



Dream Trip in the Disko Bay

12-day Roundtrip to Nuuk, Disko Island, Ilulissat and Egi

12 days | 11 nights July to September
Departure from Copenhagen



Photo: Rino Rasmussen - Visit Greenland

This is our ever-popular round trip in the Disko Bay, where you will discover the most beautiful places are found everywhere. This trip gives you the feeling of being where no one has been before you. It will take you into the heart of small, quaint towns and settlements. Here, life is a mix of ancient traditions, such as hunting and fishing, and modern amenities creating a truly authentic Arctic lifestyle which is as peculiar as it is captivating.

Nuuk – an exciting Arctic capital

The trip starts in Nuuk, our exciting capital which lies in an enormous fjord system – actually the second largest in the world!

Disko Island - Hikers' Paradise

After this, we move on to two days on Disko Island, a hikers' paradise, where you stay in the old whaling town of Qeqertarsuaq, surrounded by steep basalt mountains and an abundance of plants and flowers.

Ilulissat – City of Icebergs

Our adventure continues in town of icebergs, Ilulissat, beautifully located at the shore of the Disko Bay and next to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ilulissat Ice Fjord.

Egi – Calving Glacier

We then move further north and spend a few days at one of North Greenland's gems, Glacier Lodge Egi, where you will stay with a view of the enormous calving glacier.

This comprehensive tour of discovery will introduce you to the diversity of Greenland both in terms of nature, wildlife and culture! Until the end of July, the Disko Bay is basking in the midnight sun, which can be experienced on evening cruises with icebergs as the ultimate backdrop. Along the way, our knowledgeable and friendly local guides will make sure you see everything the Disko Bay has to offer.

Highlights

- Explore Nuuk with its culture and beautiful surroundings
- Get close to icebergs and the UNESCO World Heritage site of Ilulissat Ice Fjord
- Spot the Arctic wildlife on land and at sea
- Feel the majestic silence only interrupted by the calving glacier
- Stay with an amazing view of a calving glacier
- Hike in the breathtaking scenery
- Experience authentic Arctic life in towns and villages

Included

- Flights Copenhagen-Nuuk b/w
- Flight Nuuk – Ilulissat b/w
- Transfers airport-hotel b/w in Greenland (only luggage transfer in Qeqertarsuaq)
- 2 nights at Hotel SØMA in Nuuk
- 5 nights at Hotel Arctic
- 2 nights at Hotel Disko
- 2 nights at Glacier Lodge Eqi in a Comfort Cabin with bedding
- Food and drinks on the Copenhagen – Nuuk – Copenhagen flights
- Breakfast
- Welcome dinner at Hotel Arctic, during your first stay at Hotel Arctic on Day 5 (excluding drinks)
- Full board at Glacier Lodge Eqi (drinks excluded)
- Sightseeing in Nuuk
- Boat trip to Disko Island (Qeqertarsuaq) from Ilulissat b/w
- Boat trip to Glacier Lodge Eqi b/w
- Hikes to the lagoon and the moraine (at Eqi)
- Information meetings in Nuuk, Ilulissat, and Qeqertarsuaq
- All flight/transportation taxes and fees known to Greenland Travel at the time of publishing
- 20 kilos of checked luggage and 8 kilos of hand luggage

Not included

- Travel insurance
- Meals other than those mentioned above
- Optional Excursions

Day 1: Copenhagen – Nuuk. Welcome Meeting and Sightseeing



Photo: Peter Lindstrøm - Visit Greenland

We fly from Copenhagen to Nuuk. Ahead of us is a 4,5-hour flight and an 12-day adventure.

Nuuk has only 19,500 inhabitants, but you'll experience a vibrant "big city" as it is a government city with many cultural and educational institutions. Nuuk is growing constantly and is now about 10 kilometers from end to end. You'll find concerts, theater, museums, and exhibitions. Sports are central to many, so you can go hiking, skiing, sailing, running, strength training, yoga, and even swimming.

After you check in and unpack in your room at Hotel SØMA, the guide will hold a welcome meeting and then it's time for sightseeing.

Sightseeing in Nuuk

The city tour, a unique part of your excursion package, includes a visit to the Greenland National Museum. Here, you'll have the privilege of seeing finds from all time periods and civilizations in Greenland. After about 30 minutes at the museum, we continue around the area called Kolonihavnen. This is where most of the original houses from the 17th and 18th centuries still stand. On the way we pass Hans Egede's house, the sculpture of the Mother of the Sea and the controversial statue of Hans Egede at the Greenland Cathedral.

