

SEJLTUR GENNEM  
BJERGLANDSKAB

A BOAT TRIP THROUGH  
A MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPE

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## *Sejltur gennem bjerglandskab*

Nanortalik er en lille bosætning i den grønlandske kommune, Kommune Kujalleq. Nanortalik ligger helt ned mod syd i et stort, øde bjergområde.

Som ansat i den befolkningsmæssigt lille kommune deltog jeg ofte i kommunalbestyrelsens møder. Møderne blev afholdt i forskellige bosætninger i kommunen. Nanortalik er ikke det nemmeste sted at mødes. Bosætningen har ingen lufthavn til fastvingefly. Rejsen foregår enten med små helikoptere eller med små, hurtige både.

Men vi var vant til rejserne internt i kommunen. Befolkningsmæssigt tæller kommunen under syv tusinde borgere, men geografisk er kommunen på størrelse med et land som Schweiz.

Den sydligste spids af Grønland ligger i et område med meget turbulente vejrforhold. Nanortalik ligger lige ud til kysten til Labradorhavet tæt på grænsen til det mægtige Atlanterhav.

Vejret giver ofte problemer for både flytrafik og for sejlads. Ofte bliver møderne afholdt forsinket eller de bliver aflyst. Risikoen for at strande i den lille bosætning i flere dage er også stor.

På denne septemberdag er vejret med os. Den første sne har lagt sig på de højeste bjergtoppe. Vi sejler igennem den smukke skærgård med små holme og enorme bjergmassiver tæt på sejlrueten. Vi er oftest fordelt på to både. Sker der et havari, er den anden båd altid i nærheden.

Risikoen for havari er stor på grund af de mange skær i området. Fra april måned til hen på sommeren kan der også være store isforekomster i de sydgrønlandske farvande. Skærgården og fjordene bliver fyldt med is fra Storisen, der af havstrømme føres fra Polarhavet ned til Kap Farvel og videre op langs den grønlandske vestkyst.

## *A boat trip through a mountain landscape*

**N**anortalik is a small settlement in the municipality of Kujalleq in Greenland. Nanortalik is located right down south in a large, deserted mountain area.

As an employee of the small local municipality, I often attended the meetings of the local council. The meetings were held in different settlements in the municipality. Nanortalik is not the easiest place to meet. The settlement has no airport for fixed planes. The journey takes place either with small helicopters or with small, fast boats.

But we were used to the journeys within the municipality area. In terms of population, the municipality counts under seven thousand citizens, but geographically the municipality is the size of a country like Switzerland.

The southernmost tip of Greenland is in an area with very turbulent weather conditions. Nanortalik is located right on the coast to the Labrador Sea, close to the border of the

mighty Atlantic Ocean.

The weather often presents problems for both air traffic and for sailing. Meetings are often delayed or cancelled. The risk to have to stay in the small settlement for several days is also probable.

On this September day, the weather appears good. The first snow has fallen on the highest peaks. We sail through the beautiful archipelago with small islets and huge mountain massifs close to the sailing route. The group of travellers is most often divided into two boats. If there is an accident, the other boat is always nearby.

The risk of accidents is high due to the many inserts in the area. From April to the summer there also may be large ice deposits in the South Greenlandic waters. The archipelago and the fjords are filled with field ice, which by sea currents are transported from the Arctic Sea down to Cape Farewell and further up along the west coast of Greenland.



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