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Round trip from settlements to wilderness in South Greenland

Immerse yourself in all facets of the beautiful South Greenlandic landscape and meet the welcoming Greenlanders at the sheep farms on the edge of the Greenland Ice Sheet.

Duration: 12 days	Price from: DKK 32 970	Difficulty: 2-3

Travel to Greenland, where the combination of farming culture, Norse history and diverse landscapes makes this hiking holiday in South Greenland a truly unique experience. At the edge of the Greenland Ice Sheet, you will encounter Greenlandic nature at its most magnificent and untamed.

On the hiking routes, you will step into a landscape that captivates with everything from the Greenland Ice Sheet, deep ice-filled fjords and enormous icebergs to lush valleys and hillsides filled with vibrant flowers, roaring waterfalls and tranquil lakes. As we travel from place to place by boat, you will get close to the fjord's incredible ice formations and playful seals in the water.

In South Greenland, sheep farming, cattle farming and agriculture are the main industries, and the culture is shaped by the fascinating ruins left behind from the Norse settlements that existed in the region for almost 500 years. You will visit, among other places, the towns of Narsaq and Qaqortoq, as well as the settlements of Narsarsuaq and Igaliku, and experience how life here moves at its own unique pace.

Join us on a journey through South Greenland and enjoy the overwhelming silence.

Highlights

- Experience **Kujataa – South Greenland's UNESCO World Heritage Site** with its unique culture and history
- Authentic **stays with Greenlandic sheep farmers** – close to nature, animals and everyday life
- **Hiking through blooming valleys**, along mountain lakes, rivers and impressive waterfalls
- Encounter the **impressive "Dead Glacier"** and its clear, blue glacial ice
- Sailing among **turquoise-coloured icebergs** on Qooroq Fjord and Erik's Fjord
- Stay in **idyllic Igaliku**, a historic settlement with colourful houses and fjord views
- Visit **Qassiarsuk and Brattahlid** – Erik the Red's farm and reconstructed Norse buildings
- Hike to **Dyrnæs** and Norse ruins with views of ice and mountains

- Possibility to experience **whales, seals, white-tailed eagles** and free-roaming horses in the open landscape
- **Fishing, mountain tranquillity and immersion** in Greenlandic nature at Tasiusaq and Sillisit
- Meet **local culture and Greenlandic everyday life** in Narsaq and beautiful Qaqortoq

Included

- Group tour with tour leader and guided hikes
- Flights from Copenhagen to Qaqortoq return
- All boat transfers during the tour
- All accommodation in hotels, settlement hotels, hostels or sheep farms
- Meals as described in the daily programme – excluding beverages
- Luggage transfer to and from airports and harbours
- Luggage transfer between accommodations
- Contribution to the Danish Travel Guarantee Fund

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Program

Day 1. Arrival in South Greenland
We fly to Qaqortoq, where we meet our tour leader, and a transfer takes us to the town's cosy hotel overlooking the fjord and mountains. The town is known for its colourful houses, educational institutions and the art project "Stone and Man", featuring rock sculptures integrated into the streetscape. In the evening, we gather for a delicious welcome dinner.

Day 2. Town experiences and fjord landscapes in Narsaq
We sail to Narsaq, a town beautifully situated between fjords and ice-filled waters. Here we hike along the fjord with views of icebergs and Narsaq Mountain and visit Norse ruins at Dyrnæs along the way. There is also time to explore the town independently, with options such as visiting the museum, harbour or the local "Brættet" market.

Day 3. Hiking to Sillisit
Today, we sail to Sillisit, where a beautiful hike through the South Greenland mountain landscape awaits. Along the way, we enjoy views of Erik's Fjord, the surrounding mountains and drifting icebergs before relaxing at the peaceful settlement by the fjord. In the evening, there is time to enjoy the surroundings, slow down and experience the silence in the midst of the spectacular landscape.

