



Bestseller: Summer, Sun and Huge Icebergs in Greenland

8 days around Nuuk and Ilulissat

This is our summer bestseller. Get close to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ilulissat Ice Fjord, famous for its enormous icebergs – and experience all of it in the magical glow of the midnight sun.

This is a unique opportunity to experience how life in the Arctic is lived almost entirely on nature's terms, and on this eight-day visit, you will get up close and personal with nature.

Your first hours in Greenland, marveling at the vast landscape and breathing in the fresh Arctic air, is an impression you will never forget. Before going to Ilulissat, you will have a couple of days in the capital of Greenland, Nuuk.

Our next stop and main base is Ilulissat, the home of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ilulissat Icefjord.

Situated far beyond the Polar Circle, Ilulissat is also the largest dog sledding district in Greenland, and during your stay in the town, you will both see and hear the more than 2500 dogs as they spend the summer relaxing and perhaps howling in unison a few times a day.

In Nuuk and Ilulissat, our knowledgeable local guides are ready to welcome you and ensure you have the best possible stay in our fantastic country.

The contrasts in Greenland are best experienced during the summer when a dense mist can suddenly replace bright sunlight. Brown mountains with hints of green versus icebergs in shades ranging from pale opaque to turquoise. Deserted, pristine areas right next to towns with characteristically brightly colored houses. The light is also unique – especially with the midnight sun's soft glow around the clock.

Highlights

- Discover the world's second largest fjord system at Nuuk
- Stay in the Town of Icebergs, Ilulissat
- Sail among giant icebergs
- Experience dramatic, calving glaciers
- Delve into authentic town and settlement living
- Go in search of Arctic wildlife by boat or on foot
- See the UNESCO World Heritage Site Ilulissat Ice Fjord up close

Included

- Return flight Copenhagen – Nuuk
- Return flight Nuuk – Ilulissat
- Transfers
- 2 nights at Hotel Hans Egede with private bath/toilet



- 5 nights at Hotel Arctic with private bath/toilet
- Breakfast
- Food and beverages onboard the Air Greenland flight Copenhagen – Nuuk
- Welcome dinner at Hotel Arctic (drinks and beverages NOT included)
- Information meetings
- Sightseeing in Nuuk and Ilulissat
- All flight/transportation taxes and fees known to Greenland Travel at the time of publishing
- 20 kg of checked baggage and 8 kg of cabin baggage

Not included

- Lunch and dinner
- Travel Insurance
- Excursion packages

Day 1

Copenhagen – Nuuk, check-in at hotel, town walk.

We fly with Air Greenland from Copenhagen to Nuuk. Ahead of us is a 4.5-hour flight and an 8-day adventure.

After you check in and unpack in your room at Hotel Hans Egede, the guide will hold a welcome meeting. After the meeting, it's time to get to know Nuuk at your own pace and get ideas for what to do today.

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.

[You can read more about Nuuk here.](#)

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 'Kalaalliaq,' the traditional market where locally caught fish, seals, and reindeer are sold. Now, we head towards Greenland's government buildings and then 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.

If you've purchased the excursion package, there's also a boat trip on Nuuk Fjord.

Day 2

Nuuk on your own or fishing tour (optional)

There are plenty of things to do in Nuuk. There are many hiking opportunities, for instance.

If you've purchased the excursion package, there's also another boat trip on Nuuk Fjord.

Fish and Dish (included in the excursion package)

At 3:30 PM, we depart from Nuuk on a boat trip to the lovely Qooqut 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 Qooqut Fjord, we stop the engine and try to catch our lunch. Today, there will be no complaints that the fish is not fresh!

Qooqut lies in a wonderful valley in the Qooqut 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 dinner, we return to the boat and return to Nuuk, where we arrive around 9:00 pm.

Day 3

Flight to Ilulissat and town walk, welcome dinner. Option: Meet sled dogs.

Your journey continues to Ilulissat and the Icefjord by plane. Ilulissat means "icebergs" in Greenlandic and is undeniably linked to the beautiful Icefjord and the icebergs floating around at their own pace.

