

The ultimate tour of Disko Bay



A 12-day tour through the unique Arctic landscapes of Disko Bay. See gigantic icebergs, a calving glacier, and hike to the Greenland Ice Sheet. Experience the wildlife north of the Arctic Circle, Greenland's history, and the local culture.

Varighed: 12 dage

Pris fra: DKK 41 970

Sværhedsgrad: 2

We have created the ultimate tour, giving you a unique opportunity to experience the highlights of Disko Bay up close. Over the course of 12 days, your experienced tour leader will guide you on a fascinating journey through time and nature, offering insight into the region's rich history and culture. Enjoy spectacular hikes through Arctic mountains, across vast tundra landscapes and rugged moraines, all the way to the awe-inspiring Greenland Ice Sheet.

A string of unforgettable highlights awaits, whether you are exploring by land or by sea. Look forward to seeing gigantic icebergs, majestic whales, and abundant Arctic birdlife. Discover mountainsides in bloom, striking basalt formations, and perhaps even spot an Arctic fox, Arctic hare, rock ptarmigan, or the impressive musk ox. Countless scenic and unforgettable experiences await.

We follow the historical footsteps of Greenland's remarkable past – from the first Stone Age settlements in the land of the people, Kalaallit Nunaat, through the Thule culture, international whalers, Danish and Norwegian missionaries, colonial settlers, and on to the present day with Greenland's self-government.

Along the way, you will gain a deeper understanding of modern Greenlandic culture and the influences

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that have shaped it.

This journey is a truly unforgettable opportunity to experience Greenland's nature and culture in the most authentic way.

Highlights

- **Spectacularly located accommodation** with direct views of basalt mountains, the Icefjord, glacier, and wilderness
- Spend two days close to the highly active, calving **Eqi Glacier (Eqip Sermia)**
- The UNESCO-listed **Ilulissat Icefjord (Kangia)** with its enormous icebergs
- Experience everyday life up close in the towns of **Ilulissat, Qasigiannguit, and Qeqertarsuaq**
- **Boat trips in Disko Bay** among icebergs, whales, and perhaps even seals
- **Hikes** through Arctic mountains, across vast tundra landscapes, and over rugged moraines
- Join a spectacular **hike to the Greenland Ice Sheet** and experience its dramatic landscapes
- **Arctic wildlife**, including humpback whales, snow buntings, and perhaps Arctic foxes and musk oxen
- Listen to your **Tour leader** share stories about the **history, culture, and nature** north of the Arctic Circle
- Enjoy delicious meals prepared with fresh **Greenlandic ingredients from the mountains and the sea**

Included

- Group trip with Tour leader and guided hikes
- Flights from Copenhagen to Greenland and return, including domestic flights
- Transfers in Ilulissat from the harbour and airport to the hotel
- All boat transfers and transfers during the tour
- Icefjord sailing at the Kangia Icefjord in Ilulissat
- All guided excursions as described in the itinerary
- All accommodation during the trip (see separate section regarding accommodation)
- Meals as described in the daily programme – excluding beverages
- Luggage transport between accommodations
- Contribution to the Danish Travel Guarantee Fund

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Program

Day 1–2. Journey to Greenland and the capital of icebergs

We fly to Ilulissat and check into Hotel Icefiord, ideally located right on the shores of Disko Bay, with its impressive icebergs right outside.

Our local guide will give us a good introduction to the town, and of course, we will hike all the way to the edge of the Icefjord, where the colossal icebergs make a lasting impression. Other attractions, such as Knud Rasmussen's childhood home, the town's art museum and the Ilulissat Icefjord Centre, are also well worth a visit.

Day 3–5. Sailing to Disko Island and staying in Qeqertarsuaq

After around two hours of sailing through a landscape of icebergs, we check into Hotel Disko Island and have the next two full days to get a feel for the unique character of the island. The town is full of life, with plenty to explore both in and around Qeqertarsuaq, from cultural experiences to spectacular nature.

The island's volcanic origins are unmistakable in its beautiful basalt mountains and lush landscape.

