Early Summer and Midnight Sun in Disko Bay





8-day journey through the wild Arctic wilderness, with hiking, culture, sailing among the giant icebergs at the mouth of the Icefjord in the glow of the midnight sun, and opportunities to spot the first whales.

Duration: 8 days	Price from: DKK 23 970	Difficulty: 2

Spring and summer in Greenland bring bright days and relatively mild temperatures when the sun comes out. The usual rhythm of day and night quickly fades away, as activities take place regardless of the time of day in almost constant daylight. Most people only head to bed when they feel they have had their fill of impressions – perhaps from breaching whales, the silence or the low sun shining on the giant icebergs.

At this time of year, the snow is beginning to melt and a “new” Greenland emerges. The mosquitoes have not arrived yet, at least not in large numbers, and in the middle of the day you can find shelter from the slightly cool breeze and enjoy the sunshine. Disko Bay is at its best and welcomes you with great experiences.

We begin our journey in Ilulissat with a guided town tour, offering a great introduction to Greenland, its history and culture.

From here, we continue by boat to Qasigiannguit – a Greenlandic town often overlooked by tourists. Here, you will enjoy two rewarding day hikes, with the opportunity for a dip in the sea on one of them. Whales can be spotted in the waters around Qasigiannguit – even from the hotel terrace. So, if you spot a whale – a blow, a back or a tail fin – ring the whale bell!

In Qasigiannguit, you will also gain an insight into the culture and history of Disko Bay through stories about sled dogs and musk oxen, as well as a visit to the town museum.

From Qasigiannguit, we continue to Disko Island and the former whaling town of Qeqertarsuaq. Wherever you are in town, you have views of either the sea, the mountains or the harbour – perhaps all three at once.

On Disko Island, we hike along the coast to the beautiful Kuannit area, weather permitting. Here, the Greenlandic angelica plant thrives around warm springs, while symmetrical basalt columns create striking sculptural rock formations. In Qeqertarsuaq, we will also sample one of the island's specialities: impressive snow crabs!

The final stop on our journey is once again Ilulissat. The boats around the Icefjord either carry the season's first visitors, admiring the magnificent ice giants, or fishermen bringing up cod and Greenland halibut from the nutrient-rich waters. Of course, we will hike out to the impressive Kangia Icefjord, which plays an important role in the lives of both locals and visitors.

You can admire the icebergs both on foot and from the water, explore Ilulissat and, not least, enjoy a delicious farewell dinner featuring local specialities.

Key facts



- 8-day trip
- 4 days of hiking
- Difficulty level - Grade 2
- Max. 12 participants
- Base camp trip with 3 locations
- Departure from Copenhagen

Hightlights

- Hiking through Greenland's **magnificent Arctic wilderness** in the clear light of early summer
- The sight, smell and sound of ice on **a magical boat trip** among mighty icebergs
- Opportunities to spot **humpback, minke and fin whales** up close
- Authentic encounters with **everyday life** in three very different Greenlandic towns
- Insightful stories from local guides about **nature, culture and history**
- A taste of Greenland: ingredients and delicacies from **the Arctic larder**
- A visit to Greenland's oldest preserved wooden building, which houses **the local museum** in Qasigiannguit

Included

- Group trip with local destination guides and guided hikes
- Return flights from Copenhagen to Greenland
- Domestic flight
- All boat trips included in the journey
- Luggage transfers (Disko Island and Qasigiannguit)
- Transfers in Ilulissat (airport, hotel and harbour)
- Admission to the Qasigiannguit Museum
- All accommodation (see separate section on accommodation)
- Meals as described in the daily programme, excluding drinks
- Welcome and farewell dinner in Ilulissat, excluding drinks
- Crab feast in Qeqertarsuaq, excluding drinks
- Contribution to the Danish Travel Guarantee Fund

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Program

Day 1: Arrival in Ilulissat – Welcome and guided town tour
Flight from Copenhagen via Nuuk to Ilulissat. After checking in, we gather for a short introduction to the journey before heading out on an exciting guided town tour. In the evening, we meet for a welcoming dinner, where we enjoy a delicious meal and look forward to the great experiences ahead.

