

# ICEBERGS OF DISKO BAY

This trip is a chance to become an Arctic Explorer and uncover the highlights of Disko Bay from icebergs and whales to glaciers and islands. Our carefully designed itinerary is fully flexible and customizable whether you want to go hiking in the footsteps of famous explorers, on an Inuit fishing excursion or sea-kayaking among whales and icebergs...

 Région	Baie de Disko
 Activité	Autotour
 Durée	Eté
 Code	10 jours
 Prix	GROL8VA
	A partir de 1 995 €

## PROGRAMME

### 📍 Jour 1 Ilulissat



Welcome to Greenland! Transfer from airport to your accommodation in Ilulissat. Located approximately 220 miles north of the Arctic Circle it is an interesting town - it has as many sled dogs as people!

*Suggested activities: Walking tour of Ilulissat*

*Accommodation: Hostel or hotel*

### 📍 Jour 2 Ilulissat / Oqaatsut (Rodebay)



10.00am boat trip to the tiny traditional settlement of Oqaatsut and its coloured houses. Located 15km north of Ilulissat on a peninsula facing the island of Disko this picturesque village has only about 40 inhabitants. Take time to explore this delightful village at the end of the world with its traditional Inuit culture, stunning scenery and friendly locals. This afternoon you can go hiking or sea-kayaking with an English speaking expert guide to further explore this area.

*Transport: 25-30 minute boat trip, Ilulissat - Oqaatsut, Disko Bay*

*Suggested activities: Explore Oqaatsut & go hiking. Book sea-kayaking with English guide from 280 € / person*

*Accommodation: Hotel*

### 📍 Jour 3 Oqaatsut / Ilulissat



Today you have time to fully explore this stunning area before your boat to Ilulissat at 7.30pm. We recommend hiking, marked trails from your accommodation lead to beautiful views of Greenland's rugged scenery including lakes, tundra & mountains; ice formations, the sea and small Inuit huts.

*Transport: 25-30 minute boat trip, Oqaatsut - Ilulissat, Disko Bay*

*Suggested activities: Explore Oqaatsut & hiking*

*Accommodation: Hostel or hotel*

### 📍 Jour 4 Cruising Disko Bay / Eqi Glacier / Victor Port



Today your boat leaves at 7:00am for the famous Eqi Glacier, an early start but a truly spectacular day, Cruise through the ice-filled waters of Ilulissat Icefjord (UNESCO World Heritage Site), a truly unique place with icebergs of all shapes and sizes. After 4 hours of sailing your boat will arrive at Eqi Glaciers enormous ice wall. Here a snack served whilst you observe a truly spectacular show of rumbling blocks of ice breaking free from the glacier and splashing into the waters below. The boat docks at Port Victor, where you will disembark and find your accommodation for the night, a charming chalet with panoramic views of the glacier.

*Transport: 7 hour boat trip, Ilulissat to Eqi Glacier & Port Victor*

*Suggested activities: Boat trip*

*Accommodation: Chalet*

#### 📍 Jour 5 **Hiking in the footsteps of polar explorers**



Today, an English speaking expert guide can lead you on a spectacular hiking adventure in accordance with the conditions, your hiking fitness and motivations. There are endless hiking options here in one of the most wild and remote places in the world.

There is a truly special full day hike which follows the footsteps of the famous the French polar explorers who first ventured here in the 1940s up to the ice sheet. (This option is available in June, July and August from €170 per person)

There are also several half-day and shorter options to explore the varied zones of the wild region around Eqi glacier. You can traverse the river delta, observe icebergs stranded on sand and go hiking at the foot of the imposing Eqi Glacier where seals play and sunbathe.

*Suggested activities: Hiking with an English speaking expert guide (prices vary depending on length & difficulty)*

*Additional options: Mini expedition, you can embark on a 2 day guided hike with a night camping, conditions permitting, this could be a night camping on the ice cap (please request when booking)*

*Accommodation: Chalet*

#### 📍 Jour 6 **Victor Port / Ilulissat**



Final morning at Eqi Glacier to explore the area at leisure before an afternoon boat back to Ilulissat. We are sure you will find the return journey just as spectacular as you cruise through iceberg-filled waters.

*Transport: 7 hour boat trip, Port Victor & Eqi Glacier to Ilulissat*

*Suggested activities: Sight-seeing, boat trip*

*Accommodation: Hostel or hotel*

#### 📍 Jour 7 **Ilulissat / Qeqertarsuaq**

Ilulissat / Qeqertarsuaq

Today a local ferry will take you across Disko Bay to the island of Disko (also called Qeqertarsuaq). Disko Bay is known as the sea of ice but it is said that during the summer months there are more whales

than icebergs here! Keep your eyes open, particularly for humpback whales, as the ferry weaves between icebergs and heads towards the impressive 1000m cliffs of Qeqertarsuaq. Depending on your desires, after finding your accommodation, we suggest a walk to a 'look-out' observation spot in the south of the island where you can observe whales, other marine life and spectacular views.

