

# AMAZING DAYS IN ILULISSAT

5 days/4 nights



## **Day 1: Arrival in Greenland, Ilulissat city walk & Icefiord sunset cruise**

A 3-hour flight from Reykjavik domestic airport (not Keflavik) to Ilulissat. Transfer to 4-star Hotel Arctic. After the welcome meeting with your local guide enjoy a guided city walk of Ilulissat, and afterwards, you have some time to explore the town, visit the local museum and observe Greenlandic life at the always busy harbour. Welcome dinner (2-course) is included at Hotel Arctic. Around 22:00, we depart for a sunset cruise to the famous Ilulissat Icefiord that is the world's largest ice sculpture park. The experience is overwhelming; lights and colours constantly change. Enjoy a late drink on "the real rocks". Tour duration: 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 Arctic, in a standard (Puisi) room Meals included: Welcome dinner**

## **Day 2: 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 Sermermiut located on the famous Ilulissat Icefiord that was inscribed on the UNESCO's world heritage list in 2004.

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The ancient settlement of Sermermiut, 1.5 km south of the town, is surrounded by Ilulissat's beautiful icebergs. Various Inuit cultures have lived here over the past 4,000 years, and you can still see remains from ancient times. Learn about local history and customs before Europeans arrived. See plots settled for thousands of year and admire the views across the majestic icebergs. Please wear proper boots or hiking boots. 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. Tour duration: about 3 hours. Rest of the day free at leisure to hike along the Icefiord and explore the town of Ilulissat.

**Accommodation: Hotel Arctic, in a standard (Puisi) room Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 3: Boat Trip to hunter's settlement & whale watching tour in Disko Bay**

We sail south along Ilulissat Icefiord, where we admire the huge icebergs and the local fishermen in their small boats. We reach 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. After a walk through the settlement, we visit a small local restaurant, where we enjoy a lunch (included) based on Greenlandic specialities. On the return, we cruise the Disko Bay to spot for migrating whales before we reach Ilulissat. Tour duration: about 6 hours.

**Accommodation: Hotel Arctic, in a standard (Puisi) room Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch**

### **Day 4: Boat trip to Eqi - the calving glacier & Rodebay - hunter's village**

Breakfast at the hotel. Early morning departure for the one-day boat trip to Eqi – the calving glacier. The Eqi glacier runs into the fjord 80 km north of Ilulissat and is one of the most beautiful places in Greenland. It is possible to get very close to the 5-km wide glacier front and experience huge pieces of ice breaking off. The sound of an active calving glacier is quite remarkable, while the sight of icebergs toppling into the water is breathtaking. Afterwards, we continue to the small settlement of Oqaatsut/Rodebay. The local population of about 40 people is dependent on

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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. Tour duration: about 7-8 hours.

**Accommodation: Hotel Arctic, in a standard (Puisi) room**

**Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and farewell dinner**

### Day 5: Departure from Greenland

Breakfast at the hotel. Spend some time in the morning to explore the town of Ilulissat and last-minute Greenland shopping. The short adventure has come to an end, and you return by flight to Reykjavik, Iceland.

Meals included: Breakfast

Note: Excursion days may alter depending on weather and a minimum number of participants.

### Price for summer 2020

EUR 3.330 per person (double/twin room)

EUR 310 for single room supplement (mandatory when in a single room)

Includes · Return flight Reykjavik-Ilulissat-Reykjavik including airport taxes · Hotel/airport transfer in Greenland · 4 nights in 4-star Hotel Arctic, in a standard (Puisi) room with shower/wc · Daily breakfast, welcome & farewell dinner at Hotel Arctic, 2x lunch · Welcome meeting with a local guide at the hotel · 1-2 hours guided city walk Ilulissat · 3 hours sunset cruise, sailing among icebergs, incl. refreshments · 8 hours boat trip to Eqi glacier & hunters village of Rodebay, incl. lunch · 6 hours boat trip to Hunter's settlement & whale watching, incl. lunch · 3 hours hike to old Sermermiut settlement at the Icefiord, incl. refreshments · All taxes and fees

Excludes · Airport transfers in Reykjavík · Any private expenses · Any additional services · Single supplement (mandatory when travelling in a single room) · Travel insurance (recommended) · Flight supplement (if any)

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. Delays and flight cancellations between Iceland and Greenland can happen. Therefore we strongly recommend you to buy travel insurance in the country of residence that would cover any additional travel expenses, should your flights be delayed or cancelled due to weather. We recommend not to book any international flight directly after a trip from Greenland; ideally staying minimum two nights in Iceland after the Greenland trip to avoid the risk of missing an international flight.

### Highlights & experiences

- Ilulissat city walk
- Sunset cruise at Ilulissat Icefiord
- Rodebay - the hunters village
- Eqi - the calving glacier
- Illimanaq - fishing & hunters village
- Whale watching in the Disco Bay
- Sermermiut - Inuit settlement
- Floating Icebergs