Day 2: Sailing to Qasigiannguit – Town walk and hiking in historic surroundings
We sail through iceberg-filled waters to the charming town of Qasigiannguit and check in at Hotel Disko Bay. After a short introduction, our guide takes us on an interesting town walk and museum visit. In the afternoon, a scenic hike to the atmospheric Strømsted awaits.

Day 3: Hike to Paradis Bay – Sled dogs and traces of history
We hike with a guide to the breathtaking Paradis Bay, where you can take a dip in the clear water. Along the way, we hear about the Greenlandic sled dog and pass Bryghus Bay, where the town was originally founded.

Day 4: Sailing to Disko Island – Town tour and crab feast
We sail from Qasigiannguit to the idyllic Disko Island and the town of Qeqertarsuaq. After checking in, we head out on an exciting town tour and round off the day with a delicious dinner featuring the famous, enormous snow crabs caught around the island.

Day 5: Hiking on Disko Island – Kuannit
We set out on a guided hike along the coast towards Kuannit, enjoying views of impressive basalt mountains, sculptural basalt columns and the deep blue sea filled with icebergs. The day can end with a visit to Kuannit Art, a local art shop.

Day 6: Hiking along the Icefjord to the settlement of Sermermiut
We sail from Qeqertarsuaq back to Ilulissat and check in once again at the lovely Hotel Icefiord. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish – perhaps visiting a museum, taking an extra walk along the Icefjord or doing some last-minute shopping.

Day 7: Ilulissat at your own pace – Farewell dinner
Today's hike takes us past the old settlement of Sermermiut and onwards to Kællingekløften, offering

spectacular views of the Kangia Icefjord. Along the way, we pass the beautiful Ilulissat Icefjord Centre, where you can explore the fascinating exhibition independently and enjoy the views from the rooftop terrace. We round off the journey with a cosy farewell dinner at the hotel.

Day 8: Journey home – Farewell to Greenland
After an unforgettable week in Disko Bay filled with hiking, gastronomy, nature and insightful stories about Greenlandic culture, it is time to say goodbye and fly back to Copenhagen.

Please note that the programme is weather-dependent and therefore subject to change. The local destination guide may consequently choose to rearrange activities or introduce alternative plans.

See the detailed itinerary here

Not included

- Spending money and drinks
- Costs of meals not included in the programme, estimated at DKK 250–400 per meal
- Admission to museums in Qeqertarsuaq and Ilulissat that are not included in the price
- Travel and cancellation insurance, if applicable
- Single-room supplement: DKK 3,500
- Upgrade to a Deluxe Explorer room at Hotel Icefiord: DKK 900 per person when sharing a double room
- Access to the Ilulissat Icefjord UNESCO World Heritage Site, which can be purchased online here (required from 1 June only)

