# Greenland Ilulissat Adventure

5 days | Starts/Ends: Copenhagen







Enjoy a short stay in Ilulissat in Western Greenland staying at the impressive Hotel Arctic - right on the ice fjord. Take a midnight sun cruise on ice fjord and enjoy drinks made with fresh ice berg ice!

# **HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS**

# Trip Highlights

- Midnight cruise weave around giant ice bergs and marvel at the midnight Arctic sun as you enjoy a cruise on the mighty ice fjord
- Hotel Arctic stay at the most northerly 4star hotel in the world
- Ilulissat enjoy a guided walk in the pretty coastal town, visit the museum and marvel at the stunning scenery
- Exploring Greenland choose from a host of optional activities to enhance your visit including dog sledding, whale watching or a snow scooter excursion

# What's Included

- 4 nights in 3 4 star accommodation
- 4 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- Return economy class flights with Air Greenland between Copenhagen and Ilulissat (via Kangerlussuaq)
- Transfers from Ilulissat airport to the Hotel Arctic on day 2

- Welcome meeting at Hotel Arctic on day 2 and city walk
- Midnight Ice fjord cruse on day 3

# What's Not Included

- · International flights and visas
- Gratuity for your tour guide. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture

# **DETAILED ITINERARY**

# Day 1: Copenhagen



Your first night at Copenhagen airport is included. Please make your way to the Clarion Airport hotel which is a short walk from the main terminal building. **Overnight - Copenhagen** 

# Day 2 : Ilulissat & ice fjord cruise

Copenhagen - Ilulissat. This morning after hotel check out we take a morning flight from Copenhagen to Kangerlussuaq. Flight times vary depending on which day you are travelling. The flight is with Air Greenland and is about 4 hours and 40 minutes. Once in Kangerlussuaq we connect on to a flight to Ilulissat in Western Greenland - this flights is only about 45 minutes long. Upon arrival in Ilulissat you'll be met and transferred to the Hotel Arctic . Following a welcome meeting with our guide we embark on a city walk allowing us to get acquainted with the town and take our first glimpses of the beautiful scenery. Later this evening we enjoy a delicious meal at the onsite hotel restaurant Ulo. Ulo is famous for its 'fresh from the fjords and fells' ingredients that is uses in its food.

After dinner we embark on a midnight cruise to the icefjord. The midnight sun and warm red colours reflect on the gigantic icebergs and is an amazing sight! We'll cruise between the icebergs and enjoy a late drink on the "real rocks". This tour is guided and includes light refreshments. **Overnight - Ilulissat** (B, D)

# Day 3: Ilulissat



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After breakfast at the hotel the remainder of the day is at leisure. There a whole host of optional excursions that can be booked locally with your helpful tour leader who will be on hand to help advise what you can do.

Overnight - Ilulissat (B, D)

# Day 4: Ilulissat

Today is at leisure - please see our list of activities on your Trip Notes for details of activities on offer. **Overnight - Ilulissat** (B, D)

# Day 5 : Copenhagen



Ilulissat - Copenhagen. Today we say farewell to Greenland as we board our flight back to Copenhagen (via Kangerlussuaq). Flight times vary depending on which day you are travelling so please contact us before booking your onward flights from Copenhagen. (B)

#### **HOTELS**

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

# Clarion Airport Hotel

Just a short walk across the covered walkway from the main terminal and 15 minutes' metro from the city centre, the Clarion Copenhagen Airport is a modern hotel with excellent facilities. Guest rooms are a decent size and come with floor to ceiling windows and importantly sound proofing - so the planes won't disturb you. The breakfast buffet is extensive and there is an onsite spa for guests to enjoy as well as Wi-Fi (charges apply).



# **Hotel Arctic**

The world's most northerly 4 star hotel, the Hotel Arctic sits right on the edge of the ice fjord - recently made a UNESCO world heritage site. Guest rooms cosy with comfortable beds, hardwood flooring and minimalist bathrooms with under floor heating. Original works by the Greenlandic artist Buuti Pedersen decorate the rooms. Complimentary wi-fi is available and the on site Ulo restaurant where guests can enjoy delicious meals with one of the most spectacular views in the world - enjoy dinner whilst watching the icebergs drift around the fjord.



# Our partners

This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers who booked through different operators, not solely On The Go.