Arrival and accommodation

Upon arrival in Ilulissat, you will be transferred to Hotel Arctic, with the most beautiful views of Disko Bay.

Approximately one hour after check-in at the hotel, you can attend an information meeting where a guide will tell you a little about the town and the many excursion options. After this, you'll be prepared for a fantastic stay in this amazing area.

Suggestions for excursions and activities with a guide or on your own

You will find our subsidiary, Arctic Excursions, in the hotel lobby in Ilulissat. They offer many excursions that will give you an impression of the town's ideal mix of authentic culture in a modern, thriving society – and



its strong connection to fascinating nature. Please ask your guide if you have any questions about excursions and activities.

Cultural-historical town tour of Ilulissat

On our cultural-historical city walk, we go a step deeper than if you walk alone with a map in your hand. Here you can start your experiences by gaining a deeper understanding of Greenland's culture and history, giving all your other experiences in Greenland more perspective.

Ilulissat was founded as a trading post in 1741, and today, it is Greenland's third-largest town, with over 4,500 inhabitants. On the walking tour, your guide will tell you about the history of the place, Greenlandic culture, and modern life 300 kilometers north of the Arctic Circle. Along the way, we pass the harbor, meet the vendors at the local food market, and pass Knud Rasmussen's birthplace and the old wooden Zion Church.

Meet the Greenlandic Sled Dogs – A Living Arctic Tradition (included in the excursion package)

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.

The tour takes place outdoors, where the dogs thrive in their natural habitat. Their thick coats protect them against the harsh cold, making them well-suited for the open environment – not as indoor pets, but as strong, working companions. With the owner's permission, you may approach selected dogs and experience each one up close. We always prioritize your safety and the well-being of the animals, so any interaction is guided and respectful. You'll also get a chance to explore traditional sledding gear and learn how it connects past and present practices in dog sledding culture.

This tour is ideal for families and curious travelers of all ages looking for an authentic, educational experience focused on Greenlandic wildlife and tradition. It's an encounter that will stay with you long after your journey ends.

Please note: For the safety and comfort of guests and dogs, approaching the animals without the owner's permission is prohibited.

In the evening, a lovely welcome dinner is served in the hotel restaurant (drinks not included).

Day 4

Ilulissat on your own or optional Sermermiut tour and sailing among icebergs.

As mentioned, Ilulissat is the Greenlandic word for icebergs. The town is beautifully situated at the mouth of the long and world-famous Ilulissat Icefjord, which was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2004. The ice is stunning; you can experience it from water, land, and air.

Hike to the former Sermermiut settlement at the Icefjord (included in the excursion package)



The beautiful icebergs of the Ilulissat Icefjord form the backdrop for the ancient settlement of Sermermiut, one and a half kilometers south of the town. For 4,000 years, the different Inuit cultures lived at the settlement, and today you can still see many remains that testify to their presence.

You'll hear the story of Greenlanders' life and customs before the arrival of Europeans, see ruins and old kitchen middens, and feel the permafrost with your hands. On the short hike, we turn around at the viewpoint at Kællingekløften, which was made famous in the Danish TV show Borgen.

At night, you get to see the icebergs from the sea.

Sailing among Icebergs (included in the excursion package)

The rays of the midnight sun give the icebergs a unique color that some people return to Ilulissat to experience again and again. Almost every visitor to Ilulissat chooses to try this iceberg cruise at least once. More than 40 million tons of ice flow daily from the Ilulissat Glacier into the Icefjord.

The result is enormous icebergs that can be hundreds of meters on each side and extend up to 70 meters above sea level. These giants are stranded at the mouth of the Icefjord, and here you have the opportunity to sail among them. Bring warm clothes for the trip or rent a sealskin suit because even in summer, it's cold out here on the water between the icebergs.

Day 5

On your own or whale safari, kayaking or helicopter trip (optional)

Whale Safari (included in the excursion package)

It is a great experience to get close to large animals like whales. There are 15 species of whale in Greenland. During the summer, we normally see humpback whales, common minke, and fin whales. 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.