Important information for this trip

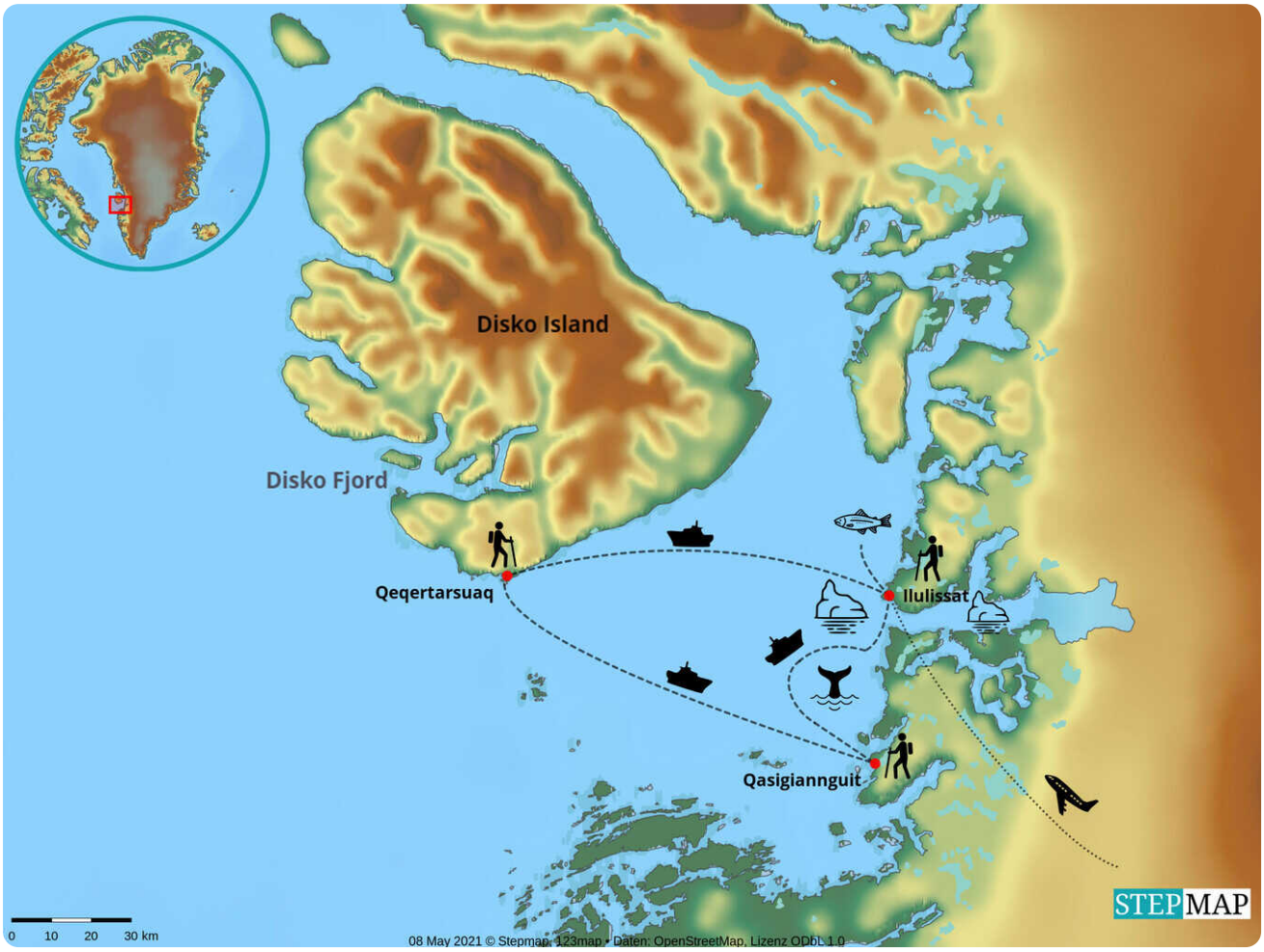
Maximum number of participants on the trip: 12 people.

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

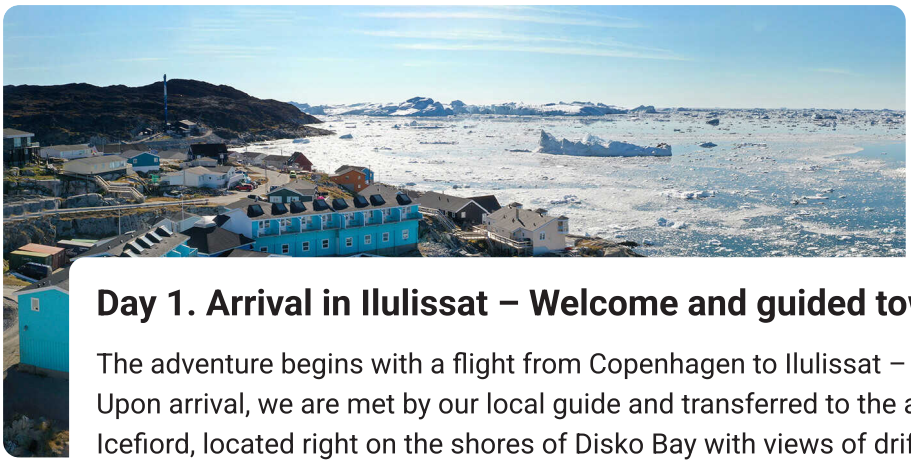
Read more under the tab Practical info about:

