

GREENLANDIC WINTER WONDERLAND

PROGRAMME

📍 Jour 1 Oqaatsut



It is a scenic flight over snow-capped peaks to ilulissat airport - we will greet you at the airport and travel a further 20 kilometres north together. Depending on the conditions we will travel by boat or snowmobile across the floe ice or through iceberg filled waters to find the isolated settlement of Oqaatsut. This tiny village is home to only about 45 people who live in traditional coloured houses. Enjoy a presentation of the trip to come and a hot meal

prepared by your guide. Our basic accommodation here at the end of the world has breathtaking views of the ice sheet and icebergs.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transport: By boat and/or snowmobile

📍 Jour 2 Nordic Hiking



Snowshoes on and dogs harnessed up, set off to explore your surroundings like Eskimos before, by nordic walking with dogs - a unique experience of trust and sharing. Progress over the ice floe, discover Greenlandic seal hunting and cod fishing techniques and learn essential polar explorer skills. Conditions permitting, you should be able to enjoy the aurora borealis from the comforts of our warm accommodation tonight.

4 to 5 hours of snowshoeing with dogs

Accommodation: Hostel

📍 Jour 3 Dog-sledding



Meet our local mushers and dogs who will help us master the art of Greenlandic dog sledding. This traditional activity is still used to transport game across the ice during hunting trips. We set off across the ice in twos with our own pack of beautiful dogs to explore the fascinating and surprisingly varied universe of the ice sheet. Look out for seals basking in the sun on the icebergs. We wave goodbye to our dog sleds at the foot of the valley, strap on our

snowshoes and hike back through the hills enjoying majestic views over the bay.

2 hours dog-sledding and 3 to 4 hours snowshoeing

Accommodation: Hotel in Ilulissat

📍 Jours 4 à 5 **Ilulissat**



2 days to enjoy the unique atmosphere of Ilulissat; its bay of giant icebergs, arctic lights, and colourful houses.

Optional activities with English-speaking coaches:

- Snowshoeing along the UNESCO-listed Icefjord: An exceptional snowshoe hike to the famous Icefjord.

Walking through the Sermermiut Valley, gradually discover the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Fjord. Huge ice cathedrals remain trapped in the fjord, frozen by the pack ice, creating the most striking panoramic views.

Price: 135 €. Duration: 5h.

- Snowmobile Outing (2 / snowmobile): Depending on the snow, ice and weather conditions, your choices will be between a trip back to Oqaastut, north of Ilulissat, or to go further into the mountains where a succession of viewpoints over Ilulissat, Disko Bay and the cap await. Price: 205 €. Duration: 3h-3h30.

Accommodation: Hotel in Ilulissat

(This can be shortened to one day if you have less time)

📍 Jour 6 **Final morning**



Enjoy a morning at leisure in Ilulissat - a final chance to visit Ilulissat Museum or to buy souvenirs in this iconic Greenlandic town which is home to as many sled dogs as people!

Please note that this itinerary, including walking distances and times, is indicative. Our guides aim to provide the adventure that is best suited to the weather, your interests and the demands of the group. Please be aware that in order to achieve this, changes to the program may be made.

Other trips you may like



Winter Adventure Greenland: Explore the unparalleled magic of Greenland, the land of ice, in the winter. Observe the dancing Northern Lights, discover snowmobiling and go snowshoeing on Greenlands ice sheet... Immerse yourself in a rustic Inuit world far from the stresses of modern day life...

PÉRIODE & BUDGET

Quand voyager ?

La meilleure période pour voyager est la suivante :

janv. févr. mars avr. mai juin juil. août sept. oct. nov. déc.

Prix

Two people, prices from: €1,395

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

- All transfers as detailed in the itinerary
- 2 nights in hostel accommodation, Oqaatsut
- 3 nights hotel accommodation with breakfast, Ilulissat
- A day dog sledding with professional guides
- A day nordic winter hiking with professional guides

Le prix ne comprend pas

- International Flights
- Registration fee: €18 (free for under 12s)
- Insurance
- Food

Additional Options

- Snowshoeing along the UNESCO-listed Icefjord from 135 € for 5 hours
- Snowmobile Outing (2 / snowmobile) from 205 € for 3h-3h30

Conditions de paiement et d'annulation

Booking conditions

Booking a trip with us implies acceptance of the terms and conditions of sale. Each customer is required to complete a registration form and, subject to availability at the time of registration, travellers are expected to pay a deposit of 30% of the total price to complete their booking.

Payments can be made online or by bank transfer. You will receive an e-mail with your booking confirmation.

Invoice procedure

Once your booking is confirmed you will receive an invoice by e-mail. The full balance of the trip must be received at least 35 days before your departure date.

For Polar Cruises, we require a deposit on the day of registration, 30% of the balance 3 months before departure and the full amount at least 45 days before departure. If registration is less than 35 days before departure then an invoice will be attached to this travel contract and the full amount must be paid upon registration. If registration is less than 15 days before departure, payment is only accepted by credit card or cash. If registration is less than 8 days before departure you may be charged an additional fee for sending your ticket. If the full balance of the trip has not arrived 35 days before departure, Altaï Greenland reserves the right to cancel your registration without compensation.

