



# Narsarsuaq

## *An Immersion in Greenland's Nature and History*

4 or 5 Days in South Greenland  
Overnight in Reykjavik & post tour

2009

Arctic nature and Viking history, Iceberg & Glacier Cruises, the Inland Ice Cap, Viking Ruins, and green fertile fields, tiny settlements and calving icebergs. Narsarsuaq is about 6 miles away from the edge of the ice cap. 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 Narsarsuaq.

### **Viking Greenland for 4 or 5 days! Why South Greenland?**

You have some choice how long to stay in south Greenland -but all options have a similar structure - you leave the US on an overnight flight to Iceland, then take a shuttle to the Reykjavik airport and board an Air Iceland flight to Narsarsuaq. Once landed you'll be in the care of guides from Arctic Adventure. They'll get you between the airport and hotel, and help you decide upon and book the optional excursions.

There are many ways to explore and experience southern Greenland - by land, by water and from the air. So the hardest part may be deciding what to see -but they will all serve to show you the part of Greenland that is richest in Viking age history, in addition to the traditional Inuit culture. After your days in Greenland you'll return to Iceland for an overnight (you can add more!!) and then back home. Easy- and extraordinary!!!

This is the only area in Greenland with active agriculture - sheep, horses and green fields abound. It offers the comforts of a modern hotel and interest aspects of a traditional Inuit town. From here you can choose from many guided excursions every day to see the traditional Greenlandic life, the remains of Eric the Red's people and remarkable landscapes. These tours can be done on their own from the US or added on to another Iceland Adventure

Because weather controls so much of what happens in Greenland, the day tours are booked, and paid for, once you are in Greenland.

*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 SUS to DKK Most tours and purchases can be made by credit card.*

### **Some possibilities for day tours:**

#### **Eric the Red's Viking ruins**

Leaving Narsarsuaq, you'll boat across Eric's Fjord and go ashore at the sheep breeding settlement Qassiarsuk, situated on the very spot where Eric the Red in year 985 settled and named his farm "Brattahlid". Historical ruins of Eric's Farm and an Eskimo settlement offer an unusual glimpse into Greenland's past. Lasts about 3 hours; Price per person: DKK 470

#### **Eric the Red, Qassiarsuk and Tasiusaq**

This tour starts with Eric the Red tour listed above, and is followed by an 8 km walk (transportation can be arranged at surcharge) along the mountain trail to Tasiusaq, one of the most beautifully situated farms in South Greenland. Once at the farm, there's time for a boxed lunch and a visit with the Frederiksen's, the sheep breeder family who farm here "at the end of the world". Lasts about 8 hours; Price per person: DKK 950, including lunch.

#### **The village of Igaliku**

After taking a boat through the ice filled Eric's Fiord to Itilleq you'll go ashore where you'll see some of the biggest agricultural fields in South Greenland, a rarity in a land with little arable land. Then it's a 6 km walk (transportation can be arranged at a surcharge) to Igaliku - a beautiful village where the ruins of the Vikings' Cathedral and the Bishop's Farm are situated. There will be lunch in a small cafeteria and then a walk back to Itilleq for the boat to Narsarsuaq. Lasts about 9 hours; Price per person: DKK 950, including lunch.

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## Guided Day Tours



### Hike to the Ice Cap

For fit travelers, this is a fascinating way to see a special part of Greenland! You'll take a bus to the end of the road, and then head on foot through the "valley of flowers" with its abundant arctic flora. You'll have a lunch break on top of a 300 m mountain which offers a wonderful view over the glacier and Ice Cap. If you're up for it, you can walk down and touch the Ice Cap itself! You should be able to comfortably walk at least 6 km in mountainous terrain for this tour! 8 hours; Price per person: DKK 500, including lunch.

### Alluitsup Paa by helicopter.

By helicopter cruising in low altitude over the South Greenland inlet system to the cosy fishing village Alluitsup Paa. Guided walk through the colorful village, which in many ways is similar to villages in the northern area around Disko Bay. Lunch at a local restaurant. Lasts about 8 hours; Price DKK 3000 including lunch, soft drink, wine or beer.

### Narsarsuaq tour

Guided drive through Narsarsuaq where the you'll hear about daily life of the village, see the different service facilities, and learn about the exciting history of the airport. Visit and entrance fee to the local museum also included. Lasts about 2 hours; Price per person: DKK 200

### 4 Days in Southern Greenland

**Monday:** evening: Leave US.

**Tuesday:** after early arrival in Iceland, shuttle bus to Reykjavik airport, depart for Narsarsuaq (lunch on flight). Upon arrival you're met by Arctic Adventure guide, who will get you to your hotel and explain the program. You'll have a superior room with private bath. Tours available in afternoon.

**Wednesday and Thursday:** Breakfast at the hotel. Choose among optional excursions, or take time on your own to explore.

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

Overnight in Reykjavik at a hotel or guesthouse, which is included in the price

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

### 4 Day Tour

#### Dates

**Prices** Per person/double occupancy from US

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|--------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Leave US on                    | Monday  | Thursday |
| Depart Reykjavik for Greenland | Tuesday | Friday   |

June 30 to July 14 **\$3374**

July 3 to Aug. 21 **\$3563**

Aug 25 to Sept 1 **\$3148**

Aug 28 to Sept 4 **\$3347**

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| Meals:   | Breakfast, Dinner | Breakfast, Dinner |
| Return to Iceland  | Friday            | Tuesday           |
| From Iceland pp/do as an add-on to other tours (all seasons) |                   |                   |
| Land only  | <b>\$1931</b>     | <b>\$2130</b>     |

Departure taxes between Iceland and Greenland are included in the listed prices, but are subject to change.

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

**Special Conditions!** 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.

### 5 Days in Southern Greenland

**Thursday:** evening: leave US.

**Friday:** after early arrival in Iceland, shuttle bus to Reykjavik airport, depart for Narsarsuaq (lunch on flight). Upon arrival you're met by Arctic Adventure guide, who will get you to your hotel and explain the program. You'll have a superior room with private bath. Tours available in afternoon.

**Saturday through Monday:** Breakfast at the hotel. Choose among optional excursions, or take time on your own to explore.

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

Overnight in Reykjavik at a hotel or guesthouse, which is included in the price

**Wednesday:** Fly home in the afternoon, or continue with more Iceland adventures.

**2009 Price includes round trip airfare to Iceland, including fuel surcharge and departure taxes,** from Boston, New York, Minneapolis, or Orlando (ask about prices from Toronto, Halifax and Europe), all airport transfers, flights to and from Greenland, most airport transfers, hotels with private baths, breakfast every day, English speaking guides.

**Not** included in the price are meals other than breakfast, optional tours or excursions in Iceland and Greenland.



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