- The difficulty level of the trip
- Travelling with local destination guides
- The hotels in Disko Bay
- Safety guarantee when travelling to Greenland

Map



Itinerary

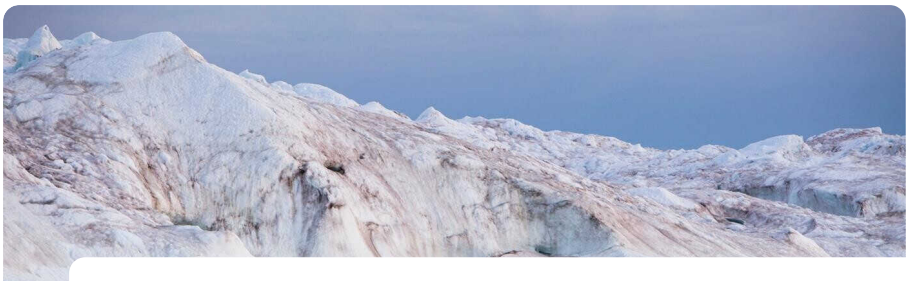


Day 1. Arrival in Ilulissat – Welcome and guided town tour

The adventure begins with a flight from Copenhagen to Ilulissat – the capital of icebergs. Upon arrival, we are met by our local guide and transferred to the atmospheric Hotel Icefiord, located right on the shores of Disko Bay with views of drifting icebergs.

After checking in, we gather for a short introduction to the journey before setting out to explore Ilulissat on a guided town tour. Along the way, we experience both historic sites and the vibrant everyday life of the town, where fishing for Greenland halibut and shrimp brings the harbour to life. Our guide shares stories of the town's proud polar history and points out small shops selling local handicrafts, as well as interesting museums that are well worth a later visit. We follow in the footsteps of polar explorers such as Knud Rasmussen and Jørgen Brønlund and get our first taste of Greenlandic culture and atmosphere.

Included meals: – / – / Dinner



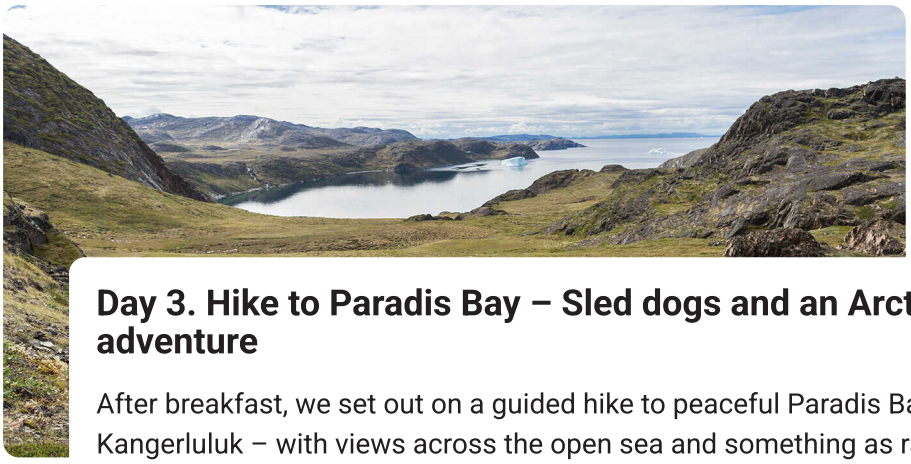
Day 2. Sailing to Qasigiannguit – Town walk and hiking in the Arctic landscape

We leave Ilulissat and sail through a magical landscape of ice towards the charming town of Qasigiannguit, beautifully situated in the southeastern corner of Disko Bay.

