

Ilulissat, Avannaata, Greenland

The world's most productive glacier calves day and night into a UNESCO fjord jammed with cathedral-sized icebergs — and it's right at the edge of town. Ilulissat delivers Arctic drama unlike anywhere else on a cruise map.

Tender port (no cruise pier)

Typical call: 6-9 hrs

Danish Krone (DKK) — cards accepted everywhere

Greenlandic & Danish

UNESCO World Heritage Icefjord

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor in Disko Bay; ice conditions can delay or cancel tenders

Best For: Icefjord boardwalk hike, iceberg boat tours, Arctic wildlife, photography

Walk to center: ~0.5 km (5-10 min) uphill from tender landing — town is compact

Don't Miss: The Sermermiut boardwalk to the Icefjord edge — free and unmissable

Getting around: Taxi 130–150 DKK · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Sermermiut Boardwalk & Icefjord** — Walk the free wooden boardwalk through the ancient Sermermiut Inuit settlement valley to the edge of the UNESCO Icefjord.
- Iceberg Boat Tour in Disko Bay** — Sail right up to the towering ice giants calved from Sermeq Kujalleq.
- Ilulissat Icefjord Centre** — Award-winning museum and visitor centre designed to melt into the Arctic landscape.
- Knud Rasmussen Museum** — Birthplace of the great Arctic explorer, now a museum dedicated to his polar expeditions and Inuit culture.
- Helicopter Flightseeing over the Glacier** — A splurge that delivers: helicopter tours fly over the mouth of the Icefjord and approach the face of Sermeq Kujalleq (Jakobshavn Glacier), the...

BEST WALKS

- Harbor to Icefjord Centre & Sermermiut** 4 km round trip | 1.5-2 hrs | Moderate (hilly start, easy boardwalk) — From the harbor, walk uphill into town, passing Zion's Church, then continue to the Icefjord Centre at the edge of the UNESCO zone.
- Town Center Loop** 2 km | 45 min | Easy — A short loop taking in the main square, the Knud Rasmussen Museum, colorful Greenlandic houses, and the harbor front.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		25°	13°	6d
Jun		49°	38°	6d
Aug		51°	40°	9d
Sep		40°	30°	8d
Oct		29°	19°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:24AM–10:26PM · Aug 5:32AM–11:21PM · Sep 7:40AM–8:56PM · Oct 9:35AM–6:43PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender delays are real. If icebergs drift into the bay, tenders can be delayed for hours. Build buffer time before your last tender back — missing it is not an option.
- Bring insect repellent (July–August). Arctic mosquitoes and blackflies are relentless in summer. A head net is not overkill — it's essential.
- Layer up always. Weather can swing from 15°C to near-freezing fog within an hour. Carry a windproof/waterproof outer layer, hat, and gloves even if it looks sunny.
- Cards work everywhere. Danish Krone (DKK) is the currency but Visa/Mastercard are accepted at essentially every shop, café, and attraction. Little need for cash.
- Sled dogs are working animals — not pets. Do NOT approach or try to pet them. They're chained in fields around town and can be aggressive. Photograph from a safe distance only.
- Connectivity is minimal. Internet is expensive and slow in Greenland. Don't count on streaming or reliable data. Tell family you may be offline for the day.

Ilulissat, Avannaata, Greenland — Port Map

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



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| 1 World of Greenland | Your local guide and tour operator for Ilulissat excursions. | 2 Ilulissat Isfjordscenter | Modern visitor center with exhibits and views of the Icefjord. |
| 3 Ilulissat Isfjord | UNESCO fjord filled with massive icebergs from a calving glacier. | P Cruise port / terminal | |