

DESTINATION SOUTH GREENLAND

Nanortalik • Narsarsuaq • Narsaq • Qaqortoq



NANORTALIK



Nanortalik is a town of adventures and it is Greenland's most southerly town and lies in a scenic area consisting of some of Greenland's most picturesque fjords, small woodlands, and steep mountainsides. The town's name means the "place of polar bears", which refers to the polar

bears that occasionally pass by the town in the summer in conjunction with the field ice from the Arctic Ocean. Nanortalik tends to attract globetrotters with a spirit of adventure, but organised excursions are also arranged in the town.

Facts and Figures

Location:	60°08'N / 50°45'14"W
Ice condition:	Pack ice in May/June, icebergs are common
Pier:	Atlantic Quay, Length 30 m, depth 7.6 m
Safe anchorage:	60°18'N / 45°5'W
Fresh water supply:	No
Local time:	GMT -3 hours
Population:	1,447
Tourist info:	www.nanortaliktourism.gl
Distance to town:	1 - 600 m
Banking:	ATM in Pilersuisoq a supermarked near to the tourist office, major credit cards accepted at souvenir shops.
Languages:	Danish, Greenlandic, English, German
Souvenirs:	Handicrafts and a wide range of both traditional and modern Greenlandic music at Nanortalik Tourism Service, handicrafts at the local art workshop.
Restaurants, cafés:	Nanortalik Cafeteria, Hotel Kap Farvel
Wheelchair accessibility:	No special restrictions but not all roads are easy.

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Nanortalik

Nanortalik has only 1,400 inhabitants and is visited by relatively few tourists each year. With only a limited number of local guides available to receive big cruise ships, we have developed a concept that involves large sections of the town's population. Thanks to the enthusiastic support from residents to welcome guests from around the world, we are proud to be able to service ships with up to 3,200 passengers.

Advantages Nanortalik:

Anyone can walk around all over town because Nanortalik is a small town. All guests can reach all shore excursions on foot. This is one reason that we can take a lot of guests at a time. Another big advantage of this destination is that Nanortalik located on a small island where there are high mountains and beautiful surrounding scenery.

The guests who wish may walk in the countryside just a few minutes road outside the city or climb our mountains. The highest mountain on the island is 1,838 ft. It can easily be done on your own. If needed, we can create guided walks. But it will be an additional charge. We also have the opportunity to make short or long boat tours for paying guests.

An overview of examples for a calls events/shore excursions:

Nanortalik open-air Museum

Our museum is easily accessible and consists of many buildings, Inuit summer camp Umiq and kayak exhibition. It gives a broad picture of community development in Greenland (Nanortalik) dating back to the Inuit time to our days.

The museum is open all day. Behind the museum, a summer hunting camp has been recreated to show what traditional life is like in the Arctic.

At the summer hunting camp in the museum area, Inuit in traditional clothing will show how they lived in the old days.

Kaffe-mik at the cultural centre

Greenlanders hold kaffe-mik to celebrate all kinds of festive occasions. Kaffe-mik guests usually drop by for a short visit to congratulate the hosts and drink coffee and eat cake. Now we have brought this Greenlandic tradition from people's private homes to the cultural centre so everyone onboard the ship can enjoy it.

Greenlandic folk dancing at the Cultural centre

This is a unique opportunity to experience lively Greenlandic folk dances performed by children from 7- 16 age of year. Original by inspired by

Dutch and Scottish whalers, over the centuries these reels have developed into a unique form of folk dancing that is still enjoyed today by young and old alike.

Greenlandic choir

Greenlanders are renowned for their singing. Guests can lean back and admire the beautiful church as they listen to peaceful psalms and merry songs. The singers are dressed in Greenlandic national costumes.

