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Tasiilaq

The heart of East Greenland

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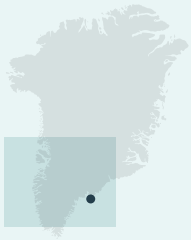

The gateway to icebergs, mountains, and Inuit culture.

With a population of around 2,000 people, Tasiilaq is the largest town in East Greenland and the cultural and logistical gateway to one of the world's most remote Arctic regions.

Surrounded by towering mountains, deep fjords, drifting icebergs, and untouched wilderness, the town offers visitors an unforgettable first encounter with Greenland.

For expedition cruise guests, Tasiilaq provides access to a wide range of Arctic experiences. During summer, visitors can explore dramatic landscapes on guided hikes, by kayak, helicopter, or boat excursions through nearby fjords and iceberg-filled waters.

Popular excursions include sailing into the spectacular Sermilik Fjord, visiting nearby settlements, whale watching, and experiencing daily life in East Greenlandic communities.

In winter, the region transforms into a snowy wilderness where dog sledding, skiing, snowmobiling, and heliskiing become part of everyday Arctic adventure. The surrounding mountains and glaciers create ideal conditions for exploration throughout the year.

What makes Tasiilaq truly unique is not only its landscapes, but also its living culture. During summer, residents from nearby settlements bring vibrant traditions, storytelling, and art into town. East Greenland is especially known for its tupilak carvings—small figures rooted in Inuit mythology and recognized for their unique craftsmanship—hunting culture, music, and local craftsmanship.

For many visitors, arriving in Tasiilaq is more than a stop on an expedition itinerary: it is an introduction to the scale, silence, culture, and raw beauty of the Arctic.



Guidelines

- Weather in Tasiilaq can change quickly, even during summer. Layered clothing, a windproof jacket, warm fleece or wool layers, gloves, sunglasses, and sturdy waterproof shoes are therefore strongly recommended.
- Chat with locals, we are friendly, but please respect privacy. Wide photos of the community are welcome, but ask permission before taking photos of people, children, homes, or personal property.
- Please do not approach or feed our sled dogs. Join a local musher to visit his dogs, as they are working dogs and are treated accordingly.
- Space on the main paved roads is limited, please be aware of traffic or use some of the smaller paths across town. Many streets are gravel roads, and the terrain can be uneven. Good walking shoes are essential. Some areas can be steep or slippery depending on weather conditions.
- Help us keep our beautiful nature clean by using our garbage bins, and please do not leave any trace.
- Our beautiful atmospheric museum area is a must-see. Please remember that entry into the building requires a ticket.
- We invite you to shop locally. You can find locally made products at the museum, the handicraft workshop STUNK, the souvenir shop Navarana, and the sealskin sewing facility Qeerpi. Buying directly from local artists and workshops helps support the community and preserve cultural traditions. Bargaining is not customary, and products are sold at the same price to all customers throughout the year. We do not have VAT in Greenland. According to the cites regulations, you can currently buy and export products made from reindeer, seal, muskox, wood and soapstone.
- Hunting and fishing remain an important part of daily life in East Greenland. Visitors may see drying fish, hunting equipment, or boats used for subsistence activities, all essential elements of local culture and survival.
- There are no places to buy Wi-Fi. It is a good idea to have mobile data available on your phone. Alternatively, enjoy your time offline and be present in East Greenland.





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