



*Travel along
a rock-bound coast*

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This photo series is a journey along the rock-bound coast furthest south on the west coast of Greenland.

For most people this is the unknown waters that brings the traveller in a mixed atmosphere of anxiety and overwhelm. The rock-bound coast-line has abruptly ended many a life, when storms and hidden reefs and icebergs have ripped their ships and boats.

Simultaneously the coast is beautiful and fascinating. Enormous ice-bergs are moving along the coast. They are so large that they alone form huge landscapes. The icebergs and the ice floes are forming spec-tacular figures and structures.

Everywhere large and small skerries lie hidden in the surface of the sea. These rocks can tear any vessel to pieces. The rocks are simultaneously home to a richly wildlife with thousands of seals and birds. This is also the hunting ground for the polar bears.

Behind the skerries the coastal headlands appear. The mountains hide vast landscapes of high mountains and deep fiords. Far behind this headland the Greenland ice sheet extends at thousands of kilometres.

I cannot help but think of how the hunting trips and expeditions of the past with a mixture of excitement and anxiety have slowly moved north along this rock-bound coast.

Eric the Red and his people were sailing along this coast in their viking ships. Long before the Inuits sail around in even more fragile skin boats on their hunting trips along this outpost in the human realm.

The photos in this photo series was shot in April 2014. The photo-graphs were shot on the distance between Qaqortoq and Nanortalik.



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