

Aasiaat, Disko Bay, Greenland

The "Town of the Whales" sits amid an archipelago of a thousand islands in Disko Bay. Expect tender landings, a compact colorful town, and some of Greenland's richest waters for humpbacks and icebergs.

- Tender port
- Typical call: 4–7 hrs
- Danish Krone (DKK)
- Greenlandic & Danish
- Whale watching hub

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — no cruise pier; ships anchor offshore in the harbor

Walk to center: 5 min from tender dock to town center; fully walkable

Best For: Whale watching, Arctic kayaking, Inuit cultural history

Don't Miss: Aasiaat Museum in the 1860 colonial residence & Egede's black church

Getting around: **Taxi** ~90–130 DKK (≈19 USD) · **Rideshare** not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Whale Watching in Disko Bay** — Disko Bay is one of Greenland's most productive feeding grounds.
- Iceberg & Island Boat Tour** — A short boat trip around the Aasiaat archipelago takes you past enormous drifting icebergs, low-lying islands, and quiet settlements like Akunnaaq.
- Arctic Kayaking** — Paddle among the sheltered island channels of the Aasiaat archipelago.
- Aasiaat Museum & Town Walk** — The Aasiaat Museum (Katersugaasiviat) occupies the colonial administrator's 1860 residence and covers Inuit history, Thule artifacts, kayak culture...
- Dog Sledding (Winter Calls)** — Ships calling November–April can arrange dog sled excursions across the frozen sea ice — a classic Arctic experience offered by local operators such...

BEST WALKS

- Town Center & Harbor Loop** 1.5 km · 30–45 min · Flat · Easy — From the tender landing, walk along the harbor quay to watch local fishing boats and shipwrights at work, then head up into the colorful townscape.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:35AM–10:30PM · Aug 5:45AM–11:22PM · Sep 7:48AM–9:02PM · Oct 9:40AM–6:52PM	
Apr	24°	14°	6d		
Jun	45°	36°	6d		
Aug	49°	40°	10d		
Sep	40°	34°	8d		
Oct	32°	24°	8d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tendering can be slow: With a full cruise ship and limited tender boats, getting ashore may take 20–30 minutes. Join an early tender if you have a booked excursion.
- Currency: Danish Krone (DKK). Cards are accepted in most shops, but bring some cash for small stalls, the harbor fish market, or local sellers.
- Layer up: Even in summer, Disko Bay weather changes fast. A windproof jacket and warm layers are essential regardless of the forecast when you board.
- Book whale tours early: Boat tours fill fast in small ports. Reserve whale watching or kayaking before your ship arrives if your line allows pre-booking shore excursions.
- Museum hours are short: The Aasiaat Museum may have limited opening hours. Check with your ship or hotel reception the morning of your call.
- Town is very walkable: Everything worth seeing is within 10–15 minutes on foot from the tender dock. Save taxi money for iceberg boat tours instead.

Aasiaat, Disko Bay, Greenland — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Aasiaat Museum | Local history museum in a former colonial-era building. | 2 Zion's Church, Aasiaat | Historic wooden church at the heart of this Disko Bay town. |
| 3 Disko Bay | Open water often dotted with drifting icebergs off Aasiaat. | P Cruise port / terminal | |