*Transport: 2 1/2 hour boat trip across Disko Bay*

*Suggested activities: Sight-seeing, boat trip*

*Accommodation: Hostel*

#### 📍 Jour 8 **Disko Island**



Today is a day to explore Disko Island as you wish. Free hikes from your accommodation can lead you to some of the island's most impressive features. You can explore Blaesedalen 'the U-shaped valley of the winds' with its numerous waterfalls; discover beaches with icebergs which have run aground and explore Kuannit with its fields, hot springs and volcanic cliffs.

If you are looking for something challenging, you can hike up to Lyngmark Glacier: here, not only is there a breathtaking panorama view of the entire island but also the only dog sledding opportunity in summer in Greenland!

*Suggested activities: Hiking*

*Additional options: Lyngmark Glacier walking and dog sledding excursions (1-2 day excursions possible), hiking to Osterlien with its warm springs and angelica, whale watching safari*

*Accommodation: Hostel*

#### 📍 Jour 9 **Qeqertarsuaq / Ilulissat**



We are sure that your boat trip back across Disko Bay to Ilulissat will be just as special as the first trip across - don't forget to look out for whales! You have this afternoon to explore Ilulissat at leisure, we have lots of recommendations and optional excursions for your last day in Greenland.

- Guided tour of Ilulissat city
- Guided hiking in the Semermiut Valley, a sacred place where Inuits settled more than 3000 years ago
- Helicopter flight over the glacier which covers most of the northern hemisphere in ice
- A Greenlandic fishing excursion

- Whale-watching outing, picnic included

Please see a full list of Optional Activities under 'Dates & Prices'

*Transport: 2 1/2 hour boat trip across Disko Bay*

*Choose from a selection of activity options*

*Accommodation: Hostel or hotel*

#### 📍 Jour 10 **Farewell Greenland**



Transfer to airport

*This itinerary, including walking distances and times, is indicative and fully flexible.*

### ***Other trips you may like***

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The Greenlandic Haven of Oqaatsut: Throw yourself into Inuit culture and experience a Greenlandic summer from remote Oqaatsut - a tiny settlement North of Disko bay where Inuit cultures remain unspoiled. The tranquility of the miraculous nature here, in this forgotten corner of the world, is sure to impress. Discover more with guided hikes and cruises...

## PÉRIODE & BUDGET

### Quand voyager ?

La meilleure période pour voyager est la suivante :

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### Prix

Trip prices are based on 2 travellers.

Standard accommodation options from €1995 per person

Add luxury accommodation options from +€700

*Ce budget est indiqué par personne, selon disponibilité. Votre agent local vous fera parvenir un devis personnalisé avec le prix exact. En effet, ce dernier peut varier en fonction de plusieurs éléments (disponibilité, niveaux de prestations, période, nb de participants, délai de réservation et bien d'autres encore).*

### Le prix comprend

- 4 nights accommodation in Ilulissat (hotel or youth hostel accommodation options available)
- Return boat trip from Ilulissat to Eqi Glacier & Victor Port (breakfast, lunch and snacks on board depending on the time)
- 2 nights in a double chalet overlooking Eqi Glacier with breakfast
- Return boat trip Ilulissat / Rodebay (25-30 minute trip each way)
- Return boat trip Ilulissat / Qeqertarsuaq (2 1/2 hours each way)
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Oqaatsut, double room, shared bathroom, breakfast included
- 2 nights hostel accommodation in Qeqertarsuaq, double room, shared bathroom, breakfast included
- If you choose hotel accommodation in Ilulissat, breakfasts in Ilulissat and airport transfers will also be included

### Le prix ne comprend pas

- Registration free: €18 per person
- Flights & airport transfers\*
- Breakfasts in Ilulissat are not included\*
- Dinners and lunches are not included unless otherwise specified (please see 'Food' section for more information)

\*If you choose hotel accommodation in Ilulissat, breakfasts and airport transfers will be included.