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Day 6–8. Sailing from Disko Island to Qasigiannuit in the southeastern corner of Disko Bay

Another little gem, Qasigiannuit is known as the “Pearl of Disko Bay”. Here, we stay less than 50 metres from the water. It is not at all unusual to spot whales from the hotel terrace – sometimes even at very close range. The town is home to some of the oldest houses in Greenland dating back to the colonial period, two of which now house museums.

Here, we hike to Paradisbugten and Laksebugten.

Day 9. Sailing to Eqip Sermia Glacier and arrival at Glacier Lodge Eqi

We sail from Qasigiannuit and spend a beautiful day at sea, with plenty of spectacular views along the way – including the Icefjord, bird cliffs and perhaps a whale or two. We sail as close to Eqip Sermia Glacier as is safely possible and enjoy lunch on board, while listening to the thunderous sounds of the glacier as it moves and calves huge blocks of ice into the sea.

In the afternoon, we check into Glacier Lodge Eqi, where we will spend the next two nights enjoying these extraordinary surroundings and the glacier right on our doorstep.

Day 10–11. Staying at Eqi

Learn about and experience the legacy of research at this remote location, which stretches back more than 100 years. There are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the peace and quiet while keeping an eye on the glacier. Perhaps this is the very moment when a major calving occurs.

From the lodge, you can take short hikes in the surrounding area on your own and truly get a sense of the forces of nature and what it feels like to be far out in the wilderness – while still feeling safe and secure.

There will be a guided hike to the terminal moraine at Eqi, and for those who are fit and adventurous, there is also the option to add a guided hike all the way onto the Greenland Ice Sheet.

Day 12. Journey home from Ilulissat to Denmark

Having returned to Ilulissat the evening before, today it is time to begin our journey home. Shortly after departing Ilulissat, be sure to enjoy the final spectacular views from the plane across the Icefjord and Disko Bay.

Not included

- Pocket money and expenses for beverages
- Expenses for meals not included (allow approximately DKK 150-400 per meal)
- Entrance fees to museums and similar attractions in Qeqertarsuaq, Qasigiannuit, and Ilulissat
- Travel insurance and possible cancellation insurance
- Single room supplement DKK 5,500. However, single rooms are not available in the cabins at Eqi – single rooms must be requested by email or phone.
- Upgrade to Comfort Deluxe at Glacier Lodge Eqi: DKK 900 per person in a shared double room.
- Upgrade to Deluxe Explorer room at Hotel Icefiord: DKK 900 per person in a shared double room.
- Access to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Ilulissat Icefjord [can be purchased online here](#).

