



# Ice & Sea

6 or 10 Days in West Greenland  
Overnight in Reykjavik post tour

2010

The tour will show you a land unchanged by much of modern life - with stark mountain, enormous icebergs, remote villages, but done in a comfortable style. You'll stay in the wonderful Hotel Arctic in Ilulissat and then embark on the Sarfak Ittuk from Ilulissat through Disko Bay to Narsaq in South Greenland - cruising along the west coast on board the Greenland Coastal Steamer in style; accommodated in modern, outside cabins with private facilities. It is a fine way to comprehend the huge size of the world's biggest island and a fine way to meet the locals using the ship as their local bus. In South Greenland and Disko Bay you'll have time to learn about life in the Arctic and to experience Arctic nature and the remains from the Vikings and the early Eskimos.

## Why West Greenland?

West Greenland is one of the worlds special places, and most visitors find themselves marveling at sights they had never expected to experience. Between the thousands of working dogs, massive volumes of ice, the history both Inuit and Viking, and the elements of an ancient respected culture, the almost mystical qualities of light found in high latitudes Greenland can show you many things. It's not a land that is easily traversed and for centuries its inhabitants have been able to travel the coastline as they followed the hunt which fed them. Boats are still the best way to travel. To travel from Ilulissat in the north, to Narsaq in the south allows you to take in a bit of the vast splendor that is Greenland, and a trip through time and space.

## Day Tours Available While in Ilulissat

You're in Ilulissat Thursday to Sunday morning on the 11 day tour, and from Saturday afternoon thru Sunday afternoon on the 7 day tour.

The location of Ilulissat is breathtaking - all year round huge icebergs raising hundreds of meters above sea level are stranded at the mouth of the fiord. These icebergs are all products of the mighty and most productive glacier in the northern hemisphere. The Ilulissat Glacier gives birth daily to 20 million tons of ice which also explains why it is included on the World Heritage list. There's a lot to see and do on your own but taking advantage of some guided tours will add a bit of depth to your experiences. Prices may change without prior notice due to specific conditions at the time and place of the excursion. Please note that not all excursions are available at all times. Refer to the tour-program for a list of excursions available on that particular tour.

Prices for local tours are listed in Danish

Kronur, (DKK) as that's the currency used in Greenland. See [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for latest conversions from \$US to DKK. Most tours and purchases can be made by credit card. The indicated prices are per person unless otherwise stated.

### City Walk Ilulissat

During a walk through town the guide tells about the history of Ilulissat. You'll visit the old part of town and see buildings from the very start of the Danish trading station, the busy fishing harbor, the old church and the museum. The museum displays a lot of Knud Rasmussen's collection. This gives one a good look at the different values and perceptions of a race of people who adapted to some of the earth's most difficult environments.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Duration: 4 hours Price: DKK 400 including lunch.

### The Icebergs of Sermermiut

By bus as far as the road goes. A beautiful walk along the UNESCO designated Ilulissat Ice Fiord to Sermermiut where traces from the 3 old Eskimo cultures still can be seen. Sermermiut is a fertile valley next to the Ice Fiord; here you can enjoy the flowers as well as the fantastic icebergs. Duration: 3 hours Price: DKK 300 including refreshment.

### Hunter's Settlement - Rodebay

By boat to the small settlement Oqaitut/Rodebay with a local population of about 40 persons totally depending upon fishing and hunting - a quite different world compared to the nearby town of Ilulissat. Guided walk through the village before you enjoy lunch at the old trading station. Duration: 6 hours Price: DKK 1000 including lunch.