We then head to 'Kalaaliaraq,' the traditional market where locally caught fish, seals, and reindeer are sold. Now, we head towards Greenland's government buildings and then the Greenland's Cultural Center Katuaq, where our tour ends. You're now as central as you can be, with great shopping opportunities. And many other exciting things to do.

Day 2: Fishing / Boat Tour



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Fish and Dish

Today, we depart from Nuuk on a boat trip to the lovely Qooqqut Nuan' Restaurant. However, this is no ordinary restaurant visit.

We sail through the vast fjord system behind Nuuk, the second-largest fjord system in the world. In the Qooqqut Fjord, we stop the engine and try to catch our lunch. Today, there will be no complaints that the fish is not fresh!

Qooqqut lies in a wonderful valley in the Qooqqut Fjord. The mountains surrounding the valley are up to 2,000 meters high. One of Nuuk's most respected chefs moves here in the summer and serves the most amazing dishes. For lunch, we get to eat our own freshly caught fish.

As something rather unique in Greenland, trees are scattered beautifully in the area behind the restaurant. Consider taking a small hike for a good photo opportunity while the chef is at work with your fish.

After lunch, we return to the boat and sail to Nuuk.

Day 3: Flight to and boat to Disko Island. Time to Explore Qeqertarsuaq



Photo: Reinhard Pantke - Visit Greenland

Today, the journey continues with a flight to Ilulissat. From there, we head down to the harbour and take a boat to Disko Island.

As you get closer to the island, you will see the majestic mountains, which rise a thousand meters from the surface of the ocean. At the top of the mountain, the giant glacier, Sermersuaq, is located, and it covers all of the west sides of Disko Island.

Qeqertarsuaq – both island and town

After arriving in the small town of Qeqertarsuaq, you will be accommodated at the local hotel. After arrival, there is an information meeting to give you an introduction to this rugged, yet stunning island.

Qeqertarsuaq is the main town of Disko Island which in Greenlandic is also called Qeqertarsuaq. With its various colored houses, it has a very idyllic setting with the harbor and the mountains on one side and the coast and sea on the other. It is not uncommon to spot whales when strolling along the coast.

Life in the town

There is time for a town walk. Along the way, you will encounter a lot of beautiful sights for your travel photography.

Due to its characteristic octagonal shape, the church in Qeqertarsuaq is called The Lord's Ink Pot, and it is worth a visit. The same goes for the museum, which is located in the former doctor's residence and the home of the North Greenland Governor, as it was called in a bygone era. A very special sight, which you only experience so spectacularly in Qeqertarsuaq, is soccer, played on a course that lies next to the water. It is an incredible sight to see the young people running around on a green field, while huge, white icebergs flow past just next to them.

Day 4: Hike to Kuannit with a View of Icebergs and Spectacular Basalt Columns



Photo: Aninngaaq R. Carlsen - Visit Greenland

After breakfast, you can enjoy a guided walk to Kuannit.

Hike to Kuannit

We hike from the hotel in town and pass the Red River at the bridge and continue along the coast. At Kuannit, we can see how the lava has sprung up millions of years ago and then, during rapid cooling, has contracted and cracked into spectacular lava sculptures in the shape of 6-sided basalt columns. The fauna at Kuannit is very lush with a variety of flowers and tasty Angelica plants. On the coastline, you will find a basalt stone shaped like an elephant drinking directly from the sea.

Day 5: By Boat from Disko Island to Ilulissat. Town Walk and Meet the Sled Dogs



Photo: Ellen Fjellanger Schmidt

Today, we continue by boat to Ilulissat. Upon arrival in Ilulissat, you will be picked up by Hotel Arctic's bus, and as you approach the hotel, you can enjoy the hotel's location at the edge of the town, overlooking the famous UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ilulissat Ice Fjord.

At the following information meeting, a guide from World of Greenland will tell you about the area and the many excursions available, you can literally explore on walking, sailing and flying! Before sitting down for welcome dinner at Hotel Arctic's splendid restaurant, take some time to relax on the hotel's balcony and dwell on the spectacular views of the Ice Fjord and the seemingly never-ending horizon.

Ilulissat – City of Icebergs

Ilulissat is a great mix of modern life and traditional Greenlandic living. Kayaks and dry fish are placed on racks side by side with the laundry, and thousands of sled dogs add character to the town, providing a unique atmosphere with their howls.