### Additional Options

Prices listed in euros are to be paid with the trip total before departure. Prices listed in DKK are to be paid locally. Please contact us for more information about activities for which 'prices vary'. Please let us know if you would like to reserve any of the following optional activities:

- Ilulissat Museum: from €8 Greenlandic meal in traditional restaurant: from €30
- Oqaatsut sea-kayaking excursion with an English speaking expert guide, all equipment included: from €280 per person
- Eqi Glacier Mini expedition: you can embark on a 2 day guided hike with a night camping, conditions permitting, this could be a night camping on the ice cap Lyngmark
- Glacier walking and dog sledding excursions on Disko Island: 1-2 day excursions possible, prices vary
- Guided hiking to Osterlien, Disko Island, with warm springs and angelica: from €44
- Disko Island whale watching safari: prices vary
- Guided tour of Ilulissat city: €44
- Guided hiking in the Semermiut Valley: from €44
- Helicopter flight over the glacier hich covers most of the northern hemisphere in ice: from €493
- A Greenlandic fishing excursion: from €274
- Whale-watching outing, picnic included: from €158
- A three hour evening kayaking excursion: from €210

### Remarques

#### Comfortable Accommodation

Well-equipped accommodation options like basic hotels or charming guesthouses are rated 4/5 for comfort. Please note that depending on the destination this does not necessarily guarantee private bathroom and kitchen facilities.

## **Luxury Accommodation**

Our luxury trips include hotel accommodation with private rooms and en-suite options.

## **Level**

This is your trip, you can choose how challenging or relaxing each day is.

## **Conditions de paiement et d'annulation**

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### **Inscription**

L'inscription à l'une de nos activités ou voyage implique l'acceptation des conditions générales de vente. Chaque client doit remplir un bulletin d'inscription. L'inscription n'est acceptée qu'avec le versement d'un acompte représentant 30% du montant total du voyage et dans la mesure des places disponibles. Si l'inscription se fait à moins de 35 jours du départ, le prix total du voyage devra être réglé dès l'inscription. Vous pouvez effectuer votre paiement par virement bancaire (SWIFT/IBAN) ou par carte bleue directement sur le site. Une confirmation d'inscription vous sera envoyée par mail dans les plus brefs délais.

### **Facturation**

Une fois votre réservation enregistrée, nous vous envoyons par mail votre facture. Le solde doit nous parvenir au moins 35 jours avant votre date d'arrivée. Si le solde du voyage ne nous est pas parvenu dans ces délais, Altaï Greenland se réserve le droit d'annuler la réservation sans indemnité.

### **Annulation**

Si pour quelque raison que ce soit, vous devez annuler votre voyage, les sommes que vous avez versées vous seront remboursées sous réserve des retenues suivantes :

- Annulation reçue plus de 30 jours avant la date de départ : une somme de 50 € par personne sera retenue.
- Annulation reçue 30 à 21 jours avant la date de départ : votre acompte, 30% du prix total du voyage sera retenu.
- Annulation reçue 20 à 14 jours avant la date de départ : 50% du prix total du voyage sera retenu.
- Annulation reçue 13 à 7 jours avant la date de départ : 75% du prix total du voyage sera retenu.
- Annulation reçue moins de 7 jours avant la date de départ : 100% du prix total du voyage sera retenu.

**Vous devez nous faire connaître votre décision d'annulation par écrit. C'est la date de réception de votre demande qui déterminera la date de votre annulation.**

### **Cas particuliers :**

Quelle que soit la date d'annulation ou de modification de contrat, les frais suivants s'ajoutent au barème ci-dessus :

- Frais fixes aériens : si votre billet d'avion doit être émis longtemps à l'avance, souvent pour vous éviter des suppléments importants, 100% des frais non remboursables en cas d'annulation ou de modification de votre plan de vol vous seront facturés. Dans ce cas le barème ci-dessus ne s'applique que sur le prix du voyage sans le vol.
- Frais fixes terrestres : les frais engagés tôt pour des réservations fermes vous seront facturés en cas d'annulation.
- Frais d'assurance : que vous ayez souscrit une assurance multirisques ou une assurance annulation, le montant de l'assurance est dû et ne peut faire l'objet d'aucun remboursement. Ces conditions spécifiques vous seront signifiées sur votre confirmation d'inscription.

Si Altaï Greenland se trouve dans l'obligation d'annuler un départ en groupe, en raison du nombre insuffisant de participants, la décision sera prise et les clients informés au plus tard 21 jours avant le départ. Altaï Greenland peut également annuler un départ suite à des événements exceptionnels, relevant notamment des cas de force majeure pouvant porter atteinte à la sécurité des participants. Dans ces cas les participants seront remboursés intégralement des sommes qu'ils ont versées sans toutefois pouvoir prétendre à aucune indemnité.