Cancellation policy

If for any reason **you** have to cancel your trip we require a written confirmation of your decision so please contact us by e-mail, fax or letter. The money you have paid will then be refunded according to the following deductions:

- Cancellation received more than 30 days before the departure date: 15% of trip price will be retained
- Cancellation received 30 to 21 days before the departure date: 45% of trip price will be retained
- Cancellation received within 20 days of the departure date: 100% of trip price will be retained

If **we** have to cancel a departure due to an insufficient number of participants, you will be informed no later than 21 days before departure and a full refund will be issued, you will not be entitled to further compensation. We reserve the rights to cancel departures due to exceptional circumstances

which may impact the safety of participants. Such circumstances may include those amounting to 'force majeure' in which case participants will receive a full refund but they will not be entitled to any compensation.

Changes to travel contract

If you wish to make a change to your booking please contact us in writing. If your change is requested after our confirmation has been issued and more than 30 days prior to the departure date, your change will be subject to an amendment fee of 45€. If you request a change within 30 days of departure it will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and will be subject to cancellation charges.

Pricing

The prices on our website are updated regularly and all of the prices we advertise are accurate when published. We reserve the rights to make changes to any of these prices. Before you make a booking we will give you the up-to-date price of your chosen holiday including any supplements, upgrades or additional activities you may have requested. If the number of travellers is fewer than the indicated number of participants on the website, a small group surcharge may be applied. For all of our trips we include details of services, prices and what is/is not included but please be aware that changes to the prices may be necessary in accordance with exchange rates or price changes of various components of the journey.

Contract transfer

If you are unable to travel for any reason, you can transfer your booking to another person, subject to the following conditions:

- a) you must notify us in writing
- b) the transferee must fulfil any conditions that apply to the booking
- c) Change and cancellation fees apply

Both the transferor and transferee will be jointly and severally liable for payment of the total holiday price and other associated expenses. Some airline carriers treat name changes as cancellations and you may be required to pay for the cost of a new ticket.

Assurance

We strongly recommend that you take out personal travel insurance for your trip with Altaï Greenland as soon as your booking is confirmed. We advise you to purchase a travel insurance policy which covers flight cancellations, luggage loss and emergency health care. Please look carefully at which activities are covered by your insurer and do not forget to bring all necessary documents and information with you (name of the company, name of the contract, insurance policy number, telephone number...)

INFOS PRATIQUES

Encadrement

All activities are lead by our qualified guides. They are 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 - your guide will explain safety rules which must be followed.

Alimentation

You should have the opportunity to try Greenlandic delicacies including fresh fish.

Hébergement

Ilulissat

Standard hotel accommodation.

Oqaatsut

We sleep in a rustic village refuge in the heart of the traditional Greenlandic settlement. There is no running water so we use water from a fountain. Showers are found in a village communal house for a small fee (€2). We use shared dry toilets which are the only facilities in a number of small Greenlandic settlements.

Déplacement et portage

This trip includes transfers by boat and/or snowmobile.

Budget et change

The currency in Greenland is the Danish Krone (DKK)

Please budget for a meal in Oqaastut, traditional food in a local restaurant: €25-€70 / 200-500DKK

Équipement fourni sur place

We provide you with all of the technical equipment you will need for the activities in this adventure including:

- Warm snow boots (Sorel)
- A quality winter jacket and overtrousers (to wear in addition to, not instead of, your warm clothes)
- Snowshoes/skis
- Walking poles

Équipement indispensable

- At least 3 sets of good thermals - top & long johns, one for activities, one spare set and one pair for sleeping in
- A ski mask
- A warm wind and waterproof jacket
- Suitable warm trousers - windproof ski style, soft shell or fleece lined mountaineering trousers are ideal
- Suitable underwear, t-shirts and walking trousers
- Warm jumper(s) and jacket(s)
- Quality sunglasses (glacier glasses)

- Sun cream for face and lips (not water based, water freezes)
- A headtorch and spare batteries
- Warm thick socks
- Gloves - multiple pairs of under and over gloves - think warm, waterproof and windproof
- A warm hat
- A balaclava
- Appropriate neck wear like a warm buff
- Any personal medication
- Towel & toiletries
- A thermos/suitable water bottle
- A sleeping bag liner
- Warm snow boots

Matériel

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)

Équipement utile

You may also consider packing

- A pair of warm comfortable shoes for evenings in town
- A swimsuit if you want to test Icelands hot springs/pools during your stopover or the saunas of Ilulissat
- Extra gloves/overgloves
- An extra jumper/fleece jacket
- A warm sleeping bag liner
- Energy bars
- Wetwipes

- Blister plasters
- A suitable camera
- Plastic bags for wet/dirty clothing
- A small inflatable pillow
- Tissues

Bagages

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

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

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

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

There are no specific health risks.

Santé / recommandations sanitaires

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

This trip runs during March and April when temperatures normally range from -30°C to -10°C (-22°F - 14°F). Generally speaking Greenland is not very windy and we can anticipate calm weather with snow showers and perhaps sleet. Near the ice sheet temperatures can be very cold and there can be gusts of wind of up to 15 miles per hour. 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!

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. During March and April we can expect 16-20 hours of daylight. You can see the midnight sun from May - July and the Northern Lights year round when it is dark.

Electricité

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

Heure locale

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

Géographie

Area: 836,300 mi²

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

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.