Highlights

- From the harbour, we are already surrounded by icebergs – white, blue and grey, in all shapes and sizes. No two are alike, and the sight of these majestic masses of ice is an experience in itself.
- Upon arrival, we are met by our local guide. While our luggage is transported, we walk the short distance to Hotel Disko Bay, beautifully situated overlooking the bay.
- After checking in, we begin with a town walk, experiencing the Arctic atmosphere and visiting the local museum housed in Greenland's oldest wooden building. Here, we see, among other things, a unique archaeological collection from the Saqqaq culture.
- In the afternoon, we follow the yellow hiking trail north towards peaceful Strømsted (Eqalunnguit), where Lake Tasersuaq flows into Laksebugten. The route is gently undulating and takes us through a classic Arctic landscape of mountains, low tundra vegetation and quiet lakeshores.
- At Strømsted, we take a break and enjoy the peace and views across the fjord.

Todays hike: Approx. 12 km (approx. 5 hours)
Elevation: Approx. +250 meters (up) (down)
Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / –



Day 3. Hike to Paradis Bay – Sled dogs and an Arctic bathing adventure

After breakfast, we set out on a guided hike to peaceful Paradis Bay – known locally as Kangerluluk – with views across the open sea and something as rare in Greenland as a sandy beach.

Highlights

- Along the way, we pass the town's dog yard and gain a fascinating insight into the importance of the Greenlandic sled dog. This powerful, purebred dog – closely related to the wolf – has been an indispensable part of life north of the Arctic Circle for generations. Our guide tells us about the dogs' role and the special bond between humans and animals in the Arctic.
- We continue through low, damp tundra vegetation and pass Bryghus Bay, where the town was originally founded.
- The trail continues up to a small pass, where the view of Paradis Bay opens up before us – dramatic, magnificent and peaceful all at once.
- Here, we take time to enjoy the silence, and for the brave, there is the chance to take a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear Arctic waters before hiking back to town.

Todays hike: Approx. 8 km (approx. 4 hours)
Elevation: Approx. +200 meters (up) and -200 meters (down)
Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / –



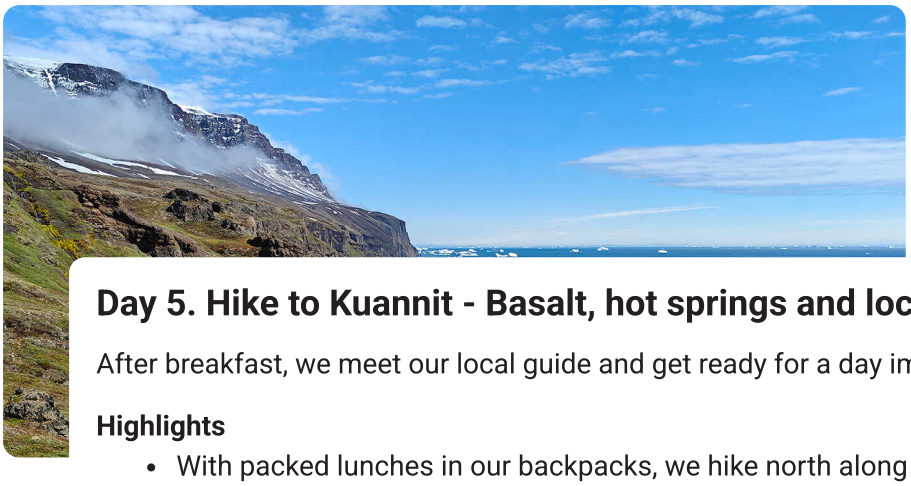
Day 4. Sailing to Disko Island - Local life and a crab feast in Qeqertarsuaq

We set sail from Qasigiannguit towards legendary Disko Island – Greenland's largest island and a true wilderness paradise of basalt mountains, valleys and ice caps. On the island's southern coast lies Qeqertarsuaq, a charming town of around 900 inhabitants, where life is lived in close contact with the forces of nature.