## Midnight Cruise to the Ice Fiord

The midnight sun and the warm red colors reflecting in the gigantic icebergs is a fantastic sight. Cruise between the icebergs and enjoy a late Martini on “the real rocks”! Season for midnight sun is approx. 22May-24July. Outside this season the excursion is operated as an evening cruise with the beautiful sunset reflecting over the icebergs. Duration: 3 hours Price: DKK 500

## Helicopter to the Ice Cap

During the stay in Ilulissat the guide can usually arrange an excursion by helicopter - including a ground stop where you can leave the helicopter !During the flight we cruise in low altitude over the Ilulissat Ice Fiord which is now on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Operation is dependent on the weather and helicopter capacity. Only to be booked locally! 30min. flight + 30min. ground stop DKK 2350, 55min. flight + 30min. ground stop DKK 2850

## Home Visit

Visit a Greenland home, enjoy the “Coffee-Mik” (a cup of coffee which by tradition is served to all visitors) and learn about Greenland and its population. Duration: 2 hours Price: DKK 175

## Hunter's Settlement - Ilimanaq

By boat to the settlement of Ilimanaq, which is situated just south of the Kangia Ice Fiord. Ilimanaq has a population of approx. 80 persons mainly depending upon fishing and hunting. A completely different world compared to the town of Ilulissat. Upon arrival to Ilimanaq guided tour of the settlement before enjoying lunch with a local family. Can also be operated by night at a smaller surcharge of DKK 250 per person. Duration: 6 hours Price: DKK 1000 including lunch

## Eqip -The Calving Glacier

Eqip glacier is the only glacier in the Ilulissat area where you can often experience a glacier calving. You'll cruise in

front of the 5 km wide glacier - enjoying lunch - and hoping for the unique sight of an iceberg “delivery” - so are also a lot of seabirds as they know by experience, that any calving from the glacier will result in a huge meal, when the new iceberg is turning around in the water bringing a lot of sea animals to the surface. Duration: 8 hours Price: DKK 1595 including lunch.

## Fishing Tour

You'll sail to a fishing spot of the day, most probably near Bredebugt or at the mouth of the Ilulissat Ice Fiord. While waiting for your catch you'll have time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. By the end of the day you will hopefully bring home different sorts of fish like cod, halibut, redfish and catfish. Duration: 4 hours Price: DKK 1000

## Feeding the Huskies

Ilulissat is sledge-area and the approx. 3500 dogs in town are still used for both work and fun every winter. You'll be invited to join the feeding of a dog team. You can see, feel, touch and most of all hear the howling of 20 hungry dogs. The owner will demonstrate the sledge and the harness and tell about life as a sledge dog in Greenland. Good shoes advised! Duration: 1 hour Price: DKK 125

## Whale Safari

You'll go out into Disko Bay by boat to spot whales. In the summer humpback whales come to the Disko Bay to feed on the capelin, a small herring-like fish. As the humpback whales are protected they are very trusting and can often be enjoyed at close range. However, as this is not a zoo there is of course no guarantee for seeing the whales. Duration: 5 hours Price: DKK 850 including lunch packet



## Sarfuk Ittuk, the coastal boat

You'll sail on a vessel built for Greenlandic waters, ready to navigate the beautiful ice-filled coast, as it powers through the 700 miles of its route in 72 hours. Part of the Arctic Umiaq Line, the Sarfuk Ittuk is a coastal passenger vessel, with lots of Greenlander's (and a crew that's mostly local) a few visitors who see the country as the Greenlanders do. You'll have an outside cabin with private bath, and breakfast. Meals are available in the restaurant, there's a lounge, TV room and all the rugged scenery you can stand outside the boat. A great place to chat with Greenlanders, and you can disembark at most stops along the way. Greenland is not a place that's easily travelled - the Sarfuk Ittuk is a great way to see this special place! Short stops at Sisimiut, Maniitsoq, Nuuk, Paamiut and Qaqortoq.

## Ports Of Call

On Sunday the tour continues by boarding the coastal boat and working down from village to village to the southern town of Narsaq. Some of the stops are at odd hours and some are only long enough to drop off a little freight or pick up a bin of frozen fish or shrimp.

