

# Farm Holiday- 8 days hiking round trip

South Greenland is the only place in Greenland where you will find agriculture. Today, more than 30 farms are located throughout the entire region. Often in very remote and beautiful areas with green pastures and sheep, cattle and horses roaming freely in the hills. On this tour we welcome you to visit a few of the farms and get a first-hand experience to the daily life of the Greenlanders who live of the land.

Within one week, you visit and stay at three different sheep farms and two small settlements. The tour is a round trip where you hike from place to place each day along gravel roads and hiking trails. We bring your luggage so you can enjoy the hikes with just a small backpack.

## Detailed Itinerary

### **Day 1**

Arrival in Narsarsuaq and boat transfer to Qassiarsuk. Qassiarsuk is also known as Brattahlid, the place where Eric the Red settled in 982. The Norse ruins are well preserved and the open-air museum (Brattahlid) can be visited on your own (admission fee is not included). The approx. 40 inhabitants earn their livelihoods from sheep farming, but the village also has a school, a shop and a church. You will spend the first night here in Qassiarsuk at a local guest house  
Accommodation Qassiarsuk for 1 night.

### **Day 2**

From Qassiarsuk you follow the gravel road in the northern direction. All the way, walking just next to the beautiful Tunulliarfik fiord. The road is easy to hike along and most of the time you will have a perfect view to Narsarsuaq on the other side of the fiord. If you bring a fishing rod on the tour this day is the perfect opportunity to spend some time fishing in the fiord. Especially, as you get closer to the outlet of the Qorlortoq river. Before you reach the Qorlortoq river you will find a gravel road on the left side going uphill to the Qorlortup farm. This is your goal for today. After a total hike of 10 km.

Accommodation Qorlortup farm for 1 night.

### **Day 3**

Today you will hike through the beautiful valley named Qorlortup Itinnera. Heading towards the bay of Tasiusaq in the Sermilik fiord. There is no real hiking track in the valley, but it is very easy to find your way as you follow a small stream all the way to the Sermilik fiord. The best way is to find a sheep track and just walk along this. If you look up, there is a good chance that you can catch a glimpse of white-tailed eagles soaring overhead. As you get closer to the bay of Tasiusaq you will begin to see some gravel roads and paths leading left towards Tasiusaq sheep farm. The amount of icebergs here are stunning and you begin to understand why the farmers love this place. You

reach the farm after a total hike of 10 km.  
Accommodation Sermilik farm for 1 night.

#### **Day 4**

Today you have a long hike ahead of you to the Sillisit farm (about 15 km). From Tasiusaq you walk the first 3 kilometres along a sheep track following the innermost part of the fjord. When you reach Nunataq, you take the gravel road towards Qassiarsuk. After about 1 km you leave the road and continue through the slightly undulating terrain all the way to Sillisit. This part of the tour is a real "alone in the wild" hike where you navigate by looking for the small stone cairns raised by farmers and other hikers. If the weather is bad, you may prefer to stick to the gravel road all the way, passing by the Inneruualik sheep farm, before reaching Sillisit. This is somewhat longer (about 23 km). Sillisit is beautifully located across from the Qooroq Ice Fjord. It is an idyllic spot for an overnight stay that combines a stunning wilderness backdrop with the warm hospitality of a Greenlandic farm family to give you an unforgettable experience.

Accommodation at Sillisit farm for 1 night.

#### **Day 5**

After three long days of hiking from farm to farm it is now time for you to have an easy-going day. We come by boat and pick you up at Sillisit sheep farm. From there it is only a 10-minute sail tour across the Tunulliarfik fiord to the place called Itilleq. Here, you will have a short 4 km walk along the gravel road to one of the most beautiful villages in Greenland, Igaliku. When you reach the settlement, you will find a magnificent viewpoint on the hill side above Igaliku. The perfect stop for a break. The colorful houses are situated on lush grassland next to a milky-blue fjord. On the other side of the fjord the landmark Illerfissalik (Burfjeld) Mountain towers over a rough and desolate landscape.

Accommodation in Igaliku for 2 nights.

#### **Day 6**

Igaliku was the Episcopal seat (named Gardar) for a period of about 300 years (1100-1400) during the Norse era, and the ruins from that time are very impressive. In 1782 Anders Olsen and his Greenlandic wife Tuperna established themselves as farmers and that was the beginning of Igaliku's more recent history. Today, Igaliku and its surroundings have some of the best hiking opportunities in South Greenland.

One optional day hike (17 km) goes to the plateau, which offers a superb view of the Qooroq Ice Fjord, the stranded icebergs on the underwater moraine at the entrance to the fjord and the enormous glacier at the head of the fjord. It is the perfect place for a picnic! On the way back, you may be lucky enough to find minerals and stones, like the shining "moonstone" (labradorite). The "waterfall hike" (about 15 km) is another popular day trip. A set of beautiful waterfalls tumble like pearls on a string down towards Tunulliarfik fiord. This hike can be combined with the summit of Nuuluk Mountain (823 m), which lies south of Igaliku (20-22 km).

#### **Day 7**

You have a 4 km hike from Igaliku to Itilleq where we will pick you up with one of our boats. The boat transfer to Narsarsuaq will include a visit to the Qooroq Ice Fjord – a trip among icebergs of all colours, sizes and shapes. When the glacier is in view, the boat engine is stopped, so you can

enjoy the absolute silence and a drink chilled with glacier ice – more than 1000 years old!  
Accommodation in Narsarsuaq for 1 night.

### **Day 8**

You can spend the rest of your stay enjoying a cup of coffee at the cosy Blue Ice Café and/or visiting the museum in Narsarsuaq. Depending on your flight departure time you can also go for a small hike to the Signal hill or the Ridge.

Departure Narsarsuaq.

**Please note!** Due to limited capacity at some accommodations the order of the itinerary may change

### **Meals**

Breakfast included

Dinner and lunch packets can be pre-ordered

### **Difficulty**

No special requirements on this trip. Please keep in mind that the hikes are 10 to 15 km long on rocky terrain.

### **Price includes**

All accommodations incl. breakfast

Transport of luggage

All boat transfers

Boat trip to the Qooroq Ice Fjord