Impressive kayak and Umiq show

Takes place in the waters in front of the summer hunting camp at the museum with good photo opportunities from the beach. The Inuit has invented the kayak. Actually, kayak is an old Inuit name, only it is spelled "qajaq" in Greenlandic. The treacherous and harsh waters surrounding the world's largest island Greenland forced the hunters that came across from Canada and Alaska to develop one of their only means of transportation to the utmost accuracy. This is a very special opportunity to experience how the hunters of Greenland by centuries of passing on knowledge has mastered the various techniques; such as the "Eskimo roll" to assure they would survive capsizing during a storm.

Boat trip to the glacier in Tasermiut Fjord

One of our most beautiful day trips is the boat trip to the ice cap in the Tasermiut Fjord. We also visit the remote village Tasiusaq and sail by high peaks, among them the Ketil Fjeld a favourite among climbers with its 1000 meter vertical wall.

Boat trip to Uunartoq

Relax and unwind in 36- 38 °C 98-100 °F hot spring at Uunartoq. Since the days of the Norse, the hot springs have been known for their healing effects. Remember to bring your swimsuit.

Hike to the Raven Hill

A nice hike to the top of the Raven Hill (308m) where you can view the whole island and the mountain tops of Tasermiut Fjord.

Hike to Sissarissoq

A hike to Sissarissoq (the beach with nice rocks) through the path that goes through the bathing lake, the old Eskimo graves and ruins, and the polar bear rock where an old tale says that there have been a polar bear tied here. Sissarissoq was the original trade centre which was found in 1797. The trade centre was moved in 1830 to the present Nanortalik.



NARSARSUAQ



Narsarsuaq is located 200 km north of Cape Farewell in an area of natural beauty at the head of Eric's Fjord (Tunulliarfik). Built in 1941 as an American airbase, today Narsarsuaq is an important hub for air traffic in South Greenland. Infrastructure includes a museum, hotel, hostel, grocery, and café. Narsarsuaq has a stable, sunny, and mild climate with warm summer temperatures and relatively luxuriant vegetation. Visitors can book a boat trip to the nearby Qooroq Ice Fjord or a helicop-

ter flight to the edge of the ice cap – overlooking an endless landscape of ice. Four kilometres across the fjord lay the idyllic sheep farming community of Qassiarsuk, where Erik the Red founded Brattahlid in 985 AD, the first Viking settlement in Greenland. Today a reconstruction of a Norse longhouse and the first Christian Church in the northern hemisphere serve as an open-air museum. Blue Ice Explorer is your local tour operator, offering a wide variety of tours for cruise ship passengers.

Fact sheet

Location:	61° 08' 13" N / 45° 26' 3" W
Ice conditions:	Ice-free from March to November
Pier:	Atlantic Quay, length 118 m, depth 10 m
Distance to town:	3 km
Freshwater supply:	Yes
Local time:	GMT -3 hours
Banking:	No ATMs. Major credit cards accepted at souvenir shops. Cash EUR, GBP, USD accepted
Languages:	English, French, German, Spanish
Restaurants and cafés:	Hotel Narsarsuaq restaurant and café, Blue Ice Café
Souvenirs:	Souvenir shop at Hotel Narsarsuaq and at Blue Ice Café
Taxis:	There are no taxis in Narsarsuaq
Wheelchair accessibility:	Special arrangements needed for Qassiarsuk visits.

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NARSARUAQ



Blue Ice Explorer offers boat trips with 4 different boats:

Puttut: A traditional, wooden boat. 12 pax

Polarfox: A faster boat made of fibreglass. 12 pax

Nilak: A spacious and comfortable boat (Targa 37). 12 pax

Iluliaq: A spacious and comfortable boat (Targa 37). 12 pax

Boat tour to the Qooroq Ice Fjord

The boat takes us close to amazing icebergs run aground on the moraine at the mouth of the Qooroq Fjord. Toward the end of the fjord, we will enjoy the breathtaking view of the glacier that calves an average of 200.000 tons of ice a day. During the tour your guests will be served a cocktail on the rocks – off course the rocks are the purest glacier ice!