### **Modification du contrat**

En cas de modification d'un voyage par le client entraînant des frais pour Altaï Greenland, ces frais seront à la charge du client. Dans tous les cas, toute modification fera l'objet d'un écrit. Altaï Greenland pourrait modifier des éléments au contrat de voyage, si des événements extérieurs à notre volonté s'imposaient. Nos clients en seraient informés par écrit dans les plus brefs délais.

### **Prix et révision des prix**

Pour les voyages en groupe, les prix figurant sur le site internet ont été calculés et sont valables pour le nombre indiqué de participants pour chaque voyage. Les tarifs sont confirmés lors de l'inscription. Si le nombre de participants est inférieur, un supplément petit groupe peut être appliqué. Pour tous les séjours ou programmes, nous mentionnons le prix par personne,

valable à partir d'un certain nombre de participants, et nous détaillons les prestations incluses et non incluses de ce prix. Toute modification des taux de change, des prix des différents éléments composant un voyage et en particulier le prix des carburants peut entraîner un réajustement du prix.

### ***Cession du contrat***

Vous avez la possibilité de céder votre contrat à un cessionnaire qui remplit les mêmes conditions que vous pour effectuer le voyage tant que ce contrat n'a produit aucun effet. Vous êtes tenu d'informer Altaï Greenland de votre décision par tout moyen permettant d'en obtenir un accusé de réception et au plus tard sept jours avant le début du voyage. En cas de cession de contrat, le cédant et/ou le cessionnaire sont préalablement tenus d'acquitter les frais induits par la cession qui vous seront communiqués par votre conseiller. Le cédant et le cessionnaire sont solidairement responsables du paiement du solde du prix ainsi que des frais, redevances ou autres coûts supplémentaires éventuellement occasionnés par cette cession.

### ***Assurance***

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Nous vous invitons à souscrire une assurance personnelle garantissant les activités pratiquées avec Altaï Greenland dès que votre inscription est validée. Nous vous demandons de bien vouloir nous communiquer par mail les informations de votre contrat d'assurance (nom de la compagnie, nom du contrat, n° de police d'assurance, n° de téléphone) et d'emporter ces informations avec vous lors de votre séjour.

## INFOS PRATIQUES

### ***Encadrement***

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This is a self-guided trip. Armed with an abundance of experience and a wealth of expert knowledge our professional Greenland team are always on hand. All activities are lead by our qualified guides - all English speaking outdoor practitioners with a passion for everything Greenlandic. Please note that this adventure takes place in an isolated polar environment which can be hostile - safety rules must be followed.

### ***Alimentation***

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The standard version of this trip includes 7 breakfasts, and one lunch. The luxury version includes all breakfasts and some of our additional optional excursions include meals.

#### **Ilulissat**

Food is not provided at the youth hostel but there is a fully equiped kitchen. You will find shops, markets, small cafes and restaurants nearby (~260DKK per meal). We recommend a budget of ~150DKK per day if you intend to buy food from local supermarkets and we recommend checking out the local fish market 'Brættet' found near to the hostel. If you choose hotel accommodation in Ilulissat, breakfasts and airport transfers will be included.

#### **Oqaatsut**

You can try fresh Greenlandic food and eat at the restaurant H8 (~220DKK per meal)

#### **Boat Trips**

Between Ilulissat and Port Victor (Eqi Glacier) breakfast, lunch and snacks will be served according to the time.

#### **Eqi Glacier**

Cafe Victor serves buffet or BBQ style local dinners (~350DKK). Here you can try delicacies such as reindeer, musk-ox, cod and halibut. You can also purchase picnic or buffet style lunches (~70 - 130DKK).

### ***Hébergement***

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#### **Ilulissat**

Hostel accommodation near the city center, shops and the port - simple yet comfortable accommodation with shared facilities. You will have access to the kitchen, a telephone, washing machine and a living room with a TV. Our luxury accommodation hotel accommodation with private facilities, breakfasts and airport transfers are also included.

#### **Oqaatsut**

Double room hotel accommodation, shared toilets. The rooms are spacious and nicely decorated and there is a kitchen / dining room with breakfast served until 9.30am. There is a large terrace with views of the site and a washing machine available in the village.

#### **Eqi**

Accommodation in a lodge facing the glacier. You can choose from standard or more luxurious chalets (1-4 persons). The standard chalets have toilets and washbasins and the more luxurious chalets have their own bathroom and toilet facilities. There is also a café restaurant here where breakfast is provided and you can choose from a great selection of local foods for lunch and dinner.

### ***Déplacement et portage***

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In Greenland we use local boats, specially adapted for ice navigation, to cross fjords. For the boat trip to Eqi we use 3 different vessels for 60, 36 or 12 passagers.