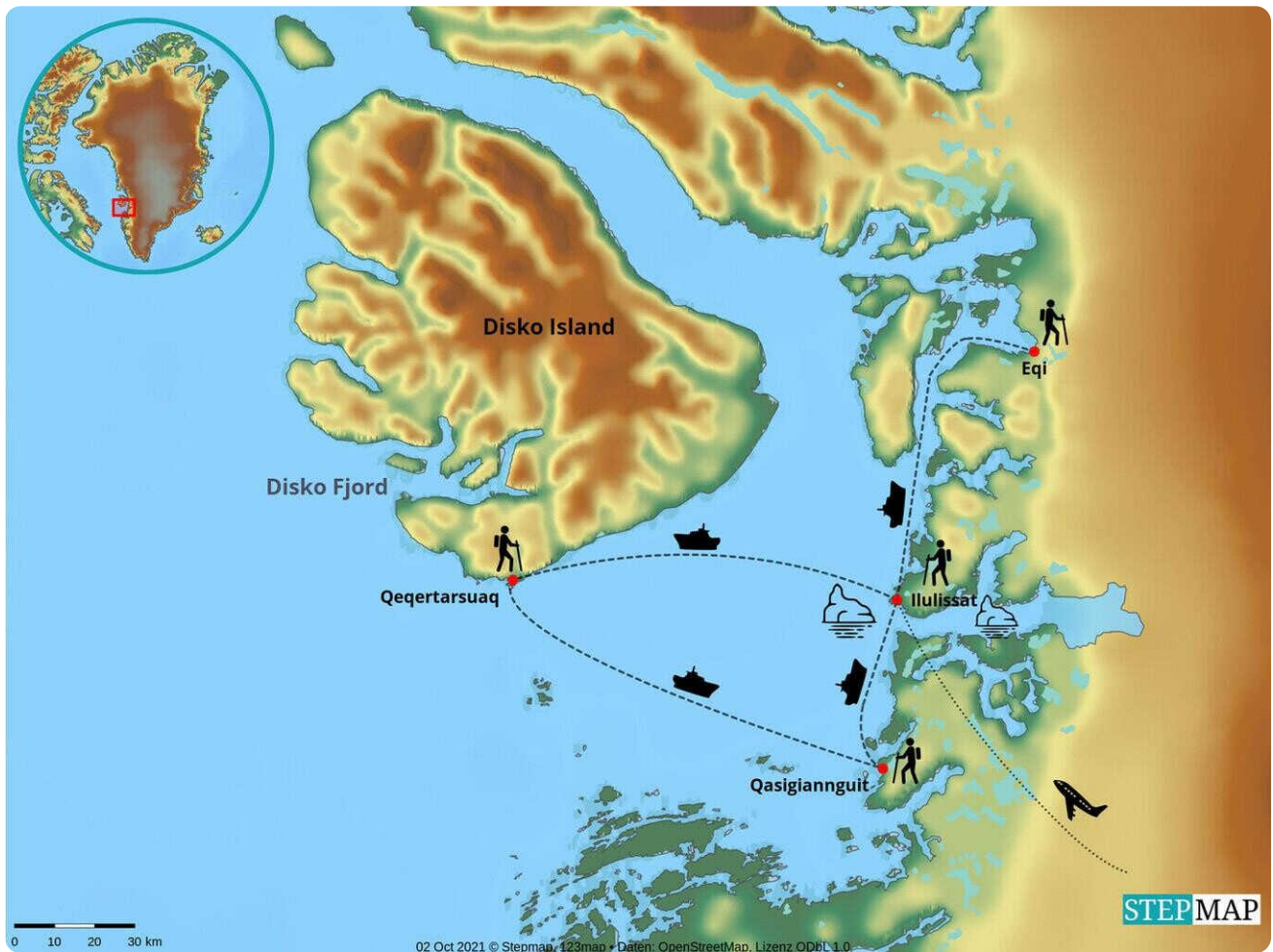
Important information for this trip

The maximum number of participants on the trip: 16 people.

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

- Glacier Lodge Eqi
- Climate in Greenland
- Safety guarantee for trips to Greenland

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Dagsprogram



Day 1. From Copenhagen to Ilulissat

We fly from Copenhagen to Ilulissat, where our local guide welcomes us at the airport before we are transferred to the wonderful Hotel Icefiord, ideally located right on the shores of Disko Bay.

The afternoon begins with a city tour, offering an exciting introduction to Ilulissat. You will learn about the town's history, harbour, shops, museums and many attractions that make Ilulissat such a special place. Afterwards, you can continue exploring the town at your own pace, perhaps browse for souvenirs or visit some of the local museums, such as Knud Rasmussen's childhood home and the art museum.

We end the day with a lovely dinner together at the hotel's restaurant, looking forward to the many experiences that await us.

Included meals: – / – / Dinner



Day 2. Ilulissat – The archaeological settlement and views of the Icefjord

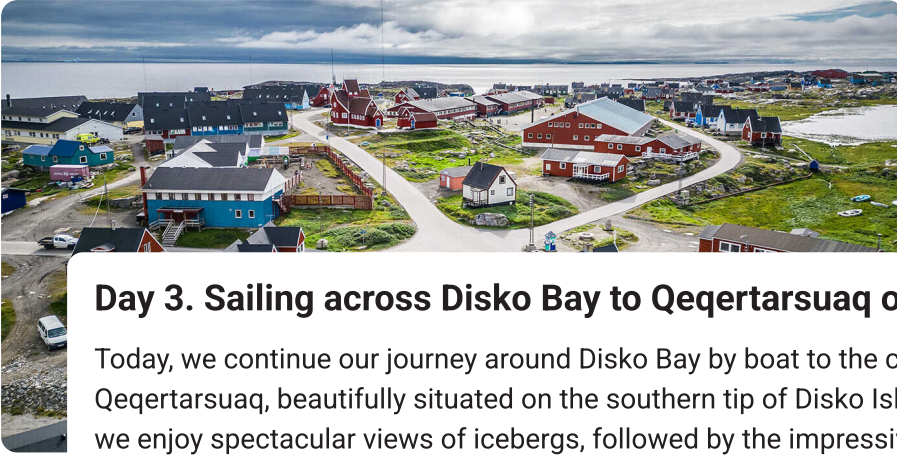
Today, we set out from Hotel Icefjord towards the remarkable Kangia Icefjord for an unforgettable day of exploration.

