calves into the Icefjord in enormous quantities every day.
- Upon arrival at the harbour in Ilulissat, we are picked up and driven to Hotel Icefjord (where we will spend the final two nights of the trip). Here, we have the opportunity to store our “large luggage” until tomorrow, so we do not have to carry heavy bags up and down to the cabins at Eqi.

### From Ilulissat to Eqi

- We then change boats and continue sailing north towards Eqi.
- We soon pass **Oqaatsut**, a small settlement with around 50 inhabitants. We continue through Atâ Strait.
- On our left/port side, we can see the high mountains of **Arveprinsens Ejland**, while several bird cliffs dominate the right/starboard side. Here, cormorants, gulls and several species of skuas thrive on the rugged, steep cliffs.
- As we approach the glacier Eqip Sermia, we enjoy lunch onboard while watching the fascinating spectacle of enormous chunks of ice breaking away from the glacier and crashing into the water with a thunderous roar – powerful natural forces are at work! In Greenland, this phenomenon is unique to Eqi.
- The boat docks at Glacier Lodge Eqi, specifically at Port Victor, which is located at a safe distance from the calving glacier.

### At Glacier Lodge Eqi

- The harbour is named after Paul-Émile Victor, who came here after World War II to explore the Inland Ice. At that time, Eqi was the best access point to the ice cap with heavy expedition equipment.

- If you would like to stretch your legs, you can be shown a **self-guided hike to the Delta area** of around 2 hours. The white-tailed eagle breeds here from time to time, and this is one of the northernmost nesting sites for white-tailed eagles in Greenland. We may also be lucky enough to spot long-tailed ducks and other seabirds in the delta.
- Dinner is served in the atmospheric Café Victor.

**Today's hike (self-guided):** Approx. 3,5 km (Approx. 2 hours)

**Elevation:** Approx. +100 meters (up) and -100 meters (down)

**Included meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



## Day 6. Hike to the moraine at Eqi Glacier and return by boat to Ilulissat

We have breakfast in the café accompanied by the sound of – and views of – the calving glacier.

### Highlights

- Afterwards, we set out on a guided hike to Eqi Glacier.
- We pack our lunches and make our way around a small lagoon to get closer to the glacier front. The trail takes us up to the edge of a moraine, a remnant from the glacier's former extent.
- We enjoy our packed lunches while taking in this unique natural spectacle. The hike takes approximately 4 hours return, including a lunch break.
- Afterwards, we hike back to Glacier Lodge Eqi and are ready to sail back to Ilulissat around 2 pm.
- From the harbour in Ilulissat, we are driven to [Hotel Icefjord](#), which truly lives up to its name, as the hotel is located almost directly at the water's edge, and all rooms have views across Disko Bay. Hotel Icefjord will be our home for the next two nights.

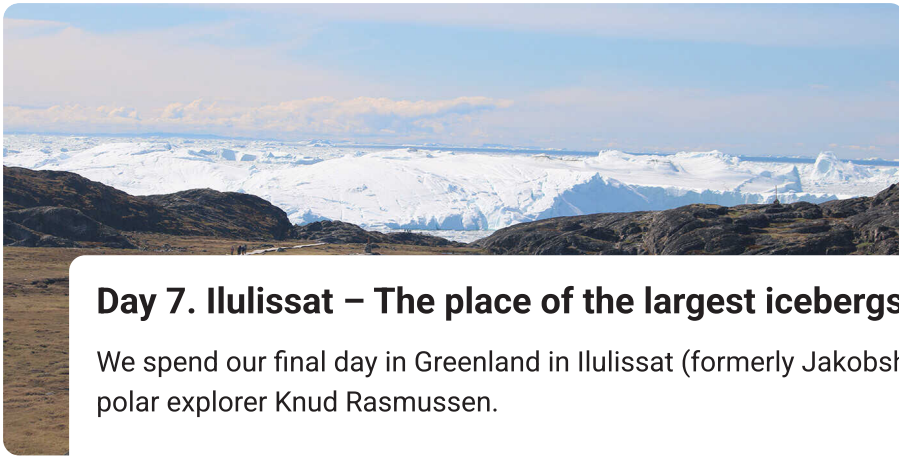
### About the Eqi glacier

Since 1930, the glacier has retreated further up the valley and further into the water. This has resulted in the glacier front now standing more than 100 metres high directly above the sea, where several times a day (sometimes several times an hour) we can witness the glacier calving enormous chunks of ice into the water. The terminal moraine provides us with a safe opportunity to get remarkably close to this impressive glacier. From here, we have a panoramic view of a large section of the more than 4 km wide glacier front.

**Today's hike:** Approx. 10 km (Approx. 4 hours)

**Elevation:** Approx. +380 meters (up) and -380 meters (down)

**Included meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / –



## Day 7. Ilulissat – The place of the largest icebergs

We spend our final day in Greenland in Ilulissat (formerly Jakobshavn), the birthplace of polar explorer Knud Rasmussen.

### Highlights

- We begin the day with **a guided city walk**, where the local guide will point out shops offering beautiful handicrafts as well as museums that you may wish to visit in the afternoon.
- Following the city tour, we walk up to the historic **Sermermiut** settlement, beautifully located by the Icefjord within the UNESCO World Heritage area.
- Here, we follow the boardwalk out to “Kællingekløften” (the Old Woman’s Gorge), from where we have magnificent views both into the fjord and towards the enormous icebergs grounded close to shore.
- If weather conditions allow, we enjoy our packed lunches here in these spectacular surroundings.
- After lunch, the afternoon is at your own disposal. You may choose to visit **the Icefjord Centre**, return to town for shopping, visit the Ilulissat Museum and/or the Ilulissat Art Museum – subject to opening hours.
- Alternatively, you can extend the hike by about an hour by continuing along **the yellow trail** around “Parabolfjeldet”, once again enjoying world-class views of ice, water and Disko Island on the horizon.
- We end the day and the journey with a shared farewell dinner in the restaurant at Hotel Icefjord, where we can reflect on and share memories from a fantastic adventure.

### About Ilulissat

In Greenlandic, Ilulissat means something like “The place of the large icebergs”, referring to its spectacular location at the mouth of the Icefjord, where icebergs and glacier ice flow out into Disko Bay. Ilulissat is a vibrant town where fishing, especially for shrimp and Greenland halibut, plays a major role. There is always lively activity at the harbour, where trawlers and small boats are constantly travelling between the harbour and fishing grounds out in Disko Bay.

## Day 8. Ilulissat — Denmark via Nuuk

We fly by Dash aircraft from Ilulissat to Nuuk and continue onwards to Copenhagen with Air Greenland's Airbus.

**Included meals:** Breakfast / – / –



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