

Icefjord Midnight Marathon

6 Day / 5 Night Itinerary

29 May to 03 June 2025



DAY 1	29 MAY	Flight Copenhagen to Ilulissat (via to Kangerlussuaq) Walking tour of Ilulissat
DAY 2	30 MAY	Sermermiut Hike Icefjord Boating Pasta Dinner Race Briefing
DAY 3	31 MAY	Marathon and Half Marathon Night Race
DAY 4	01 JUNE	Free day in Ilulissat Optional Excursions Celebration Dinner
DAY 5	02 JUNE	Free day in Ilulissat Optional Excursions Farewell Dinner
DAY 6	03 JUNE	Farewell Greenland Flight Ilulissat to Copenhagen (via Kangerlussuaq or Nuuk)

Day 1 - 29 May: Copenhagen - Kangerlussuaq - Ilulissat | Town Walk

All participants will meet at Copenhagen Airport Terminal 2. The flight to Greenland departs at 4.30pm, so there is time to connect to this flight if the arrival into Copenhagen is in the morning. However, it is strongly recommended that you arrive at least the day prior into Copenhagen so that you can get enough rest prior to flying to Ilulissat via Kangerlussuaq and not worry about the possibility of missing your connecting flight in Copenhagen.

Note that once you arrive in Copenhagen, you must claim your luggage, clear customs, and check in again for the flight to Greenland. Check-in closes one hour before departure, and if you do not arrive in Copenhagen with a morning flight on Thursday 29 May, we strongly recommend that you arrive in Copenhagen one or more days in advance.

The flight to Kangerlussuaq is 4.5 hours, arriving in the evening at 6.20pm local time. A meal will be served during the flight. On arrival, you will be transferred to a domestic flight to Ilulissat. Due to the smaller size of domestic carriers and limited seat availability, the group will be divided into several flights.

Flights will arrive in Ilulissat late evening, and on arrival you will check into your hotel. After settling in, you are invited to join the group for a late tour of Ilulissat. You will walk around town with a Tour Leader who will explain the history and highlight places of cultural significance. The tour will begin at the historical Hotel Hvide Falk, and wind its way past the Zion Church, the local fish market, and the colourful houses on the way towards the harbor. Along the way, enjoy interesting stories on a variety of topics, such as the origin of Ilulissat, how the city has developed over the years, and the importance of its fishing culture. The walking tour is an excellent opportunity to get your first glimpse of the fascinating culture in Ilulissat, and your guide will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Meals: Meal served on the plane.

Day 2 - 30 May: Sermermiut Hike | Icefjord Boating | Pasta Dinner | Race Briefing

This morning, after breakfast at your hotel, you can shake off the travel stiffness with a light hike through one of the region's most acclaimed areas. The hike will take you to the Sermermiut Valley, which has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its exceptionally beautiful nature and unique importance to glaciological science.

The hike is a must-do activity in the region which will take you approximately 2 kilometres south of Ilulissat, beginning at the Icefjord Visitor Centre. From there, you will enter the UNESCO-area on a wooden path toward the famous ruins of Sermermiut. Sermermiut is an ancient settlement that has been home to many different Inuit people for more than 4000 years. The stone ruins of old turf houses are scattered on various hilltops that you will be able to see as you walk. You continue through the old settlement to Nakkaavik, a cliff whose name means 'the place to fall.' You can ask your guide about the origin of this haunted name. From here, you are treated to a breathtaking view of the Kangia, the famous Ilulissat Icefjord with its many massive icebergs. You will then follow the same wooden path back to town.





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Day 2 - Continued

In the afternoon and the evening, you have the chance to experience the Icefjord by boat. You will embark on a boat trip with experienced guides who will provide information as the boat winds through the icy giants. No matter the weather, the icebergs make an impressive sight - they shimmer and shine with the sun, while clouds highlight the extraordinary blue colours hidden in the ice. The experience is much more exciting in small boats, so a 12-participant boat will be used. This means there will be departure times for this trip both before dinner and after dinner.

In the evening, all participants will meet to enjoy a pasta dinner and get the race briefing. Please note that the race briefing will be your last chance to change distances. You can also ask race officials any questions you might have.

Tonight, you will also have the opportunity to join an optional evening kayak excursion at a cost of \$296 per person.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 3 - 31 May: Marathon and Half Marathon Evening Race

It's nearly time! You have the morning and afternoon to sleep, explore, and prepare yourself for the night to come.

The marathon begins at 9.00pm, and the half-marathon at 10.30pm. Both events must be completed by 4:00am.

This day you will also have the opportunity to take part in some optional excursion: Meet the Sled Dogs (\$87 per person) or Kayak Among Icebergs (\$296 per person).

Meals: Breakfast.

Day 4 - 01 June: Ilulissat Day - Optional Excursions & Celebration Dinner

Most competitors will likely sleep the morning away. You may also use the day to explore on your own or join one of the optional excursions. On this day you have the option to go on a sail to Oqaatsut, a tiny, authentic village 20 kilometres north of Ilulissat (\$435 per person). Otherwise, a day trip by boat is also offered to the immense Eqi Glacier (\$614 per person). Otherwise, the Kayak Among Icebergs excursion is also on offer today (\$296 per person).

In the evening, all participants will gather for the celebration dinner and revel in the prior night's victory, share stories, and enjoy the race video.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 5 - 02 June: Ilulissat Day - Optional Excursions

There is one final day to enjoy the charm of Ilulissat and its surroundings. Again, you may choose to explore on your own, or if you haven't been kayaking yet, it is highly recommended! There is also a final optional sail-excursion to the Oqaatsut settlement or the Eqi Glacier, in case you haven't been able to join the previous day.

In the evening, the group will enjoy a farewell Greenlandic Buffet at Hotel Hvide Falk.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 6 - 03 June: Farewell Greenland

Sadly, it is time to say farewell to Ilulissat. In the morning, some will fly to Kangerlussuaq and others to Nuuk, with a connecting flight to Copenhagen arriving at approximately 5.00pm or 9.00pm respectively. It is strongly recommend booking a night in a hotel in Copenhagen and flying out the next day. Contact Travelling Fit for details.

Meals: Breakfast and meal on the flight.