Duration: 3 hours

Include: Guide and drink with glacier ice

Max: 48 pax per tour

Iceberg Cruise

At the mouth of Qooroq Fjord icebergs in all shapes and colours sets off towards the sea. We will cruise close by and between these amazing pieces of nature's own art, providing you with numerous opportunities for taking unique and memorable photos.

Duration: 1½ hour

Max: 24 pax per tour

Settlement of Eric the Red – Qassiarsuk (Brattahlid)

Today sheep farmers are working on exact the same land as the Viking Eric the Red chose for his settlement more than 1000 years ago. Join in on a guided walking tour in an area that beautifully links together old history and modern living. With the reconstruction of a Norse longhouse and the church the picture is completed.

Duration: 3 hours

Include: Guide and entrance fee at museum

Transport: Own tender-boats

Min: 20 pax. Max: 60 pax per tour

Helicopter tours

It is truly an amazing experience, to fly over glaciers, blue fjords and lush valleys. Helicopters can take you to remote locations that you would never reach otherwise. Pictures of amazing landscapes and ice will be in your mind forever! The helicopter brings you to the edge of the icecap, overlooking an endless landscape of ice. We offer different tours, with or without ground stops. Two helicopters of different size are available.

Trip 1: 30 minutes flight time + 30 minutes ground stop

Trip 2: 20 minutes round trip - no ground stop

Include: Helicopter and transfer to the airport

Min: 5 pax. Max: 5 pax with AS-350

Min: 15 pax. Max: 19 pax with S-61

Hiking trip on the ridge

The tour along the ridge is a short hike (6 km) with a fantastic view over the Hospital - and Flower Valley, the Narsarsuaq River and Glacier and not at least the Ice Cap. We follow the gravel road among small birches and willow trees. To the right lies the Hospital Valley, where the Americans built a hospital with 250 beds during WW II. Today only a lone chimney made of granite boulder remains. To the left is the impressive Narsarsuaq River with melting water from the ice cap running into the fjord. Maybe the white-tailed eagle will hover over us. Your guide will tell you about life in Narsarsuaq now and then, as well as provide information about the ice cap and the local glacier.

Level: Level 3 hike. We walk on gravel roads and paths, a few steep ascents and descents occur as well. We recommend good walking shoes.

Duration: 3 hours

Include: Transfer, guide and refreshment

Min: 16 pax. Max: 36 pax per tour

Narsarsuaq guided sightseeing by bus

Narsarsuaq was founded by the American Air Force in 1941 when they built an air base in the region code named Blue West One. During WW II this base played a major role for troops heading to or from Europe. A military hospital with 250 beds was built in 1943. With more than 2000 inhabitants it was a lively community. Today the area has 160 inhabitants; most are employed by the airport authorities. On the tour you will hear about the life now and then, and you will have the opportunity to visit the local museum which has a fine exhibition describing the areas military history.

Duration: 1 hour

Include: Bus tour, guide, entrance to the museum, coffee/tee

Min: 20 pax. Max: 36 pax per tour

Shuttle bus service in Narsarsuaq

Between the harbour and hotel/café/museum

1 bus (40 seats)

2 mini buses (8 seats)



NARSAQ



Narsaq enjoys a sheltered location within a large network of fjords. The area's gentle subarctic climate is ideal for sheep farming and agriculture, and its deep green valleys create an astonishing contrast to the dazzling displays of icebergs produced by nearby glaciers. Narsaq is the only town that offers a clear view of the ice cap, and this is the perfect setting for iceberg watching. Geology buffs will also be fascinated

by the wide variety of rare minerals and gems found in the mountains. Narsaq Tourist Office can help you organize a programme of events that is tailored to your needs. Popular tours include the museum, the church, local Viking ruins, scenic hike to Narsaq Point and boat trips to the ice cap. Tastings of Greenlandic specialities can also be arranged.