The beautiful UNESCO recognised Ice Fjord is the workplace of local fishermen and, at the same time, the biggest visitor attraction in Greenland. What makes the Ice Fjord so special are the huge icebergs that are stranded at the mouth of the fjord and, not least, the light that constantly changes the colors of the ice. The Ice Fjord became a part of UNESCO's World Heritage list in 2004 and it is truly an unforgettable and very impressive sight.

Cultural, historical guided tour

Ilulissat was founded in 1741 and, today, it is the third-largest town in Greenland with more than 4,500 inhabitants. The guide will tell you about the history of the town, the Greenlandic culture, and contemporary life almost 300 kilometers north of the Arctic Circle. We will visit the fishermen at the harbor and the hunters at their trading post "Brættet." We will also show you the church and the birthplace of the famous Polar explorer Knud Rasmussen.

Meet the Greenlandic Sled Dogs – A Living Arctic Tradition

Step into the world of Greenland's iconic sled dogs on this guided tour that brings you closer to one of the Arctic's most enduring symbols. Learn about their deep cultural roots, their role in traditional life, and how they continue to adapt in a changing world. Led by a knowledgeable guide, you'll hear stories and insights about how these resilient dogs have helped shape life in the Arctic, from transportation and hunting to their continued relevance in today's remote communities. You'll gain a meaningful understanding of the special bond between humans and sled dogs in Greenland.

To round off the day, you will have a lovely welcome dinner in the hotel's amazing restaurant.

Day 6: Ilulissat. Sailing Trip Among Icebergs and a Hike to an Abandoned Settlement by the Ice Fjord



Photo: Mads Pihl - Visit Greenland

Ilulissat is a lovely and very Greenlandic town with a modern atmosphere and a more traditional lifestyle. Hunting and fishing are paramount for survival, and fishing boats jostle for space with industrial trawlers. Sled dogs and houses in almost all colors adorn the rocky landscape.

Hiking trip to Sermermiut

Beautiful icebergs provide the setting for the former settlement of Sermermiut 1.5 kilometers south of Ilulissat. For 4,000 years, different Inuit cultures lived in the settlement and, today, you can still see the sparse ruins which indicate their presence. Hear about the life of the Inuit people and their traditions before the Europeans came to Greenland. See the ruins and touch the permafrost with your own hands.

On this hike, we will pass "Kællingekløften" where you can enjoy the magnificent view of the Ice Fjord, before heading back again. During the hike, there will be time to talk about flora, fauna, geology, and not least, amazing facts about the omnipresent ice.

Sailing among icebergs

The midnight sun makes the icebergs glow in a unique play of colors that people return to experience again and again. Midnight sun in Ilulissat lasts from May 21st to July 24th.

Sailing during the night with the sun still shining is a fantastic and unusual experience. Almost every visitor to Ilulissat chooses to go on this boat trip among the icebergs at least once. Every day, more than 40 million tons of ice flow out into the fjord. The floating icebergs are gigantic, sometimes more than 100 meters wide and long – and with a height of up to 100 meters above the water surface as well. These giants gather at the end of the fjord, providing you with a great opportunity to sail among them.

The icebergs are a wonderful sight in every kind of weather; in the sunshine, the contrasts are very clear. The blue shades are very beautiful when it is cloudy, and the midnight sun casts a unique glow on the icebergs during the night. Taking the boat trip on a bright night is an extraordinary experience.

Day 7: Ilulissat. Whale Safari. An Optional Helicopter Tour



Photo: Julie Skotte - Visit Greenland

Whale Safari

It is a great experience to get close to large animals like whales. There are 15 species of whale in Greenland. During the summer it is normally the humpback, the common minke whale and the fin whale, we see. The whales swim the entire Disko Bay during the summer; sometimes close to the town, sometimes in the ice fjord or up north by the island, Arveprinsens Ejland.

We are in constant radio contact with the fishermen and the hunters about the whales and their whereabouts. The humpback, with its characteristic fin, is the one we see most often. Today you also have the opportunity to try kayaking in the country that invented the kayaks.

Ilulissat Icefjord and Glacier seen from Above with Helicopter (extra purchase)

Ilulissat Ice Fjord and the Kangia Glacier are in focus on a 1½ hours helicopter ride that takes you right into the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. No boat or hiking trail can get this close to the huge glacier – and you will see it all from above!