Along the fjord are ancient settlements dating back more than 4,500 years. The Sermermiut settlement was one of the largest settlements of both Paleo-Eskimo and Neo-Eskimo communities, offering fascinating insight into life in the past. During the final settlement of the Thule culture, up to 250 people lived here. The area has been home to several cultures over time, including the Saqqaq, Dorset and Thule cultures, and has witnessed several periods of migration. It is an exceptionally beautiful place, where you can hear the icebergs creaking and cracking – and even smell the ice itself!

At the Icefjord, we continue towards Holms Bakke, where the people of Ilulissat gather every year on 13 January to welcome the sun back after a long winter period without sunlight. Close to the settlement, we find the Ilulissat Icefjord Centre, where you can enjoy one of the best views of the area from its rooftop terrace. If you wish, this is the perfect time to visit the centre.

If you still haven't had enough of the Icefjord, you can also join the tour leader on a short detour along the coast back to the hotel – a beautiful walk.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / –



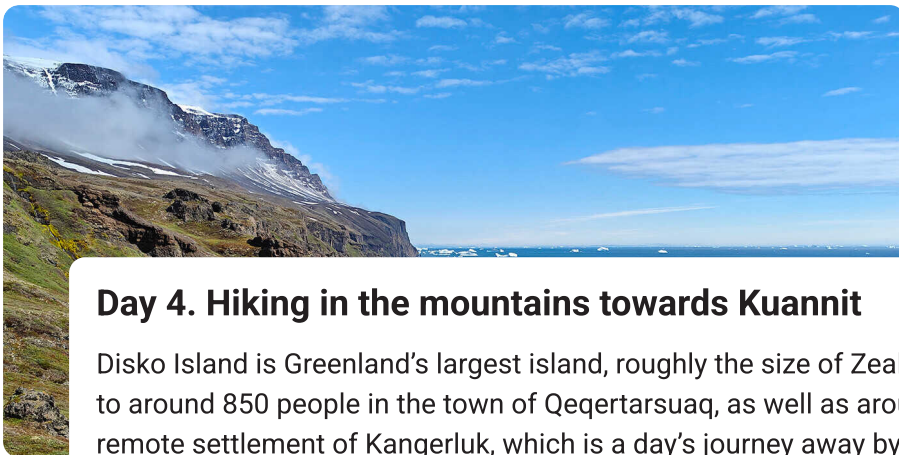
Day 3. Sailing across Disko Bay to Qeqertarsuaq on Disko Island

Today, we continue our journey around Disko Bay by boat to the charming town of Qeqertarsuaq, beautifully situated on the southern tip of Disko Island. During the crossing, we enjoy spectacular views of icebergs, followed by the impressive basalt mountains of Disko Island, which become increasingly prominent as we approach. The cold waters around the island provide ideal conditions for whales and seals, so keep your eyes peeled along the way!

We spend three nights at Hotel Disko Island, centrally located in town and just a few minutes' walk from the shop, museum and iconic Kongebroen by the harbour. After checking into our rooms, it is time for an exciting city tour, where we discover the town's key sites and learn about life in a small community with the nearest neighbour almost 100 km away across open sea. A visit to the local supermarket is almost a must – you can find almost everything you need here, unless the goods have sold out and are waiting for the next ship. It offers a fascinating insight into everyday life in an isolated Arctic community.

