

Uummannaq, West Greenland, Greenland

Rising 1,170 metres above a fjord choked with cathedral-sized icebergs, Uummannaq's heart-shaped mountain gives this tiny island town its name — and a reason to feel like you've reached the edge of the world.

 Tender port (Zodiac or ship's tender)

 Typical call: 5–8 hrs

 Danish Krone (DKK) — limited card acceptance

 Greenlandic & Danish

 Expedition cruise destination

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships anchor offshore; all passengers come ashore by tender or Zodiac

Best For: Iceberg scenery, Inuit culture, remote Arctic atmosphere

Walk to center: Landing area is the town harbor — church, museum and main street within 5–10 min

Don't Miss: Uummannaq Museum (1880 hospital) and the view of the heart-shaped mountain from the harbor

 Getting around:  Taxi  ~30–50 DKK (short trips) ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Iceberg Boat Tour — Uummannaq Fjord** — Sail among cathedral-sized icebergs calved from nearby glaciers, including the fast-moving Qarajaq glacier.
- Uummannaq Museum** — Housed in Greenland's oldest surviving hospital building (1880), this excellent small museum covers the Qilakitsoq mummies, Alfred Wegener's 1930–31...
- Town Walk — Church, Santa's Office & Earthen Houses** — Explore Uummannaq's compact center: the 1935 stone church built from local granite boulders (Greenland's only stone church), the colorful wooden...
- Hike to Santa's Cabin & Mountain Views** — A manageable marked trail leads up from town past mountain lakes to a small cabin with panoramic views of the fjord, icebergs, and the heart-shaped...
- Qilakitsoq Archaeological Site Boat Trip** — A longer boat excursion to the Qilakitsoq cliffs on the far side of the fjord, where eight Inuit mummies dating to around 1475 AD were discovered in...

BEST WALKS

- Harbor to Stone Church Loop** 1.5 km · 25 min · Easy — From the harbor quay, walk up the main street past colorful wooden homes and the old doctor's house to the 1935 granite stone church.
- Trail to the Mountain Viewpoint** 3–4 km return · 1.5 hrs · Moderate — A marked trail from the edge of town climbs past a small mountain lake toward Santa's Cabin.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F)

	Mon	High	Low
Apr		25°	12°
Jun		43°	35°
Aug		50°	41°
Sep		39°	32°
Oct		32°	25°

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY

Apr 6:17AM–10:42PM · Sep 7:41AM–9:03PM · Oct 9:47AM–6:39PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress in layers. Summer temperatures are 5–10°C with strong wind chill, and Zodiac landings spray cold water. Waterproof jacket, gloves, and warm base layer are essential.
- Bring Danish Krone (DKK) cash. Card payment works at the museum and some shops, but cash is safer for small purchases and local crafts.
- Tender schedule is weather-dependent. Arctic swells can delay or shorten tender operations. Check your ship's daily program and don't cut the return time close.
- The mountain view is best from the harbor. The heart-shaped Uummannaq Mountain (1,170 m) is most dramatic from the quay and the football field — you don't need to hike for the classic shot.
- Uummannaq is genuinely remote. There are no tourist shops in the Western sense, no bars, and very limited dining. Eat on the ship and treat the town as a cultural walk, not a shopping stop.
- Book fjord boat tours early. The local operator Uummannaq Sea Safaris has limited capacity. Reserve through your ship's excursion desk or ask the captain's office the evening before arrival.

Uummannaq, West Greenland, 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.



1 Uummannaq Mountain 1,170m heart-shaped granite peak rising straight from the sea, the town's namesake landmark ('uummannaq' means heart-shaped).

2 Uummannaq Museum Museum covering polar exploration, Qilakitsoq mummy finds, and Arctic whaling history in the town's old colonial buildings.

P Cruise port / terminal