Highlights

- Upon arrival, we dock at the historic Kongebroen and are welcomed by a local guide.
- Our luggage is taken to the hotel while we walk the short distance through town and take in our first impressions.
- After checking in, our town tour gives us an insight into the island's history and modern everyday life in one of Greenland's most isolated communities.
- In the evening, a special culinary experience awaits – an authentic crab feast featuring the large Greenlandic snow crab, caught in the waters around the island.
- The succulent crab claws are served with homemade bread and flavourful angelica mayonnaise. A taste of Disko that you will remember for a long time.

Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



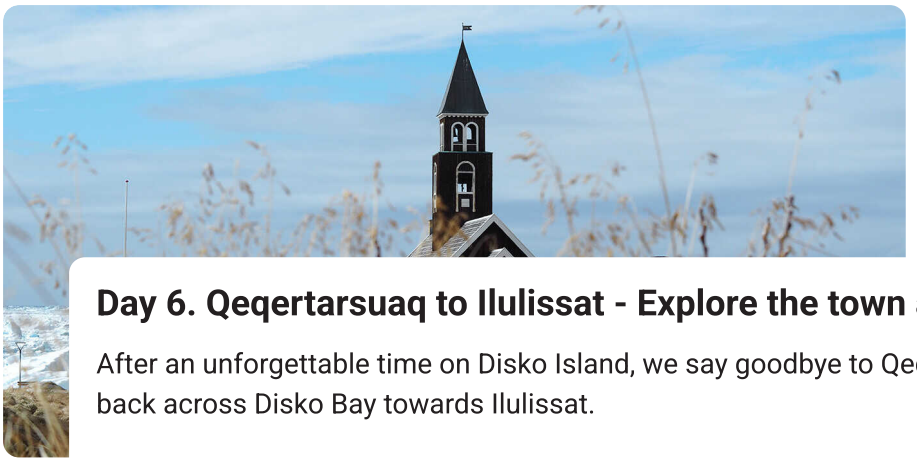
Day 5. Hike to Kuannit - Basalt, hot springs and local handicrafts

After breakfast, we meet our local guide and get ready for a day immersed in nature.

Highlights

- With packed lunches in our backpacks, we hike north along the coast of Disko Island towards Kuannit – an area known for its impressive columnar basalt formations and lush warm springs.
- The hike begins on the outskirts of town, where we pass the historic Arctic Station, Greenland's oldest research station, which is now operated by the University of Copenhagen.
- Here, we take a closer look at one of the island's natural hot springs, surrounded by green vegetation and bright moss – an unusual sight in the Arctic.
- The trail is easy and follows the coastline, with steep basalt mountains on one side and the blue, iceberg-filled waters of Disko Bay on the other.
- The landscape around Kuannit is dramatic and beautiful. The edible angelica plant grows abundantly here in summer, while the distinctive basalt columns bear witness to the island's volcanic past.
- We end the day with a visit to a local craftsperson – if she is at home – and have the opportunity to explore her beautiful shop and creative workshop, filled with art inspired by life and nature on Disko Island.