Day 4-5. Culture and nature around the fjords of Sermilik
We hike through Erik the Red's land with views of mountains, lakes and ice-filled fjords until we reach the scenic Tasiusaq. Here we spend two nights at an idyllic sheep farm with panoramic views of the ice-filled fjords and the Greenland Ice Sheet. Along the way, we may spot white-tailed eagles, free-ranging sheep and Icelandic horses. The following day offers a hike along Bredefjord with spectacular views of drifting icebergs and untouched landscapes – or the opportunity to rent a kayak and explore the area from the water.

Day 6-7. Erik the Red's land and glacial ice
We hike across the ridge to Qassiarsuk, where Erik the Red settled in the year 985. Here we visit the ruins and reconstructions of Brattahlid before sailing on to Narsarsuaq. We spend two nights here and hike to the "Dead Glacier" through beautiful valleys, with the opportunity to get close to the characteristic blue glacial ice.

Day 8-10. Hiking and tranquillity in the historic landscape of Igaliku
We sail from Narsarsuaq across the moraine, among icebergs from Qooroq Fjord to Itilleq. From here we

hike to Igaliku while our luggage is transported by vehicle, and we settle into the cosy village hotel. In Igaliku – the former episcopal seat – we spend three nights surrounded by magnificent nature and historic surroundings.

The area is ideal for hiking, offering experiences such as the iconic Burfjeld mountain, crystal-clear lakes, deep fjords and rushing waterfalls. Along the way, you often encounter sheep farms and old stone structures that bear witness to the area's long history. Take time to enjoy the silence, the views and especially the sunset over the fjord – an unforgettable experience in the South Greenland landscape.

Day 11. Art and culture in Qaqortoq
After breakfast, we sail back to Qaqortoq, the largest town in South Greenland and the place where our journey began. The town offers colourful buildings, charming streets and a unique blend of culture and history. You can explore the town at your own pace, visit the local museum, enjoy artworks and sculptures throughout the streets, or simply stroll along the harbour and soak up the atmosphere.

Day 12. Departure from Greenland
We say goodbye to Greenland and fly from Qaqortoq back to Denmark – filled with impressions from magnificent nature, culture and hiking experiences.

See the detailed itinerary here

Not included

- Pocket money and expenses for drinks
- Expenses for meals not included (calculate approx. DKK 50-80 per meal that can be prepared yourself)
- Entrance fees to museums and similar attractions
- Travel insurance and possible cancellation insurance
- Possible rental of fishing rods etc.

Important information for this trip

The maximum number of participants on the trip: 11 people.

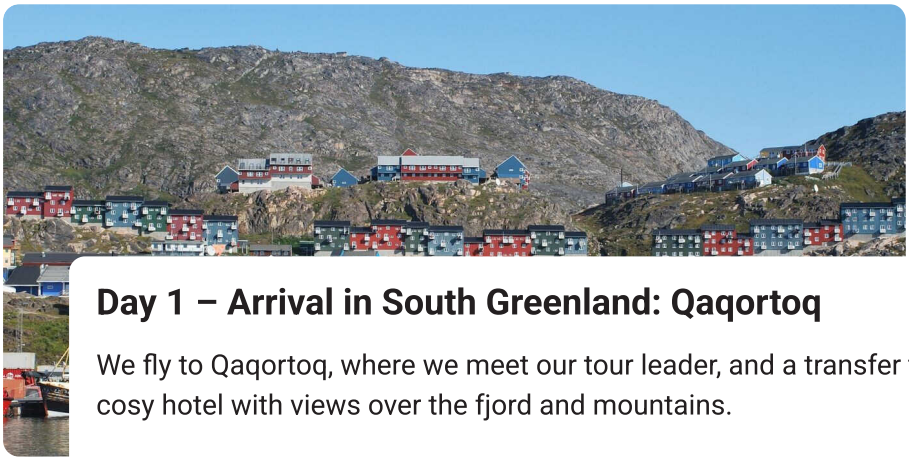
Read more under the Practical info tab about, among other things:

- The difficulty level of the trip
- South Greenland
- Igaliku and the Narsaq Peninsula
- Safety guarantee when travelling to Greenland

Map


Qassiarsuk
Narsarsuaq Glacier
Innarsuaq
Narsarsuaq
Tasiusaq
Sillisit
Narsaarsuk
Igaliku
Waterfall
Narsaq
Qaqortoq
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Itinerary



Day 1 – Arrival in South Greenland: Qaqortoq

We fly to Qaqortoq, where we meet our tour leader, and a transfer takes us to the town's cosy hotel with views over the fjord and mountains.