In the low evening sun, you can admire the steep basalt mountains rising behind the hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / –



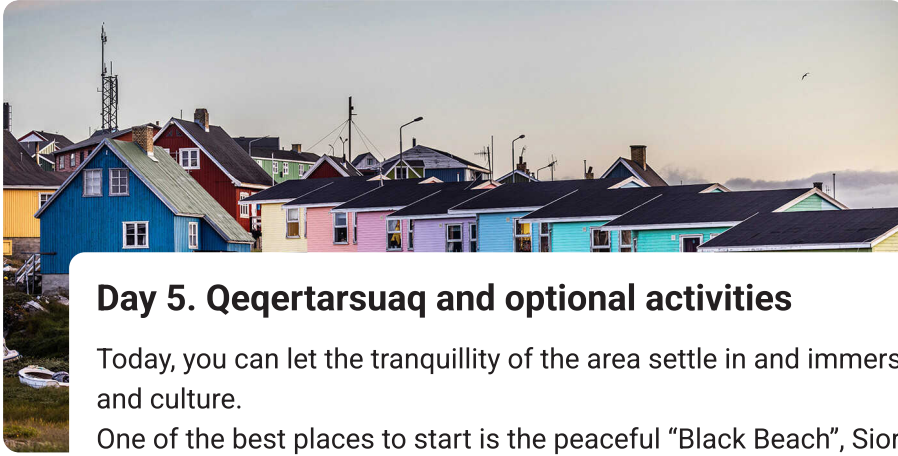
Day 4. Hiking in the mountains towards Kuannit

Disko Island is Greenland's largest island, roughly the size of Zealand. The island is home to around 850 people in the town of Qeqertarsuaq, as well as around 10 people in the remote settlement of Kangerluk, which is a day's journey away by dog sled in winter or a couple of hours by small boat in summer. The rest of the island is untouched wilderness, characterised by impressive mountains, deep valleys and permanent ice caps covering the majestic basalt mountains.

Outside the town, a unique flora awaits, with a range of distinctive Arctic species thriving here. Disko Island's geology differs significantly from mainland Greenland, as the area was shaped by earlier volcanic activity. The local guide will arrange a roughly four-hour hike into the remarkable landscape towards Kuannit, where we can admire the impressive basalt formations created as the lava crystallised. The entire area is incredibly lush, with neon-green moss and large, beautiful angelica plants thriving around the warm springs.

Here, we enjoy our packed lunches before passing the rushing waterfall in Røde Elv on the way back.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / –



Day 5. Qeqertarsuaq and optional activities

Today, you can let the tranquillity of the area settle in and immerse yourself in its history and culture.

One of the best places to start is the peaceful “Black Beach”, Siorarsuit. Here, you can gaze out across the impressive sea and the great icebergs. If you are lucky, you may even spot one or more whales breaking the surface.

If you would like to experience the area from a different perspective, join the local guide on an exciting three- to four-hour morning hike. The route takes you into the basalt mountains, where you will enjoy spectacular views over the town, its natural harbour and a breathtaking panorama of Disko Bay. On clear days, you can even glimpse the impressive Icefjord at Ilulissat, more than 100 km away.

If you prefer a more relaxed day, there are plenty of opportunities to explore the town on your own. Visit the local museum, take a dip at the beach or enjoy a leisurely walk and hear a good story from one of the friendly locals. You could also visit Kirsten in her small gallery.

The hotel offers a fantastic sauna by “Black Beach”, where you can relax and enjoy the breathtaking views of the sea and majestic icebergs – perhaps even combined with a refreshing dip in the cold water among the floating sculptures.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / –



Day 6. Sailing from Disko Island to Qasigiannnguit

Today, we set out on an approximately two-hour boat journey to Qasigiannnguit, known as the “Pearl of Disko Bay”. The town is beautifully situated in a sheltered corner of Disko Bay, and along the way we enjoy breathtaking views of Disko Island’s impressive basalt formations. A journey at sea is always an experience – and you have a good chance of spotting whales, typically humpback or fin whales, which can appear at any moment. It is a sight that never gets old!