Todays hike: Approx. 10.5 km (approx. 5 hours)
Elevation: Approx. +280 meters (up) and -280 meters (down)
Included meals: Breakfast / Lunch / –



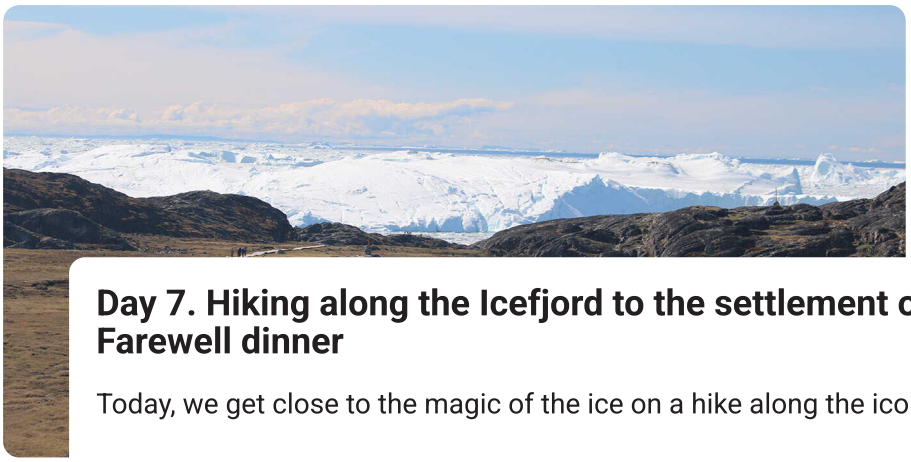
Day 6. Qeqertarsuaq to Ilulissat - Explore the town at your own pace

After an unforgettable time on Disko Island, we say goodbye to Qeqertarsuaq and sail back across Disko Bay towards Ilulissat.

Highlights

- Along the way, you can enjoy the fresh sea air and views of the breathtaking landscape, with icebergs of all shapes and shades drifting past – a final glimpse of the Arctic grandeur that has characterised the journey.
- Upon arrival in Ilulissat, we check in once again at the lovely Hotel Icefiord, where you can relax and enjoy the familiar comfort overlooking the Icefjord.
- The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. Perhaps you would like to revisit the charming streets of the town, visit one of the museums you did not get to see the first time, or take a peaceful walk along the Icefjord and take in your final impressions.
- You can also spend the afternoon picking up some final souvenirs – jewellery, handicrafts or local delicacies to remind you of the journey.

Included meals: Breakfast / – / –



Day 7. Hiking along the Icefjord to the settlement of Sermermiut - Farewell dinner

Today, we get close to the magic of the ice on a hike along the iconic Icefjord.

Highlights

- With our local guide, we cross the town, passing the former heliport and dog yard before reaching the beautiful Ilulissat Icefjord Centre – Dorte Mandrup's architectural gem, which blends naturally into the landscape.
- After the hike, you can explore exhibitions about the significance of the ice, Ilulissat's nature and culture, as well as the profound changes brought about by climate change. You can also enjoy the views from the rooftop terrace.
- The hike continues to the old settlement of Sermermiut, where people have lived for up to 5,000 years. Nature has now reclaimed the area, but traces of the past are still clearly visible.
- We continue to Nakkaavik – Kællingekløften – and enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the Kangia Icefjord, where icebergs and chunks of ice move in a constant, crackling dance.
- We then follow the trail along the coast and over low mountains to Seqinniarfik (Holms Bakke), where we enjoy our packed lunch overlooking the mountains.
- After the hike, you can either walk directly back to town or follow the yellow-marked trail along the Icefjord back to the hotel (approx. 4 km).
- In the evening, we gather for a cosy farewell dinner at Hotel Icefiord. Here, we enjoy a delicious meal in good company while watching the sun reflected in the icebergs outside and sharing memories from an unforgettable journey through Greenland's magnificent wilderness.

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

Day 8. Journey home - Farewell to Greenland

After an unforgettable week in the heart of Disko Bay, it is time to say goodbye to Greenland. We have hiked through magnificent landscapes, encountered whales and sled dogs, enjoyed Arctic cuisine and gained insight into life in the north.

From Ilulissat, we get one final glimpse of the Icefjord and the mighty icebergs glittering in the sunshine as we head south – home to Copenhagen with a suitcase full of memories and our hearts full of the Arctic.

Included meals: Breakfast / – / –



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