



West Greenland Exploration - 6 Days (#2926)

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Overview

The scale, power and beauty of Greenland's ice sheet has to be seen to be believed. Icebergs calve from glaciers to begin their long journey out to the sea – unique and powerful natural events. At the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO world heritage site, massive icebergs rise more than a hundred meters above sea level and are stranded at the mouth of the fjord. The Arctic wildlife of Greenland is best seen in Kangerlussuaq, where thousands of wild reindeer and musk oxen are grazing. During this 6-day journey to West Greenland, we also take you whale watching, travel to the Inland Ice Cap and encounter the Greenlandic sledge dogs.

WITNESS GREENLAND'S BEAUTIFUL AND POWERFUL NATURE, UNIQUE ARTIC WILDLIFE & AMAZING ICEBERGS!

Trip Highlights

Experience the Icefiords on foot, by flight and by boat - Travel to Eqi glacier : the calving glacier - Encounter Greenland sledge dogs - Trip to the Inland Ice Cap by 4x4 and Arctic wildlife tour in Kangerlussuaq - Whale watching in the Disko Bay - Visit Inuit settlement



Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

Day 1 Arrive in Greenland, Ilulissat city walk and sunset cruise

Flight from Copenhagen via Kangerlussuaq to Ilulissat in West Greenland, 300 kilometres north of the Polar Circle. Transfer and welcome meeting at your accommodation in Ilulissat. Enjoy a guided city walk of Ilulissat. With a population of about 4,500, Ilulissat is the 3rd largest town in Greenland and is home to almost as many husky dogs. After dinner, depart for a sunset cruise to the famous Ilulissat Icefiord, the world's largest ice sculpture park. The icebergs are all products of the mighty and most productive glacier in the northern hemisphere. The experience is overwhelming, lights and colours constantly change and enjoy a late drink on "the real rocks". Duration is about 3 hours. Dress warmly.

(Note: The season for midnight sun is approx. May 22-Jul 24. Outside this season, the excursion is operated as an evening cruise with the beautiful sunset reflecting over the icebergs).

Accommodation: Hotel Ilulissat or similar.

Meals included: Welcome dinner

Meal: Dinner

Day 02

Day 2 Icefiord sightseeing flight & boat trip to Eqi glacier and Rodebay

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, take a 35-minute Icefiord photo sightseeing flight on a 5-seater aircraft, where skilled and experienced pilots fly at low altitude and show you a world you will never forget!

Afterwards, we depart by boat to Eqi – the calving glacier. Experience up-close towering ice cliffs of the glacier that send slabs of ice crashing into the water. The sound of the active glacier is quite remarkable, while the sight of icebergs toppling into the water is breathtaking. Next, we continue to the small settlement of Oqaatsut/Rodebay, where we will enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner. The local population of about 40 persons is dependent on fishing and hunting. You experience an entirely different world compared to the nearby town of Ilulissat. Guided walk through the village before enjoying a local meal at the old trading station. For hundreds of years, Oqaatsut/Rodebay was a stopover place for Dutch whalers, who dragged the huge whales onto land here in the old village. The village, which lies in a beautiful natural setting just 15 km north of Ilulissat, has its school, church, shop and a single restaurant, "H8", which serves excellent meals in the old colonial building.

Duration: 1-hour photo sightseeing flight and about 7-8 hour boat trip / Level of difficulty: Easy

Accommodation: Hotel Ilulissat or similar.

Meals included: Breakfast & lunch or dinner



Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 03

Day 3 Boat trip to Hunter's settlement & whale watching tour in the Disko Bay

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we sail south along Ilulissat Icefiord, where we admire the huge icebergs and the local fishermen in their small boats. We reach the Ilimanaq settlement, still dependent on hunting and fishing. When we arrive at the pier, we will see wooden houses from the old Danish trading station, dated back to 1730.

In the summertime, humpback whales (a protected species) come to the Disko Bay to feed on small herring-like fish. Please be aware that we are not visiting a zoo, and therefore we cannot guarantee that the whales will 'visit' our boat! Packed lunch included.

Duration: 6 hours / Level of difficulty: Easy

Accommodation: Hotel Ilulissat or similar.