The helicopter takes off from Ilulissat Airport and flies as low as safety and laws allow over mountains, lakes, rivers, and the Icefjord until we reach a mountain at the ice sheet's edge. Here we have about half an hour to enjoy the view. Then, we fly over the glacier front and follow the Icefjord for 70 kilometres on our way back.

Day 8: By Boat to the Eqi Glacier and Accommodation at Glacier Lodge Eqi



Photo: Mads Pihl - Visit Greenland

Early in the morning, we will travel north by boat to the fascinating Eqi Glacier, one of Greenland's unique natural wonders.

Only a few places in Greenland are as beautiful as the Eqi Glacier, which lies in the fjord 80 kilometers north of Ilulissat. It is possible to get very close to the glacier by boat and experience huge pieces of ice breaking off. The sounds are thunderous, and the sight of ice crashing into the water is astonishing. After a good lunch in front of the Eqi Glacier, the boat anchors at Glacier Lodge Eqi, where you will stay in cabins facing the glacier.

The untamed nature is just outside the door and from the terrace you can take in the overwhelming silence, which is only broken by the crashing sound from ice calving. The cabins at Glacier Lodge Eqi are cozy and offer great views. If you haven't already sensed the calm, it will come to you right here. Only the natural roar of the glacier, when it calves, breaks the silence.

Day 9: Spend the day at Glacier Lodge Egi with Stunning Views, or take an Optional Hike to the Ice Sheet

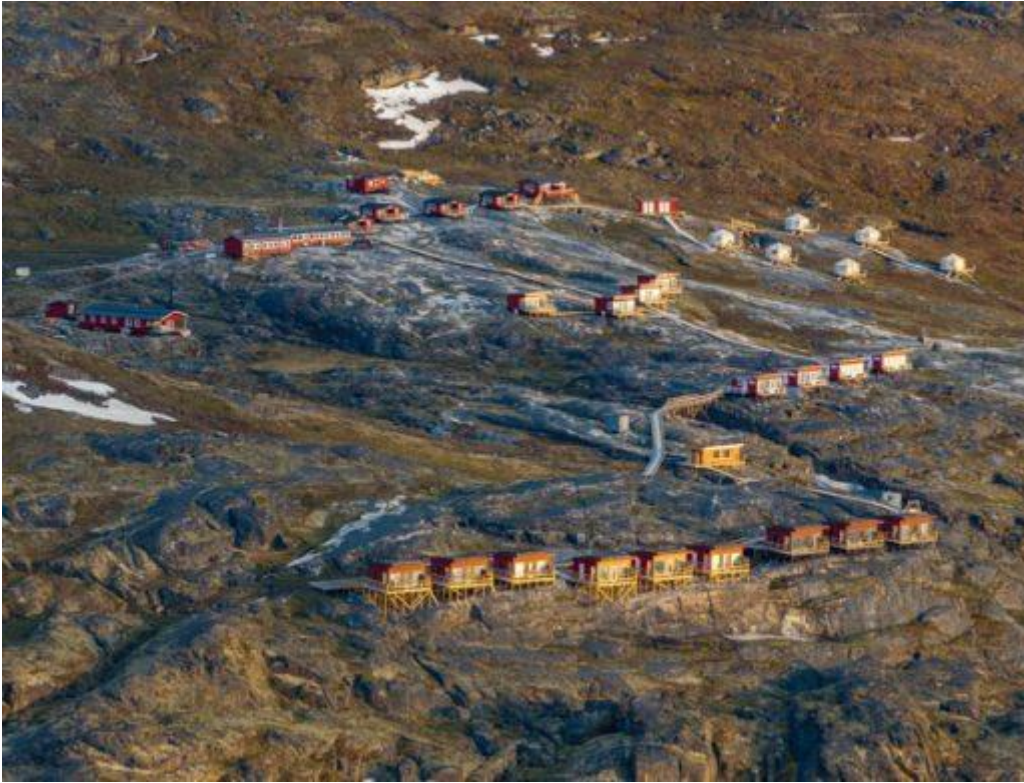


Photo: Jürgen Merz

Wake up to the silence and light of the wilderness – broken only by the distant rumble of the calving glacier. After breakfast in the café, where panoramic windows offer sweeping views of the fjord, the day is yours to enjoy this unique and remote location. From here, you have two very different ways to experience Egi – and the choice is entirely yours.