### ***Budget et change***

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The currency in Greenland is the Danish Krone (DKK)

Please budget for:

- Drinks and personal expenses
- We recommend a budget of around 2000DKK for food on this trip but this is widely variable. This number is based on a mixture

of restaurant and supermarket food options. Alcohol is very expensive in Greenland, if you want to enjoy an evening drink after your days adventures, we recommend buying Duty Free alcohol in the airport.

## ***Equipement fourni sur place***

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If you choose to participate in activities which require specialist equipment (like kayaking) all technical equipment will be provided.

## ***Matériel***

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We prefer that you do not wear cotton clothing, including underwear, when participating in activities. When cotton gets wet from water or sweat it ceases to insulate and it does not dry fast. The best materials for outdoor activities are fast drying materials like polyester or materials which are warm when wet like wool. The most powerful materials against the wind and rain are 'breathable' materials like Gore-Tex or Nikwax.

### **Our advice for keeping warm**

Winter in Greenland can be very cold, please think carefully about what clothes you bring, although we will provide warm outer layers, the layers you wear next to your skin make the biggest difference. We recommend:

- No cotton
- Bring dry spares of everything, even underwear and gloves
- Wear multiple layers including:
  1. A warm breathable base layer
  2. A second thermal layer
  3. Wind and waterproof protective out layer (we provide an additional quality jacket and over trousers)

## ***Bagages***

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Please bring a small rucksack to use as a day bag. You can bring this as hand luggage on the aeroplane. You will carry your lunch, water, spare layers and any personal medication with you each day in this bag. You will also need a larger bag to store your other clothes and belongings in, please ensure that this is a soft bag like a rucksack or holdall rather than a hard cased suitcase because it is more practical. We recommend packing all of your clothes in plastic bags so that they stay dry in the event of bad weather.

## ***Pharmacie***

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Your guide is a trained first-aider and will carry a full first aid kit at all times during the trip. We recommend that you bring a small personal first aid kit containing any medication you may need such as inhalers, plasters, antiseptic and painkillers.

## ***Passeport***

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Most travellers require a passport that is valid for at least three months after the return date. It is your responsibility to confirm your specific passport requirements and please be aware that proof of onwards travel may be required.

## ***Visa***

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Most travellers do not need a VISA to travel to Greenland but proof of onwards travel may be required. It is your responsibility to confirm your specific visa requirements.

## ***Vaccins obligatoires***

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There are no specific health risks.

## ***Santé / recommandations sanitaires***

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It is your responsibility to check that your personal health insurance covers everything in this trip. A consultation with your doctor is a prerequisite for any trip.

## ***Climat***

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Year round the temperatures in Greenland can range from -25°C to more than 20°C (-13°F to +68°F). The air is low in humidity which means that the temperatures do not feel as cold as you might imagine and that the views are amazing, it appears that you can see further. Generally speaking Greenland is not very windy and the warmest months are June - August.

The length of the day varies significantly throughout the year. The shortest day of the year is 21st December with no sunlight! The longest day, with 24 hours of sunlight, is 20th June. You can see the midnight sun from May - July and the Northern Lights in the darker months.

## ***Electricité***

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Greenland uses Northern European electrical standards (50Hz/220 volts) and the standard Europlug socket with two round prongs.

## ***Heure locale***

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Most of Greenland uses Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)/ Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) -3; most areas use Daylight Saving Time (DST).

## ***Géographie***

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**Area:** 836,300 mi<sup>2</sup>

**Population:** 56,186 inhabitants (2016)

**Capital:** Nuuk

**Languages:** Kalaallisut or West Greenlandic, Danish is also widely used

**Regime:** Part of the Kingdom of Denmark but politically autonomous

Part of the continent of North America, Greenland is the largest island on Earth and it is covered by the largest ice sheet in the world outside of Antarctica.

## ***Tourisme responsable***

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As adventure and wilderness travel experts who run trips to some of the most remote parts of the world, we take responsible tourism very seriously.

We respect the 'Leave No Trace' outdoor ethical code and try to explore this beautiful location whilst causing minimal environmental damage.

The Leave No Trace policy can be summarized in 7 simple steps which we hope you will follow during our trip...

1. Be prepared
2. Stick to trails and camp overnight right
3. Stash your trash and pick up waste
4. Leave it as you find it
5. Be careful with fire
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be considerate of other visitors

Over the years we have built up good relations with our local suppliers and we are keen to support local businesses as much as possible. We are a small company and we pay our local partners and suppliers directly insuring fair rates.

Our small group sizes not only provide a more intimate adventure but also cause less impact on the environment and local communities.

We expect all who travel with us to support and uphold our Sustainable Tourism philosophies.