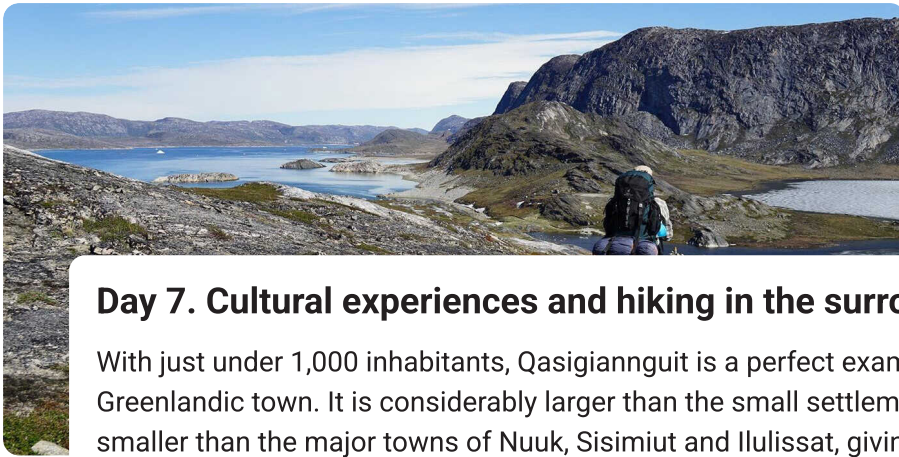
When we arrive at the harbour, our hotel is just 200 metres away, and our luggage is collected directly from the boat. We spend the next three nights at Hotel Diskobay, beautifully situated less than 50 metres from the sea. Previous guests have often been lucky enough to spot whales from the hotel terrace, rooms and restaurant. So stay alert and keep watch – and remember to use the “whale bell” so everyone can join in when one is spotted!

Qasigiannnguit has a fascinating history dating back to Greenland’s early trading stations in the early 18th century. Several of the oldest buildings from this period are still preserved and now house an interesting museum, where you can see a fine collection of Paleo-Eskimo tools and much more. The town’s heyday was in the 1960s and 1970s, when shrimp fishing in the area reached its peak, which is also documented at the museum.

The local guide will take you on a guided tour of the town, introducing you to its history and the places worth exploring.

In the hinterland around Qasigiannnguit, impressive natural landscapes await, with vast tundra plains, crystal-clear lakes, deep blue fjords and majestic mountain peaks. Over the coming days, we will explore these areas and enjoy fantastic views of Disko Bay and Disko Island.

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Day 7. Cultural experiences and hiking in the surrounding area

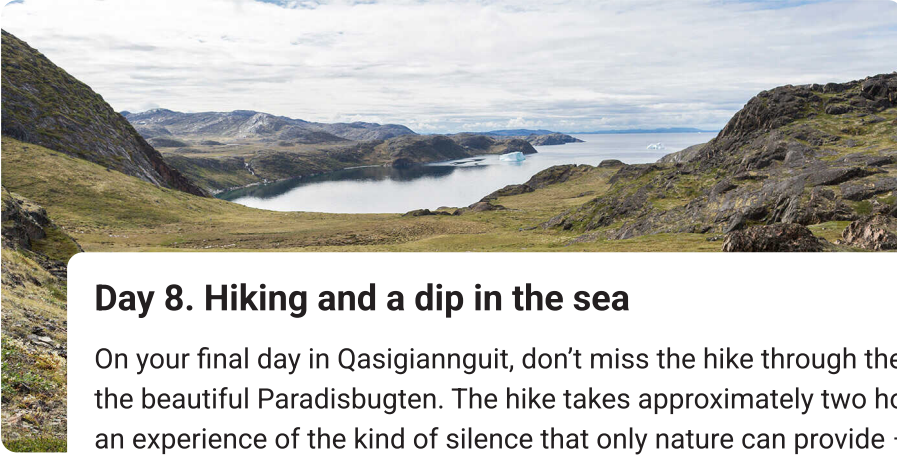
With just under 1,000 inhabitants, Qasigiannnguit is a perfect example of a medium-sized Greenlandic town. It is considerably larger than the small settlements, while still much smaller than the major towns of Nuuk, Sisimiut and Ilulissat, giving it an authentic and intimate atmosphere.