Meals included: Breakfast & lunch

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 04

Day 4 Inuit settlement at the Ilulissat Icefiord

Breakfast at the hotel. By bus as far as the road goes. Guided walking tour to the old Inuit settlement in the Sermermiut valley located in the famous Ilulissat Icefiord that was inscribed on UNESCO's world heritage list in 2004 because of its outstanding glaciology and natural beauty. Learn about local history and Inuit customs and admire the views across the majestic icebergs. Sit down and try listening to the many different sounds of the ice. This is nature at its best. The ancient settlement of Sermermiut and Ilulissat Icefiord are about 1,5 km south of the town. Please wear proper boots or hiking boots. The approximate excursion time is 3 hours. The hiking distance is about 3 km (1,9 mls) round-trip; hiking time is about 1 hour. Terrain: mainly track bridge and a bit of uneven nature and rocky trail.

Ilulissat is a dog sledge area, and the dogs in town are still used for both work and play every winter. We invite you to visit local hunter's dogs. The owner will demonstrate the equipment and tell about life as a sledge dog in Greenland. Duration: Dog visit is about 1,5 hours

Accommodation: Hotel Ilulissat or similar.

Meals included: Breakfast & farewell dinner

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner



Day 05

Day 5 The inland Ice cap by 4x4

Breakfast at the hotel. Early morning airport transfer and flight from Ilulissat to Kangerlussuaq, a place with lush mountains, beautiful lakes and raging glacier rivers. A guided 4-wheel-drive tour takes you through an Arctic desert, along streams, through old glacier valleys and over small mountains directly to the Inland Ice Cap. If weather and road conditions are suitable, you have the chance to walk on ice. Along the way, we make several photo stops and walk to some viewpoints overlooking the fantastic Arctic landscape.

Duration: 4-5 hours / Level of difficulty: Easy

Accommodation: Hotel Kangerlussuaq, in a standard room

Meals included: Breakfast

Meal: Breakfast

Day 06

Day 6 Arctic wildlife tour & travel back to Copenhagen

Breakfast at the hotel. The world's biggest population of wild Musk Ox lives within close range of Kangerlussuaq. We drive by minibus to an area where it is possible to see musk oxen and reindeer. Please note that we are going into the wilderness; it is not a zoo. We cannot guarantee that you will see the animals, but the viewing rate is high. Depending on the flight schedule to Copenhagen, the wildlife tour might be offered on the previous day.

Afternoon flight back to Copenhagen, Denmark.

Duration: 2 hours / Level of difficulty: Easy

Meals included: Breakfast

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions

- Return flight Copenhagen – Kangerlussuaq – Ilulissat – Kangerlussuaq – Copenhagen
- 4 nights in Ilulissat at 4-star hotel, standard room with shower/wc
- 1 night in Kangerlussuaq at 3-star hotel, standard room with shower/wc
- Hotel/airport transfer in Greenland
- All taxes and fees
- Daily breakfast, welcome & farewell dinner, 3x lunch



- Welcome meeting with a local guide in Ilulissat
- 1-2 hours guided city walk in Ilulissat
- 3 hours Sunset cruise, sailing among the icebergs, incl. refreshments
- 6-7 hours boat trip to Eqi glacier & Rodebay island, incl. lunch
- Photo sightseeing flight over the Icefiord (35 minutes)
- 6 hours whale safari & Ilimanac hunters village, incl. packed lunch
- Visit the Greenland dogs in Ilulissat
- 3 hours easy hike to the old Sermermiut Settlement & Icefiord, incl. refreshments
- 4-5 hours 4x4 tour to the Inland Ice Cap in Kangerlussuaq
- 1,5 hour Arctic Nature tour in Kangerlussuaq

Exclusions

- Any additional services
- Any private expenses
- Travel insurance (recommended)
- Single supplement (mandatory when in a single room)
- Flight supplement (if any)

Note

Highlights & Experiences

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Travel to Eqi - the calving glacier

Encounter Greenland sledge dogs

Trip to the Inland Ice Cap by 4x4 and Arctic wildlife tour in Kangerlussuaq

Whale watching in the Disko Bay

Visit an Inuit settlement

Departure & Return Location: Copenhagen Kastrup International Airport

Departure Days: Saturdays from June – September

Important: Trips to Greenland are always subject to weather, fog and ice conditions. Therefore the sequence of the day tours and excursions in Greenland is subject to change, or if needed, an alternative excursion will be operated if available. In addition, delays and flight cancellations between Iceland and Greenland can happen. Therefore we strongly recommend you buy travel insurance in the country of residence to cover any additional travel expenses should your flights be delayed or



cancelled due to weather. Finally, we recommend not to book any international flight directly after a trip from Greenland. Ideally, stay a minimum of two nights in Denmark after the Greenland trip to avoid the risk of missing an international flight.

Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

Departure Period

08 Aug, 2024 to 30 Sep, 2024

Hotel

AUD 10,853 P P twin share

AUD 12,336 P P single

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