Qaqortoq, meaning "The White One", is the largest town in South Greenland with around 3,500 inhabitants and an important educational centre with a high school, business college and folk high school.

The town is known for its colourful houses and vibrant art scene, including the Stone and Man project, where artists such as Aka Høegh have created sculptures carved directly into the rocks, turning the town into an open-air sculpture park.

In the evening, we gather for a delicious welcome dinner, where we can enjoy the South Greenland atmosphere and look forward to the experiences awaiting us in the coming days.

Included meals: – / – / Dinner

Day 2. Town experiences and fjord landscapes in Narsaq

We sail to Narsaq, a charming and colourful town beautifully situated between fjords and ice-filled waters. The town's colourful houses are scattered between two fjords, with the ice-filled Narsaq Sound just outside, and the surroundings offer spectacular views of both icebergs and the distinctive Narsaq Mountain. The town invites visitors to both hiking and cultural experiences and is undoubtedly one of the most beautifully located towns in South Greenland.

Today's hike takes us along the idyllic bay of Narsap Ilua, beautifully decorated with icebergs. We follow the shoreline and enjoy the magnificent views over Narsaq Sound and Sermilik Fjord, whose clear, ice-filled waters stretch from the Greenland Ice Sheet out towards the sea.

Near the fjord, where the steep Narsaq Mountain rises from the sea, we can experience the impressive colours and formations of the icebergs up close while listening to the cracking and booming sounds of the ice. We enjoy our lunch at Dyrnæs, where we can see traces from the Norse era – ruins, stone walls and a small spring with fresh drinking water.

If desired, it is possible to skip today's hike and instead spend the time exploring the town's sights.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / –



Day 3. Hiking to Sillisit

Today's journey takes us across Erik's Fjord, where we sail through the spectacular landscape of South Greenland, surrounded by steep mountains, green slopes and drifting icebergs reflecting in the clear water. Along the way, the landscape opens up to views of small settlements, mountain peaks and the distinctive Arctic light that makes the journey an experience in itself.

We go ashore at Sillisit and settle in with the local sheep farmer at the small settlement by the fjord. From here, we set out on today's hike. The route takes us through open mountain terrain, green valleys and past small lakes, with wide views of the fjord and surrounding mountains. Along the way, we experience the distinctive tranquillity of South Greenland, broken only by the sound of the wind and running meltwater.

After a beautiful day in the mountains, we return to the peaceful sheep farm, where there is time to enjoy the surroundings and the special sense of calm that characterises this small settlement by the fjord. Relax by the water, listen to the waves and watch the changing colours of the icebergs and the light over Burfjeld.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



Day 4. Culture and nature around the fjords of Sermilik

We hike through Erik the Red's land, a magnificent landscape of small mountain lakes, green valleys and wide views of ice-filled fjords. Along the way, we have good chances of spotting white-tailed eagles, which are numerous in the area, as well as free-ranging sheep and Icelandic horses grazing in the mountains when they are not being used for sheep gathering or by local children.

After a long and beautiful hike, we reach scenic Tasiusaq, where we stay overnight at an idyllic sheep farm with panoramic views of mountains, ice-filled fjords and the Greenland Ice Sheet. Here, you can enjoy short walks near the fjords or visit a nearby viewpoint before relaxing in the peaceful surroundings. We spend two nights here, giving us time to experience the nature and sense the presence of history in this unique South Greenland landscape.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