Today, you can join the local guide on a beautiful hike north towards Eqaunnguit, known as Strømstedet. The hike takes approximately two hours each way over relatively flat terrain along “Fly Lake”, Tasersuaq. Along the way, we may be lucky enough to spot flocks of Canada geese or perhaps even an Arctic fox on the hunt. The area is also a favourite among locals for gathering berries and herbs, and depending on the season, we may take some time to forage along the way.

We reach Strømstedet, where the lake flows into Laksebugten – a perfect place to take a break. Here, we find a lovely spot in the mountains where we enjoy our packed lunch with views of the magnificent landscape.

After the day’s hike, you can relax on the hotel terrace, wrapped in a warm reindeer hide. Order a cup of coffee or a refreshing drink and let your eyes wander across the spectacular views of Disko Bay, where whales regularly swim quietly past.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / –



Day 8. Hiking and a dip in the sea

On your final day in Qasigiannnguit, don't miss the hike through the mountains and down to the beautiful Paradisbugten. The hike takes approximately two hours each way and offers an experience of the kind of silence that only nature can provide – pure peace and tranquillity. You can also take a refreshing dip among the icebergs from the idyllic sandy beach, so remember your swimwear!

Along the way, we pass historic Bryghusbugten, where the former colony of Christianshåb was founded, giving us a glimpse into the area's dramatic history. As we make our way through the mountains, we keep a watchful eye out for the impressive musk oxen that live in the area and may cross our path – a truly spectacular experience for nature enthusiasts.

When you return to Qasigiannnguit, there will be time to do some shopping before we sail on to the wilderness of Egi early the next morning.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / –



Day 9. Sailing from Qasigiannuit to Glacier Lodge Eqi

We leave Qasigiannuit early in the morning and sail north. We follow the magnificent coastline until we reach the mouth of Ilulissat Icefjord, just south of the town. Here, the impressive icebergs run aground on an underwater moraine, even though the water is 200–300 metres deep! We sail past these gigantic ice giants (from a safe distance, of course) and get the chance to experience the UNESCO-protected landscape. Here, you can sense the enormous power of the Greenland Ice Sheet, located around 60 km further into the fjord, where thousands of years of old ice calves into the Icefjord every day in enormous quantities.

When we arrive in Ilulissat, we can leave our “large luggage” at Hotel Icefjord, where it will be stored until we return the day after tomorrow. This means we do not have to carry heavy luggage up and down to the cabins at Eqi.

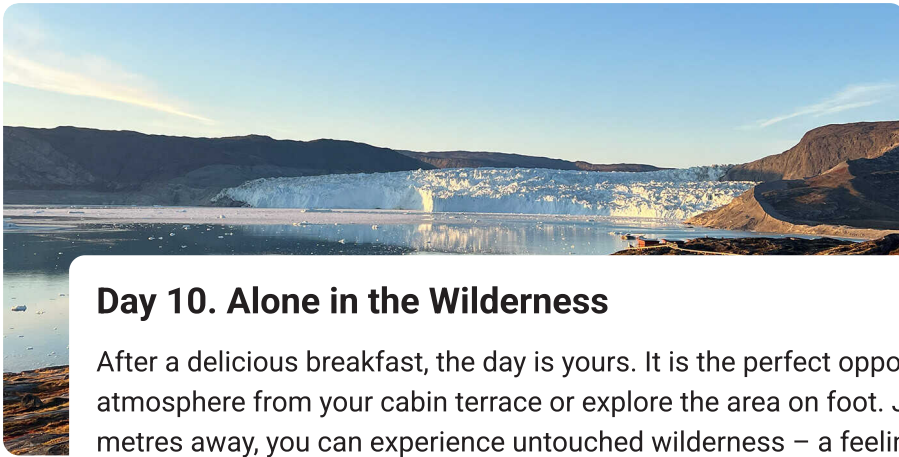
We change boats and continue north towards Eqi. Soon, we pass Oqaatsut (Rode Bay), a small settlement with around 30 inhabitants. We continue through the impressive Atâ Strait, with the majestic mountain on Arveprinsens Ejland to port and several steep mountains to starboard. The area is home to rich birdlife, with cormorants, gulls and several species of skuas thriving on the dramatic cliffs.