Fact sheet

Location:	60° 54' N / 43° 03' W
Ice conditions:	Icebergs are common
Pier:	Atlantic Quay. Length 60 m, depth 8 m
Distance to town:	Docks are 500 meters from town centre
Safe anchorage:	In Narsaq Bay, contact harbour master
Freshwater supply:	Yes
Local time:	GMT -3 hours
Banking:	ATM at Pilersuisoq, all major credit cards accepted at souvenir shops.
Languages:	English, Danish, Spanish, and Greenlandic.
Restaurants and cafés:	Restaurant Klara at Hotel Narsaq, Time Out grill
Souvenirs:	Local handicrafts and books at Narsaq Tourist Office, Narsaq Museum, Pilersuisoq.
Taxis:	Phone +299 66 20 20
Wheelchair accessibility:	Distances are large, taxis recommended.

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NARSAQ



Narsaq Tourist Office offers two concepts for activities in Narsaq: "Guided Tours" and "Explore Narsaq"

Guided Tours

Citywalk

We will take you on a guided walk throughout the town. One of the highlights is the museum, with its large collection of Inuit and Norse artefacts. We can see the catch of the day at the local fish market. We visit the work shop where the local artist work with stones and different kind of materials, (possibility to buy directly from the artist). After we visit the mineral collection. The tour ends at the beautiful village church. Duration: 2 hours.

Viking Ruins

Starting at the harbour, we drive through the town to Dyrnæs Valley, near Narsaq. Over a thousand years ago, the Vikings settled here. This location gave them a commanding view of two fjords and a fertile valley for agriculture. Archaeologists have found the remains of a large Norse homestead and a church at Dyrnæs. At A21 – the culturehouse we see the replicas of norse garments found in the area. Duration: 2 hours, Max: 24 pax/ group Transport: by car / walking

Hiking to Narsaq Point

This scenic walk takes us along the base of Qaqqarsuaq Mountain where we can enjoy views of town and the ice in the fjord. We walk on a gravel road that is not too difficult. Guests will hear about flora and fauna, see old Inuit graves and ruins, and hear about the old telegraph station that was built at Narsaq Point during World War Two. Duration: 3 hours, included water and dry fish from Greenland.

Iceberg safari

Narsaq Sound and Bredefjord are full of icebergs from nearby glaciers. On this trip we sail among amazing natural sculptures made of ice that slowly drift toward the open sea. These fascinating works of art create a

changing landscape of endless colours, shapes and sizes. Duration: 1 hour, Max: 12 pax/ group Transport: by boat

Helicopter trip

Starting at the harbour, we drive through the town to Greenland Mineral Service to pick a helicopter and flight to the ice cap and landed 10 minutes to take some pictures. Duration: 40 min. Max: 5 pax/ group. Min: 50 pax. Transport: by helicopter

Kayak in Narsap ilua

Starting at the harbour, we hiking to Narsap ilua (1.5 kms) with beautiful views of the natural bay, a perfect place to paddle near the icebergs with a double kayak and dry suit. (not recommended for people with severe back problems) Duration: 2 hours, Max: 8 pax/ group Transport: walking and kayak.

Explore Narsaq

In view of the limited capacity for transport and guided tours in a small town like Narsaq, we suggest that larger ships select our open-town concept: "Explore Narsaq". This gives all guests onboard equal access to the highlights of the town. Strolling around Narsaq and admiring the beautiful views is part of the whole experience.

- 1) At the Narsaq Museum, English/Danish/French Spanish-speaking guides will show guests around the different buildings and explain the history of the area
- 2) The choir will sing at the church and a guide will be on hand to tell about this historic building and Christian life in Greenland
- 3) Local artists will demonstrate how they make beautiful carvings and jewellery at a handicraft workshop

Cityguides will assist your guests around town.

Transfer from the pier to the town centre is included for guests who have difficulties walking.