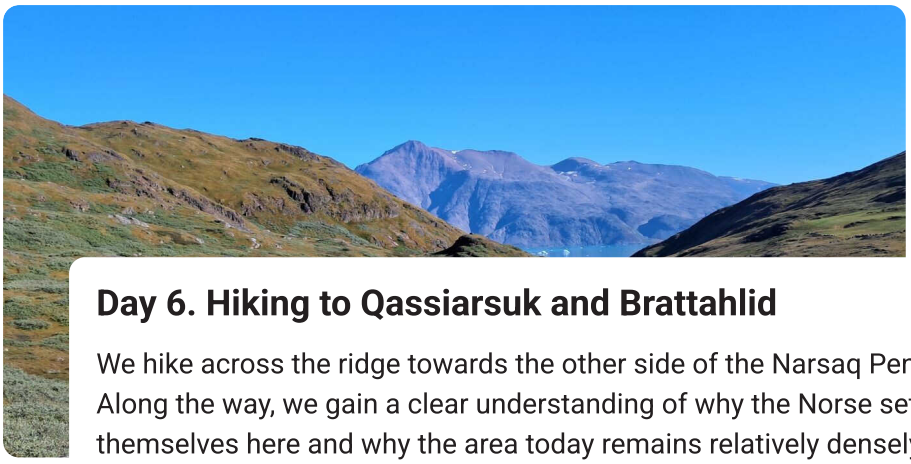
Day 5. Hiking with views of icebergs and the Ice Sheet

Tasiusaq is beautifully situated by Bredefjord, which is often filled with ice from the large glaciers further inside the fjord. The significant tidal changes create a fascinating spectacle as the icebergs drift in and out through the narrow strait.

We hike to the Innarsuaq Peninsula, where we are rewarded with impressive views over Bredefjord, the ice-filled waters and the wilderness stretching towards the Greenland Ice Sheet. The route along the fjord offers beautiful scenery, and if we are lucky, we may experience an iceberg tipping over. Along the way, we enjoy packed lunches and coffee from our thermos. The hike returns along the same route, allowing the individual needs of the group to be accommodated.

The day can also be spent renting kayaks and exploring the fjord from the water, or hiking and discovering the area's varied nature. Alternatively, you can stay at the sheep farm and simply enjoy the silence, the changing colours of the fjord and the slowly drifting icebergs.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



Day 6. Hiking to Qassiarsuk and Brattahlid

We hike across the ridge towards the other side of the Narsaq Peninsula to Qassiarsuk. Along the way, we gain a clear understanding of why the Norse settlers chose to establish themselves here and why the area today remains relatively densely populated with sheep farms. The landscape is lush, with beautiful shades of green, yellow and white, while free-ranging sheep and Icelandic horses complete the idyllic scenery.

Upon arrival, we have the opportunity to walk around the settlement and experience the unique, relaxed atmosphere of a Greenlandic village. Qassiarsuk is known as the place where Erik the Red settled in the year 985. Here, we visit the ruins of his settlement, Brattahlid, and see the reconstructed buildings – the longhouse and the church – which were rebuilt in 2000, allowing us to experience them up close.

After the visit, we sail across the fjord to Narsarsuaq, where we check in at the hostel for the next two nights.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Day 7. Hike to "Den Døde Bræ"

From Narsarsuaq, we hike through Hospital Valley and Flower Valley, both of which were carved out by "Den Døde Bræ/The dead glacier" – the glacier we reach further into the valley.

The route follows the Narsarsuaq River, which originates at the glacier. For those who wish, there is an opportunity to get very close to the glacier and experience the enormous forces that have shaped the landscape over millions of years.
Here, we can also see the characteristic blue ice that originates from the lowest layers of the Greenland Ice Sheet. Under the immense pressure, the air has been compressed out, leaving only the clear, bright blue ice visible.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



Dag 8. Sejlads og vandring til Igaliku

Vi sejler til Narsarsuaq over den undersøiske moræneryg, hvor isfjelde fra Qooroq-fjorden ligger strandet på deres vej mod havet. Undervejs kommer vi tæt på de imponerende isbjerge, der glitrer i smukke blå, hvide og turkise nuancer.