Stay at the lodge and embrace the peace

If you're seeking quiet and presence, you're welcome to stay in camp and let the landscape speak to you in its own rhythm. Settle in on the terrace and breathe in the fresh air from the fjord. Perhaps you'll photograph the many shades of blue in the ice, read a good book with the glacier as your backdrop, or simply enjoy a coffee in the café, where the large windows let you follow the glacier's activity – even from the comfort of indoors.

There is no internet at Glacier Lodge Egi – and that's a gift. You'll quickly notice how your body and mind begin to relax.

Hike to the Ice Sheet (extra purchase)

If you're in the mood for an adventure and want to get close to Greenland's raw nature, you can join World of Greenland's guide on a hike to the edge of the Greenland Ice Sheet, following in the footsteps of Paul-Émile Victor. The route leads through varied terrain with meltwater lakes, rocky ground, and breathtaking views. Along the way, your guide will share insights into the forces of nature, climate change, and the geology of the area. It's a physically demanding hike, but the reward is immense: standing face to face with the Ice Sheet and feeling its vast presence is truly unforgettable.

The hike is challenging, but it does not require any special skills in ice trekking or climbing. It is not technically difficult, but we cover about 25 kilometers and ascend around 1,000 meters in altitude. Therefore, good physical fitness is essential.

Evening in the wilderness

No matter how you choose to spend the day, we'll gather again in the café for dinner, where the kitchen serves warm dishes made from local Greenlandic ingredients. You might witness the sun painting the sky gold behind icebergs and mountains – or hear another deep rumble from the glacier, reminding you of just how close to nature you really are.

Then it's time for your final night at Glacier Lodge Egi.

**Day 10: Hiking to the Moraine and Afternoon boat trip to Ilulissat.
Accommodation at Hotel Arctic.**



Photo: Mads Pihl - Visit Greenland

You will wake up to a fantastic glacier view yet again. You have the morning to explore the area a little more. The area has abundant wildlife and geology. Polar foxes, hares, grouse, and sea eagles are often seen on land while seals swim near the camp. When you are on your own in the wild and desolate landscape, you will undoubtedly get a sense of walking in the footsteps of famous Arctic explorers!

Hike to the Moraine of Eqi Glacier

From the cabins, we hike around the small lagoon at the southern end of the glacier. There are often large flocks of geese in the lagoon in the breeding season. The trip goes further up the moraine, where we can look down into the enormous cracks in the glacier a few meters away from us. From here, we will also get an overview of the glacier-front, and we will see hopefully see some impressive calvings from the glacier.

After lunch, the boat will take you back to Ilulissat, where you will arrive in the early evening. Once again, you will check into Hotel Arctic.

Day 11: Ilulissat on your Own or Optional Kayak Tour in Oqaatsut



Photo: Mads Pihl - Visit Greenland

The day is planned for activities on your own or experiences on the water.

Oqaatsut and Kayak Tour (extra purchase)

Join us on an exciting excursion to the small settlement of Oqaatsut, where we combine sailing among icebergs, a kayaking adventure in stunning surroundings, and a delightful lunch at the historic Restaurant H8.

The tour begins in Ilulissat, where you will meet our experienced kayaking instructor. You will receive a thorough safety briefing and an introduction to the equipment. Dressed in high-quality Kokatat drysuits, we are ready to paddle safely and comfortably.

From here, we set off by boat towards Oqaatsut. Along the way, we pass the magnificent icebergs of Disko Bay drifting gracefully along the coast – an unforgettable experience in itself.

Once in Oqaatsut, we receive the final instructions on land before launching the kayaks into the water. We paddle out in double kayaks across the beautiful bay where the village lies, surrounded by mountains and icebergs. Along the way, we can enjoy the peace, the natural surroundings, the views, and a sandwich brought along for lunch.

After the tour, we return to Oqaatsut and change back into our regular clothes. Following a guided village walk, we take our seats at Restaurant H8 Explorer, where we enjoy a two-course dinner prepared with local ingredients in charming, historic surroundings. Afterwards, we return by boat to Ilulissat, filled with impressions from a day where sea, ice, and culture came together in perfect harmony.

Day 12: Flights from Ilulissat to Nuuk and Copenhagen



Photo: Camilla Hylleberg - Visit Greenland

You fly from Ilulissat to Nuuk and from there on to Copenhagen where you will arrive in the evening.