QAQORTOQ



Qaqortoq viewed from the sea is a remarkable sight. Colourful houses dot steep hillsides, and the old town square surrounded by buildings from the colonial days creates a delightful historical atmosphere. Qaqortoq has 3,200 inhabitants and is South Greenland's centre for education. The Qaqortoq Tourist Association offers a wide variety of guided tours and can help you arrange a programme to suit your needs. Visitors can admire the outdoor art-project »Stone and Man«, with sculp-

tures carved in living rock around the town. Popular activities include a hike around the town's scenic lake and a boat trip to Hvalsey Church – South Greenland's most famous Viking ruin. Other points of interest include the town's museums and the Great Greenland tannery, with its fur fashion design studios. Qaqortoq also has a number of restaurants where guests can taste unique Greenlandic specialities.

Fact sheet

Location:	60° 43' N / 46° 02' W
Ice conditions:	Pack ice in May/June, icebergs are common
Pier:	Atlantic Quay, length 100 m, depth 6.8 m
Distance to town:	Tenderboats dock directly adjacent to the town centre
Safe anchorage:	60° 42' 765" N / 46°02' 307" W (muddy/rocky sea bottom)
Freshwater supply:	Yes
Local time:	GMT -3 hours
Banking:	ATMs at Grønlandsbanken, major credit cards accepted at souvenir shops.
Languages:	English, German, French
Restaurants and cafés:	Restaurant Ban Thai, Hotel Qaqortoq, Seamen's Home
Souvenirs:	Local handicrafts at Tourist Information & Souvenir Shop, Pisiffik, Qaqortoq Museum offers a wide range of books about the Arctic. Phone +299 64 1111 / +299 64 1414 or contact Tourist Information
Taxis:	
Wheelchair accessibility:	Qaqortoq has many steep hillsides; taxis are recommended.

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QAQORTOQ



Hvalsey Church Ruin

During the Middle Ages, Hvalsey was one of the largest and most influential churches in Greenland, aside from the diocese in Gardar. On this beautiful fjord near the old ruins, history comes to life as your tour guide tells you about the life of Viking farmers and the trade links that the Norse maintained with Europe. Duration: 3-4 hours.
Min/max diff. due to different boats

Upernaviarsuk Agricultural Station

Upernaviarsuk, population 10, is situated around 30 minutes by boat from Qaqortoq. Upernaviarsuk is the only agricultural station in Greenland, an experimental farm owned by the Greenland Government. There is a ruin of a Viking farm from a middle age, and a ruin of an early modern Greenlandic farm from the 1780's. There is today a small agricultural school and a farm working with applied research. The productions at Upernaviarsuk are mainly sheep farming, vegetable production and ornamental plants. Further more there are a few heads of horses and cattle. Duration: 2-3 Hours
Min/max diff. due to different boats

Helicopter tours

We offer different choices within helicopter tours, in corporation with a local helicopter company. Choose a shorter trip of 25 minutes and see Hvalsey Church Ruins. Then you fly to the village of Eqaqarsuit's fjord for iceberg photos.
Or choose a longer Helicopter ride of 55 minutes to the Inland Ice. The trip goes to the Twin Glaciers. Please ask for price
Prices from 2000 DKK per person
min / max 4 / 4
Duration 25 min / 55 min

Great Greenland tannery

The ancient hunting culture of the Inuit's remains important livelihoods in Greenland, and is the backbone of Greenland culture. Great Greenland is the only tannery in the country. Most of the furs are exported abroad, but some are sewn into fine fashion creations directly at the tannery. On this tour you will learn about the processes used to treat these beautiful furs. The tour includes a visit to the fashion design studios and the impressive fur storage rooms, with huge piles of sealskins and polar bear furs. Even during the industrial holidays on the 27-28-29 weeks, we are able to run the tours.
Duration: 1 hour, min: 10 persons/guide
Max: 25 persons/guide

