

# FJORDSEJLADS

## A BOAT TRIP IN THE FJORD

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Overskyet og stedvis regn er efter min mening det rigtige vejr til fjordsejlads i Sydgrønland. Regnbygerne i det fjerne og bjergenes toppe skjult i regnskyer, giver en helt bestemt stemning på de store fjorde.

Det er også vigtigt at sejle med en lokal, erfaren skipper, der kender farvandet. Andre ombordværende skal helst være personer, der ikke taler for meget.

Den vestlige del af Sydgrønland gennemskæres af flere dybe fjorde. Landskaberne langs fjordene er afvekslende. Hvor de stejle kyster på den ene side kan være næsten bare for vegetation, kan der på den modsatte side være en frodig vegetation af små træer og buske og den øvrige arktiske flora. Overalt har floder i årtusinder eroderet sig ned i bjergskråningerne mod fjorden, og mange steder er der dannet store og små vandfald, hvor vandet styrter lodret ned i havoverfladen.

I september farves vegetationen langs kysten

i efterårsfarver. De røde, brune og gule farver bliver dominerende. Disse efterårsfarver danner en stærk kontrast til fjordens dybblå farve, og til de grålige bjergarter på de bare klipper.

Der er altid isforekomster i fjordene. Her mødes isbjerge dannet i Polarhavet med lokale isbjerge fra gletsjerne på den sydlige del af Den grønlandske Indlandsis. Det er vanskeligt på forhånd at bestemme sejladsforholdene. Vind og strøm kan i løbet af få timer stuve store isforekomster sammen, som umuliggør sejlads i området.

Mange steder langs den nordligste fjord er Den grønlandske Indlandsis synlig fra både på fjorden. Små og store gletsjere når ned til fjorden, og mange steder fosser smeltevand ud fra isen. Smeltevand er fersk vand og kan gøre fjordens vand næsten helt fersk. Samtidigt transporterer smeltevand store mængder ler og grus med ud i fjorden. Derfor farves fjordens vand nogle steder azurblå.

## *A boat trip in the fjord*

Cloudy and sporadic rain is, in my opinion, the right weather for a sailing voyage inside the fjords in South Greenland. The showers far away and the peaks of the mountains hidden in the rain clouds, give a very particular atmosphere in the large fjords.

It is also important to sail with a local, experienced skipper, who knows the waters. Other persons on board should preferably be people who do not speak too much.

The western part of South Greenland is crossed by several deep fjords. The landscapes along the fjords are varied. Where the steep shores on one side can be almost bare for vegetation, on the opposite side there can be a lush vegetation of small trees and shrubs and the other Arctic flora. Everywhere, rivers have eroded into the slopes of the fjord for millennia, and in many places large and small waterfalls have been formed, with water falling vertically into the surface of the sea.

In September, the vegetation along the coast is coloured in the autumn colours. The red, brown and yellow colours become dominant.

These autumn colours contrast with the deep-blue colour of the fjord, and to the greyish colour of the rocks on the bare cliffs.

There are always ice deposits in the fjords. The icebergs formed in the Arctic Sea are meeting with local icebergs from the glaciers of the southernmost part of The Greenlandic ice Sheet. It is difficult to determine the sailing conditions in advance. The wind and the currents can, within a few hours, stow large ice deposits together, which makes sailing impossible in the area.

Many places along the northernmost fjord The Greenlandic Ice Sheet is visible from the boats on the fjord. Small and large glaciers reach the fjords, and many places the melting water pours from the ice. The melt water is fresh water and can make the water of the fjord almost completely fresh. At the same time, the melt water transports large amounts of clay and gravel into the fjord. Therefore, the water of the fjord in some places have a tint of the colour azure.



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