The sightseeing group may vary in size from 2-12 persons.

### **Ilulissat Arrival**

Upon arrival in Ilulissat you will be greeted by our representative in the airport arrival hall. Please look for the On The Go Tours/Arctic Adventure sign. You will be assisted with the transfer to the hotel and an information meeting will be held as soon as possible after you have checked in – giving you a chance to ask questions and to get the information you need about your stay.

Our partners have a tour desk at the Hotel Arctic, from where the guides can

be contacted every day during your stay in Greenland

If you are flying via Kangerlussuaq to Ilulissat: If your transit is less than 3 hours: Kindly wait in the airport building for your connecting flight. If your transit in more than 3 hours: You may have purchased an excursion in Kangerlussuaq. If that is the case, we ask you to go to the WOGAC Tour Desk in the airport and present your voucher.

If you have NOT pre-booked any excursions, you can do so at the WOGAC Office at the Polar Lodge guesthouse (Tel: +299 841 648)

# Flights with Greenland Air

All flights between Greenland and Denmark are included on your tour and are operated by Air Greenland. Please be aware that when departing Copenhagen Airport you need to be there at least 2 hours before your scheduled departure. Baggage allowance is 20kg for checked luggage and 8kg for hand luggage.

# Optional Excursions in Ilulissat

Home Visit (2 hours): Come join a local family for a cup of coffee.

The Greenlanders are famous for welcoming visitors into their homes, inviting everyone over for a cup of coffee and a piece of cake. The latest gossip is shared and it will also be possible to see the national costume and learn about life so very isolated from the rest of the world.

Price: DKK 200

# Fishing Tour (4 hours)

We sail to the fishing spot of the day, most probably near Bredebugt or the mouth of the Ilulissat Ice Fjord. While waiting for our catch we have time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. By the end of the day we will hopefully bring home different sorts of fish like cod, halibut, redfish and catfish.

Price: DKK 1300 (including lunch)

# Feeding the Huskies (1 hour)

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 join in the feeding of a family of dogs. You can see,

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feel and certainly hear the howling of 20 hungry dogs. The owner will demonstrate the equipment and tell about life as a sledge dog in Greenland. Sturdy shoes advised!

Price: DKK 200

Whale Safari (5 hours)

We cruise by boat into the Disko Bay to spot whales. In the summer time humpback whales come to Disko Bay to feed on capelin, a small herring-like fish. As the humpback whales are a protected species they are very trusting and can often be enjoyed at close range.

Price: DKK 1000

Deluxe flight over Ilulissat (1 hour)

AirZafari Greenland offer sightseeing flights and photo safaris in a 5 seat quiet and comfortable aircraft. We fly in low altitude to the very end of Ilulissat Ice Fjord. After cruising above the glacier front and getting as close to it as safely as possible we head towards the underwater moaine in front of Ilulissat where we can enjoy breathtaking views of huge icebergs and sky-blue lakes on the top of them. Window seat is guaranteed for the best photo opportunities and every passenger is provided with Active Noise Reduction Headset.

Price: DKK2695

Ice Fjord Photo Sightseeing (35 minutes)

AirZafari Greenland offer sightseeing flights and photo safaris in a 5 seat quiet and comfortable aircraft. The unforgettable shorter tour offers a flight in low altitude to the outer area of Ilulissat town and the underneath moraine at the mouth of Ilulissat Ice Fjord.

Price: DKK 1795

Northern Glacier Photo Sightseeing (45 minutes)

AirZafari Greenland offer sightseeing flights and photo safaris in a 5 seat quiet and comfortable aircraft. This unforgettable 45 minute tour offers flight in low altitude to the outer area of Ilulissat town and along the Ilulissat Ice Fjord to the northern glacier. On the way back you will see he underwater moraine, where huge Icebergs are stranded. Window seats are guaranteed for the best photo opportunities and every passenger is

provided with an Active Noise Reduction Headset.

Price: DKK 2195

#### **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**

#### Weather

In case of bad weather in Greenland your flight may be delayed or even cancelled. Visitors must keep in mind that weather is very erratic and unpredictable in the Arctic region. You need to factor possible delays that are not under the control of the airline. In such cases please contact the airline service counter at the airport for their advice. Our staff at your destination will be aware of the situation and will immediately take care of all necessary adjustments of your program. When flying with Air Greenland, the airline will keep you informed until the flight can continue and, in some cases, will compensate accommodation, transfers and meals. When booking with any other airline, they are not bound to pay your expenses until it is possible to continue, hence all extra cost must be paid by yourself on the spot.