Walking tour of Qaqortoq

Join us for an exciting walking tour through the centre of town. Guests will learn about the development of the town, from its establishment in 1775 to its current status as South Greenland's largest community and center with 3,200 inhabitants. Along the way, we will admire some of the stone sculptures carved into living rock around the town by local artist Aka Høegh. The guide will tell about daily life here, a colorful town with its mixture of charming old colonial buildings and modern architecture. The tour includes the fish market and both the old and new church. As a new thing we include the Inuit sod house beside the museum. The guide will tell you about traditional living in such of a house. Pls. note that the entrance to the main museum building is an extra 20 DKK.
Duration: 1 ½ hour, min.: 10 per/guide, max.: 25 per/guide

Kayak show

Let Kayaks welcome you to Qaqortoq – Qajaq; one must say that the Greenlanders have survived the arctic climate due to kayak (Qajaq). Currently used primarily as a kayak sports gear. Each year, kayak clubs arrange championships in the presence of kayak enthusiasts from around the world. There will be shown the "Es-kimo roll" and other disciplines.
Duration: ½ Hour

Folk dance. Greenlanders are joyful people. On special occasions we dance polka, in our national costumes, accompanied by accordion and other instruments. The Greenland polka was originally introduced by European whalers, centuries ago.

Singing Choir; Greenlanders, we are happy for singing! At parties, for any celebrations and for church gatherings, we sing. Polyphonic singing, dates back to the time of the Moravians Missionaries in Greenland, from the 18th century. Listen to a choir performing happy Greenlandic song's and hymns in their finest colorful national costumes.

Venue: onboard the ship, local church or Community hall
Duration: ½ hour
Min/max: 120 / 450

Drum Dance; this traditional shaman ritual derived from our ancestors, were banned by the missionaries with the introduction of Christianity to Greenland. However, the drum dance survived in some parts of Greenland; especially in remote East Greenland, from where our drum dancer Jerimias Saniimuinaq originated. To think that he as a child, has peeked into the back then banned secret shaman evenings for adults, and learned ancient methods and the art of drum dancing.

Hike along the Great Lake

Join us for a 5-km hike to learn about flora, fauna and climate. The tour, which starts from the landing stage "Kongebroen", takes us along the Great Lake on paths over lightly uneven terrain. The Great Lake serves as a recreational area for the town, and is a popular place for local joggers, picnickers, and children who brave the cold waters for a refreshing dip during the summer.
Duration: 2 ½ hours
Min/max: 10/25 per/guide

"Kaffemik" in private houses and the national costume

Greenlanders celebrate many events with a »kaffemik« – a tradition of inviting friends and relatives for coffee, tea and cake. We attend a »kaffemik« in a private home. While guests are enjoying their coffee and cake, the Greenlandic national costume will be presented. It takes long winter months to create each unique outfit. Guests will be given a demonstration of how it is made by one of the women in town who still has the traditional skills.
Duration: 1 ½ hour
Groups: max of 15 per/guide
incl. coffee and cake

Taste of Greenland

Greenland offers a fascinating array of fresh meat and fish. For discerning gourmets, we have put together a little menu with some of the best traditional Greenlandic and Inuit foods. Try the Inuit Cuisine, with samples of dried seal, reindeer and whale, mattak (whale skin), dried fish, reindeer meat and the world's best lamb meat. Restaurant Napparsivik has years of experience in preparing food with Greenlandic ingredients. For larger groups only.
Duration: 20-50 minutes
Min.: 40 persons

Lecturing

Let us introduce you to the Greenlandic culture, nature etc. through our lecturer. Or do you have special wishes into Greenland topics? Examples of the topics could be the impacts of the warmer climate; how does it affect the lives of the hunters, their families or to the society? How do we use the warmer climate on farming culture? Do we grow vegetables in Greenland?

Venue: onboard the ship or in the community hall.
Price: please ask for price and duration.
Can be mixed with a drum dancing performance.

Remember that you can mix the tours. Choose the most convenient tours for the guests. Ex. The town tour mixed with Great Greenland tour or Taste mix with town tour or Great Lake tour.

For Larger ships with more than 1000 passengers onboard, we offer a special program. Please ask for the program created special for your demanding and size of ship.