[Aasiaat](#)

[Sisimiut](#)

[Kangamiut](#)

[Maniitsoq](#)

[Nuuk](#)

[Qeqertarsuaatsiat](#)

[Paamiut](#)

[Archipelgo Passage](#)

[Arsuk](#)

[Qaqortoq](#)

[Guided walk of the old town](#)

[Narsaq](#)

## Hotel Arctic

The warm and welcoming four-star Hotel Arctic is set in the dramatic surroundings just outside Ilulissat and 1.5 kilometers from the airport. Most rooms have a magnificent view of the town and the fjord with its impressive icebergs. The hotel has been awarded the Green Key Award in recognition of its environmentally friendly management and has a professional, but relaxed atmosphere The hotel bus shuttles regularly between the hotel and the town.

## Time in Narsaq

Late Wednesday to Friday will be spent in Narsaq.

Narsaq features Arctic nature and Viking history, Iceberg & Glacier Cruises, the Inland Ice Cap, Viking Ruins, and green fertile fields, tiny settlements and calving icebergs. Icebergs and field ice are occasionally thick in the sea. In open water whales sometimes are spotted. This is the area which Eric the Red found to be the best place to settle and where he found inspiration to name the new land Greenland. All experienced within easy day tours from your hotel in Narsaq.

Here are some possibilities for guided day tours in Narsaq:

### City walk Narsaq

Walk through Narsaq where the guide will talk about daily life in a Greenland town. You'll visit the newer part as well as the old kayak harbor, where local hunters still bring in seals. A visit to one of the local stores and the local market "Brædtet" shows how the old way of life still exists alongside the modern way of life. Lunch and visit to the little museum included. Duration: 5 hours Price: DKK 400 including lunch

### By boat to the Inland Ice Cap

Travel by boat across the ice filled Bredefjord to a fiord system northwest of Narsaq leading up to the impressive Twin Glaciers, where you go ashore on a small rock emerging from the glacier front. Here you'll enjoy a packed lunch before continuing into another fiord with bird cliffs and a big waterfall. Duration: 4 hours Price: DKK 1000 including lunch

### Easy Hike

The Dyrnæs Peninsula and Kvanefjeld Walk up along the Narsaq river to the interesting geological area around the Kvanfjeld (Kvane Mountain). Here you might find the rare gem stone Tugtupit which is only found in this area and in a small part of Siberia. The Arctic scenery is amazing and the view incredible. Packed lunch included. Duration: 5-6 hours Price: DKK 600 including lunch



### Easier hike

The Dyrnæs Peninsula A leisurely hike including a visit to a non-excavated Viking ruin, remains from the Eskimos as well as beautiful Arctic scenery. This hike is not that demanding and most clients will be able to participate Duration 3 hours DKK 300

### Half day by boat to Eskimo ruins

By boat across the Narsaq sound among the numerous icebergs to a natural harbor where you go ashore to see the ruins of Eskimo dwellings and some "jumping stones" - a popular game in the old Eskimo world. Duration: 3 hours Price: DKK 600

### Full day tour to Qaqortoq with city walk

Sail through the narrow Mato Strait to the biggest town in South Greenland called Qaqortoq. The old town center from the 1750's is still intact and all over town is the contemporary art project "Stone & Man", with more than 40 sculptures made into the rocks. Lunch at the little, cozy restaurant Napparsivik which is one of the oldest houses on the old square.

### Greenland Buffet

Delicious Buffet with all the Greenland delicacies. Price: DKK 350

On certain days there is **helicopter**

transportation Narsaq-Qaqortoq v.v., another way to experience the Greenland landscape when flying in low altitude in one of the helicopters of Air Greenland DKK 550 one way  
Duration: 6-7 hours Price: DKK 1100 including lunch

### Evening cruise

Sail into the fiords surrounding Narsaq to enjoy the beautiful evening light with all its pink and purple shades on the icebergs. With a little luck you might even see a whale coming into the area to feed on the capelin, a small herring-like fish. Duration: 1½-2 hours Price: DKK 500

On Friday you'll take a boat up Eric's Fjord to the Narsarsuaq airport and in the early afternoon you're going back to Reykjavik, and after an overnight (a chance to try out Reykjavik's night life) on Saturday you'll fly on home. Or, on Saturday you could start a trip through Iceland.