As the amount of sea ice increases, we approach Equip Sermia glacier. Today’s lunch is served on board as we take in the fascinating sight of the glacier’s frequent calvings – powerful forces are at work here, creating a unique phenomenon at Eqi.

The boat docks at Glacier Lodge Eqi, specifically at Port Victor. Eqi is particularly well known for more than 100 years of research, long before tourists began coming here. As one of the most accessible places to reach the Greenland Ice Sheet with heavy research equipment, French polar explorer Paul-Émile Victor used this location as his base in the years following the Second World War.

After a day at sea and settling into the comfortable cabins, you may simply wish to relax and take in the magnificent surroundings; enjoy the spectacular calvings and listen to the rumble of the glacier, or stretch your legs before dinner while exploring the surrounding area at your own pace.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



Day 10. Alone in the Wilderness

After a delicious breakfast, the day is yours. It is the perfect opportunity to take in the atmosphere from your cabin terrace or explore the area on foot. Just a few hundred metres away, you can experience untouched wilderness – a feeling of being completely alone in the vast landscape. You will be given a delicious packed lunch, which you can take with you on your own little adventure or enjoy during a relaxed day at the lodge.

The southern hike to the meltwater delta is one of the options that can easily be done independently. The trails are well established, and along the way there are good chances of encountering wildlife such as ptarmigan, Arctic hares and Arctic foxes. You may even spot the majestic white-tailed eagle. The area is one of the northernmost breeding grounds in the world for the white-tailed eagle.

More adventurous travellers can choose to add a guided hike in the footsteps of the famous Paul-Émile Victor, all the way to the Greenland Ice Sheet. This full-day hike takes approximately nine hours. Along the way, you will experience how the landscape changes from the coast, across Arctic tundra with beautiful meltwater lakes, until you reach the enormous moraine just before the Greenland Ice Sheet itself. We cross the moraine and notice how the terrain gradually becomes more and more covered in ice and snow, until we finally stand on the enormous ice cap covering around 80% of Greenland. With 1,000 km of ice stretching out before you, it is time to take in this spectacular moment and the truly unique landscape before retracing our steps to the lodge, arriving in the late afternoon after an unforgettable day. See more about the price and optional add-on in the Not included in the price section. If you would like to hear more about this hike, please feel free to call us.

Whether you choose a relaxing day or the guided hike, the area offers fantastic opportunities to get close to the local wildlife. When we gather in the evening, a delicious dinner awaits at Café Victor, where we share the day's adventures and experiences.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



Day 11. Walking through the landscape towards the moraine at Egi Glacier

We enjoy breakfast one last time while taking in the breathtaking view of the calving glacier – setting the scene for a new day. Afterwards, we get ready to check out and set off on one final hike through the impressive landscape. With our packed lunches in our backpacks, we head out with the local guide towards the moraine at the glacier that we have admired from the lodge over the past few days. What initially looked like a small pile of gravel now reveals itself as a gigantic formation, giving us a clear impression of the immense forces of the ice.

The landscape bears clear traces of the glacier's former extent, and we can now understand how it has carved its way through the terrain. Today, the glacier is approximately 4 km wide and up to around 200 metres high. It calves frequently, with larger or smaller pieces of ice breaking off into the fjord several times an hour. During the hike, we have the opportunity to enjoy this spectacle up close and from above as we eat our packed lunch at a beautiful spot on the moraine.

After a leisurely return to the lodge, we are ready to board the boat back to Ilulissat. Here, we are reunited with our large luggage and check back into the comfortable Hotel Icefjord, which certainly lives up to its name.

The day ends with a farewell dinner at Hotel Icefjord, where the restaurant's talented chefs treat us to delicious, beautifully prepared dishes that provide the perfect ending to this fantastic journey.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Day 12. Journey home from Ilulissat to Denmark

Today, we begin our journey home from Ilulissat to Copenhagen.

As soon as we take off from Ilulissat, keep an eye out the window if the weather permits, as we may get one final spectacular view of the Icefjord and Disko Bay before saying goodbye – or perhaps see you again.

Air Greenland takes us to Copenhagen, and we now have time to let the many experiences sink in.

Included meals: Breakfast / – / –



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