Fra stranden ved Itilleq vandrer vi videre til Igaliku, mens bagagen transporteres særskilt. Afhængigt af vejret vælger vi enten Kongevejen eller en alternativ rute over den store sø midt på landtangen. Stykket mod fjorden er frodigt og rigt på blomster, herunder orkidéer, som pryder landskabet undervejs.

Fremme indkvarteres vi på det hyggelige bygdehotel i Igaliku – det gamle bispesæde. Her tilbringer vi tre nætter omgivet af storslået natur og historiske omgivelser. Den lille bygd er kendt for sin fredelige atmosfære og betagende landskaber, der indbyder til ro og fordybelse.

Læs mere om Igaliku Bygdehotel her.

Inkluderede måltider: Morgenmad / Frokost / Aftensmad

Dag 9. Vandring ved foden af Burfjeld

Området omkring Igaliku byder på smukke vandremuligheder. Vi tilbringer dagen med en tur over et flot plateau til Narsaarsuk, "Den Lille Slette", hvor vi nyder frokosten med udsigt til en kælvende isbræ og de mange isfjelde i fjorden foran os. Fjorden fyldes af isbjerge fra Qooroq-gletsjeren, en arm af indlandsisen, der producerer op mod 200.000 tons is dagligt.

Ved foden af Burfjeld (1.752 m), hvor nordboerne havde en udkigspost, har vi gode chancer for at finde fluorescerende månesten og andre smykkesten.

Fra Igaliku følger vi den brusende flod op til en smukt beliggende sø, hvor de friske kan tage en dukkert i det kølige vand. Herfra stiger vi op gennem fantastisk terræn til plateauet, hvor to smukke søer venter.

Tilbagevendingen foregår enten ad samme rute eller via en alternativ vej gennem fjeldet, afhængig af vejret og gruppens dagsform.

Inkluderede måltider: Morgenmad / Frokost / Aftensmad



Dag 10. Vandring til vandfald ved Igaliku

Vi vandrer opad gennem det grønne landskab syd for Igaliku, over flade strækninger og små terrasser, der skal forceres, mens vi nærmer os Nuuluks stejle vestskråning.

Vi følger elven ned mod fjorden, hvor den danner flere smukke vandfald. Dalen er frodig og rig på varieret vegetation, samtidig med at vi nyder en storslået udsigt over Tunulliarfik-fjorden med spredte isfjelde fra Qooroq-gletsjeren.

På tilbagevejen skråer vi ind over landskabet og møder Kongevejen ved passet, inden vi returnerer til Igaliku.

Inkluderede måltider: Morgenmad / Frokost / Aftensmad

Dag 11. Kunst og kultur i Qaqortoq

Efter morgenmaden sejler vi tilbage til Qaqortoq og afslutter vores rejse i Sydgrønlands største by. Dagen står i byens kunst og kulturens tegn, hvor du kan opleve den særlige grønlandske atmosfære og nyde de smukke omgivelser.

Byen byder på charmerende, farverige huse, hyggelige gader og et levende kunstmiljø. Rundt i byen kan du opleve skulpturer fra kunstprojektet *Sten og Menneske*, hvor værker indhugget i klipperne skaber en unik kombination af natur og kunst. Du kan også besøge Qaqortoq Museum, som fortæller historien om byen og Sydgrønlands kulturarv.

Har du lyst til at slappe af, kan du spadsere langs havnen, nyde udsigten over fjordene eller tage en kop kaffe på en af byens caféer, mens du oplever den rolige grønlandske bystemning. Dagen giver rig mulighed for at reflektere over rejsens naturoplevelser og kulturmøder.

Inkluderede måltider: Morgenmad / – / –

Dag 12. Hjemrejse fra Grønland

Tiden er inde til at sige farvel til Grønland. Vi tager afsked med det storslåede landskab, de isfyldte fjorde og de varme møder med lokalbefolkningen. Fra Qaqortoq flyver vi tilbage mod Danmark – fulde af indtryk fra den storslåede natur, den rige kultur og de mange vandreoplevelser, der har gjort rejsen uforglemmelig.

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