Kayak Experience in Ilulissat (extra add-on)

Inuit have kayaked in Greenland waters for more than a thousand years, and you can do it too. As the kayak glides silently through the water, you see the huge icebergs rising around you. The midnight sun gives the ice a unique hue. In cloudy weather, the beautiful blue colors of the icebergs are especially clear. With a little luck, we may even meet whales. All tours take place in stable double kayaks, and a boat follows close by. The excursion takes about 3½-4 hours, and we will be at sea for at least two of those hours. This excursion is not included in any of the Excursion Packages but can be booked separately.

You can also experience a helicopter flight.

Ilulissat Icefjord and Glacier Seen From Above with Helicopter (extra add-on)



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 kilometers on our way back.

Day 6

Ilulissat on your own or optional day tour to Eqi Glacier

In the morning, there is an early departure from Ilulissat. Enjoy your last day in Ilulissat: shopping, lounging in a cafe, and enjoying the magnificent views. You can also choose to take a boat trip to Eqi Glacier.

Day trip to Eqi Glacier (included in the excursion package)

We set out in the morning from Ilulissat. The Eqi Glacier flows into the fjord 80 kilometers north of Ilulissat. By boat, it is possible to get relatively close to the glacier's edge and watch it calve large chunks of ice from a safe distance. Our ice-safe ship lies in the water near the glacier for about two hours, waiting for the ice to calve. A good lunch is also served here.

The length of the trip to and from Eqi Glacier can vary between two and five hours each way, depending on the type of boat used that day. At 2:00 PM, the ship arrives at Port Victor, the 'port' of Glacier Lodge Eqi, where some passengers disembark and others board. Then it's time to go back to Ilulissat.

Day 7

Ilulissat on your own or lunch in Oqaatsut (optional)

There are plenty of opportunities for unique experiences at Ilulissat. Some of our guests think they've experienced enough on the seventh day and enjoy relaxing with the views and tranquility.

You should consider a boat trip to Oqaatsut today.

Boat trip with lunch at Restaurant H8 in the settlement of Oqaatsut (extra add-on)

Today, you take a day trip to the quiet and undisturbed settlement of Oqaatsut, located in beautiful surroundings 20 kilometers north of Ilulissat.

To get there, we sail from Ilulissat on a 30-minute boat trip among the large icebergs of the Ilulissat Icefjord, which also drift around north of the town, although the Icefjord lies south of Ilulissat. When we arrive in Oqaatsut, the guide will take you on a tour of the settlement, where you'll see the village church, school and the small fish factory. You'll learn about life in a small settlement and Oqaatsut's history as a former Dutch whaling village (hence its other name, Rodebay).

The settlement tour ends at Restaurant H8 Explorer, where we serve lunch made from local ingredients. After lunch, there are plenty of opportunities for hiking in the area. If, on the other hand, you want to sit



and enjoy the silence in the magical, unforgettable surroundings, there are plenty of opportunities to do so before the boat returns to Ilulissat.

Day 8

Flight Ilulissat - Copenhagen via Nuuk

Offering one final view of the Ice Fjord and the captivating icebergs, the flight will take you back to Nuuk and onwards to Copenhagen, where you will arrive in the evening.

We guarantee you that you will go home with a baggage full of memories that will stay with you longer than any other holiday you have been on – at least that is what other travelers tell us.

Practical information

Flight schedule (local times)

- Departure Monday from Copenhagen at 9:00 am. Arrival Monday in Copenhagen at 8:25 pm.
- Departure Thursday from Copenhagen at 10:00 am. Arrival Thursday in Copenhagen at 9:25 pm.
- Departure Friday from Copenhagen at 9:00 am. Arrival Friday in Copenhagen at 8:25 pm.

Except for the departure on 3 September:

- Departure from Copenhagen at 7:00 am.
- Return flight with arrival in Copenhagen at 9:25 pm.

Please note that departure times are subject to change by the airline.