### Hotel Narsaq

In addition to top quality and service, Hotel Narsaq offers a personal touch and attention to detail.

Breakfast and dinner are served daily in the hotel restaurant. Guests can enjoy drinks at the hotel bar in the evenings. All rooms have a TV, mini bar and safe. There is also everything you need to make yourself a cosy cup of tea or coffee in your room. Breakfast is included,

## 7 Day Ice and Sea Tour

Friday: evening (Day 0): Leave US.

Saturday: Arrive in Iceland.

Saturday: Breakfast at hotel. Flight to Illulissat . Upon arrival you're met by Arctic Adventure guide, who will get you to your hotel and explain the program. Optional tours available.

Sunday: Breakfast at hotel. Day of leisure. Afternoon transfer to Sarfaq Ittuk

Sunday-Tuesday: On board Sarfaq Ittuk. Dinner on board (breakfast Monday thru Wednesday). Outside cabin with private bath

Wednesday: Late afternoon arrival Narsaq. City tour of Nuuk. Transfer to hotel. Dinner at hotel.

Thursday: Breakfast at the hotel and then head to the airport for afternoon flight back to Reykjavik - lunch during flight.

Thursday: Overnight in Reykjavik at a hotel, which is included in the price

Friday: return home with Icelandair, or continue with more Iceland adventures

## 11 Day Ice and Sea Tour

Wednesday evening (Day 0): Leave US.

Thursday: Arrive in Iceland.

Thursday: Depart for Illulissat . Upon arrival you're met by Arctic Adventure guide, who will get you to your hotel and explain the program.

Thursday thru Saturday: Dinner at hotel (breakfast included Friday thru Saturday). You'll have a room with private bath. Day tours available. Choose among optional excursions, or take time on your own to explore.

Sunday: Breakfast at hotel. Afternoon transfer to Sarfaq Ittuk

Sunday-Tuesday: On board Sarfaq Ittuk. Dinner on board (breakfast Monday thru Wednesday). Outside cabin with private bath

Wednesday: Late afternoon arrival Narsaq. Transfer to hotel (3 nights). Dinner at hotel.

Thursday & Friday: Breakfast at hotel, day tours available.

Saturday: Breakfast at the hotel and then head to the airport for midday flight back to Reykjavik - lunch during flight.

Saturday: Overnight in Reykjavik at a hotel, which is included in the price

Sunday: return home with Icelandair, or continue with more Iceland adventures.

## Dates and Prices

(per person/double occupancy from US)

Leave US on Wednesday (11 Day Tour) or Friday (7 Day Tour)

Depart Iceland for Greenland on Thursday (11 Day) or Saturday (7 Day)

Return to Iceland Saturday (11 day tour) and Thursday (7 Day Tour)

Ask about Land Only prices.

Meals include breakfast every day, welcome dinner in Illulissat, breakfast and dinner on Sarfaq Ittuk.

Please note: All bookings in Greenland are subject to Special Conditions, to which you must agree when booking!

These Special Conditions Are: Arctic weather and limited capacity in Greenland may cause traffic delays resulting in interruptions, limitations or changes in the itinerary. This may result in extra expenses to cover meals, hotel accommodation and/or transportation not foreseen in the program. Such expenses have to be paid directly by travelers themselves. The tour operator cannot accept any responsibility, economic or otherwise for such changes

Price includes:

Round trip airfare to Iceland, including fuel surcharge and departure taxes, from Boston, New York, Minneapolis (ask about prices from Toronto, Halifax and Europe) Add \$110 per person from Seattle. Also includes most airport transfers, a post-tour night in Iceland, flights to and from Greenland, hotels with private baths, breakfast every day, outside cabin with private facilities and breakfast and dinner on the Sarfaq Ittuk, English speaking guides.

Not included in the price are travel insurance, lunches in Greenland, meals other than breakfast in Iceland, optional tours or excursions in Iceland and Greenland. Day tours are booked, and paid for once you are in Greenland.

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