

Navigation in the fiord

Throughout the year, it is possible to sail in the fiord system around Nuuk. The fiord system is the second largest fiord system on the planet, and it can be seen from space. The largest fiord in the world is also placed in the Sermersooq municipality. It is the Tasiilaq fiord in East Greenland.

The fiord system, which is widely branched, includes Godthåbsfjorden, Kobbefjord and the Ameralik fiord south of Nuuk. The Godthåbsfjord is 186 kilometres long. It covers approximately 2,000 square kilometres and has an average depth of 260 meters.

The fiord system is available most of the year, if the sea area around Nuuk allows us to get into the fiord. From the fiords we have access to many types of landscapes with ice sheet, glaciers, mountains up to 1.700 meters above sea level. In the fiord, it is possible to catch cod, redfish and seal.

Many of the tours organized as fiord tours for tourists, are sold as whale safari. In the fiord we can usually expect to see humpback, minke and fin

whales, but the blue whale and the killer whale is also rare visitors inside the fiord.

A trip into the fiord may also include a visit to the small settlement Kapisillit near to the ice sheet, and to many Norse ruins along the fiords.

Many choose to buy their own boat to have free access to the adventure that the fiord represents. A good yacht with the required engine power, security and speed, costs more than an annual salary.

Although you can take out insurance, you take a big risk by sailing in these waters with small ice floes and hidden scerries everywhere. You also have the risk that the weather during the sailing season from May to September is so bad that the number of trips on the fiord in a season can be counted on one hand.

For me the choice was easy. I never bought my own boat. I often take a trip with the tour boats. On the way, there is hot coffee and cake, and the guide on board is always able to tell some news about the amazing wildlife we encounter on our way.



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