For this reason, we strongly advise you take out relevant travel insurance before travelling to Greenland.

# Climate & Clothing

Greenland has an Arctic climate, which means that you should be prepared for sunny days, but also for cold, fresh mornings and evenings. The average temperature reaches a max. of +10°C/50°F during the summer months. Nevertheless, you might experience days with temperatures of +15-20°C/59-68°F.

Therefore, it is important to bring warm as well as light clothes. It is advisable to dress in layers. This enables you to make fast and easy adjustments to the temperature. The inner layer keeps the body warm, while the outer layer is for protection against rain and wind.

For sailing trips, you may wish to stay outside and enjoy the scenery. And we recommend that you bring a warm sweater, hat, scarf and gloves for boat excursions.

For hiking and walking in Greenland, solid boots with a profiled sole is essential. A small

day-tour rucksack, sunglasses, sun block and a mosquito repellent might prove useful.

Mosquito season runs from mid-June to mid-August; and north of the Arctic Circle the midnight sun can be experienced around the clock during the summer months; therefore, good quality sunglasses and high SPF sun block cream are essential items to pack.

All hotels in Greenland have a casual dress code

### Food in Greenland

The Greenlandic diet consists to a large extent of fish, seafood and meat. The climate doesn't allow for farming on an industrial scale therefore most fruits and vegetables are imported from Europe.

During your stay in Greenland you may experience that whale is on the menu. The reason for this is that the Inuit – as an indigenous people - are allowed by the International Whaling Commission to hunt a (small) number of certain whale species to support their existence. Some of this meat is also sold to local restaurants who take pride in serving local dishes using local produce.

However, we appreciate that whale may not be everyone's idea of a meal and we kindly request that you tell your agent (before departure) or alternatively your guide at the destination if you would prefer NOT to have this type of meat.

All other dietary needs should also be communicated to us as soon as possible to allow us to make the necessary arrangements – BUT; be aware that due to the remote location and Arctic climate vegetarian and/or vegan meal options are very limited!

# Currency

Greenland is an autonomous country within the Kingdom of Denmark and uses Danish Kroner; DKK as currency.

We strongly advise you exchange money before arriving in Greenland. Most hotels and many shops accept all major credit cards, but in several places cash will be more useful. ATMs are available in all larger towns.

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As payment for excursions Arctic Adventure guides accept the following major credit cards:

Euro Card, MasterCard, Visa, JCB, Diners and American Express.

# Health & Emergency

Emergency Service (Police/Ambulance/ Fire): Dial (+299) 112

Visitors are urged to bring their own prescription drugs for the duration of their stay as certain types of medication may not be available in hospitals in Greenland. However, non-prescription medications like antihistamines or pain killers can be purchased at grocery stores.

# Shopping

Tobacco and liquor is extremely expensive in Greenland due to taxation. It is recommended to buy such items duty free in your airport of departure or on board your flight. In larger towns shops are typically open Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 17:30, Fridays 10:00 - 18:00 and Saturdays 9:00 - 13:00. However, many towns have convenience stores that have longer opening hours and which are also open on Sundays.

Alcohol cannot be purchased after 13:00 on Saturdays and all day on Sundays.

# **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

# Greenland

Ilulissat: City Walk of Ilulissat - 3 hours DKK400

Ilulissat: Deluxe Flight Over The Ice Fjord DKK2695

Ilulissat: Fishing Tour - 6 hours DKK1300

Ilulissat: Hike On The Cecily Trail - 8 hours DKK1000

Ilulissat: Hike to Sermermuit - 3 hours DKK400

Ilulissat: Home Visit - 2 hours DKK275

Ilulissat: Hunters Settlement - Rodebay - 6 hours DKK1450

Ilulissat: Icefjord Photo Sightseeing - 35

minutes DKK1795

Ilulissat: Midnight Cruise to the Ice

Fjord DKK750

Ilulissat: Northern Glacier Photo Sightseeing - 45 minute DKK2195

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hours DKK2600

Ilulissat: Visit the Huskies - 1 hour DKK200 Ilulissat: Whale Safari - 5 hours DKK1250