

NUUK, GREENLAND

The world's northernmost capital (64°10'N) is set at the mouth of the Nuup Kangerlua Fjord – the second-largest fjord in the world. The small capital is one of the few places in Greenland where the waters don't ice over, making it a critical sea route for Greenlanders throughout the year

KEY INFO

Currency: Danish Krone (1 USD = 6.87 DKK) **Languages:** Greenlandic, Danish (~70% speak English)
Population: 19,870 (56,660 Greenland) **Drive on the:** Right
Emergency #: 112 **Pharmacy:** Queen Ingrid's Hospital 🌐
Drinking water: Tap water is drinkable **Protection:** Warm clothing, sunscreen, insect repellent
Time Zone: GMT-2 (winter), GMT-1 (summer) **Wi-Fi:** Port (\$), Cultural Centre, Hotels, Library, Cafés
ID Requirements: Photo ID/Passport (non-EU) **Post Office:** Tusass, Farip Aqquataa 8 Nuuk GL 3900 🌐

PORT LOCATION

Ships dock or tender at Nuuk Port, the largest harbour in Greenland. The port is 1.5km from town (30-min walk), so shuttle buses are often provided.

Getting Around: Walking around town is the main way to enjoy the city. [Nuup Bussii](#) operates three bus routes in the city (1-hr ticket: 20 kr | buy on bus 🇩🇰). [Click here for map](#)

Taxis: Available. Local trips within city centre aren't typically more than 100kr. Pay in cash or card.

Tourist Bus: There is no Hop-On Hop-Off Sightseeing Bus

Tourist Information: Available at the pier in the souvenir shop ([Click for Greenland Tourism Brochure](#))

Port Facilities: Toilets, Tourist Information, Taxis, Shop

Port Address: Nuuk Cruise Terminal, Nuuk Cruise Terminal, Aqqusinersuaq 2814, Nuuk 3900 🌐

NUUK HIGHLIGHTS

Katuaq - Cultural Center: Hub for performance and visual arts. Onsite café serving local dishes. Cruise shuttle drops off here. 10a-8p (Mon-Sat) | Free | 1.8km from port (5-min drive, 25-min walk) | 🌐 | 🗺️

Greenland National Museum and Archives: Explore Greenland's history and Inuit culture with artefacts and exhibits, including well-preserved Qilakitsoq mummies and ancient kayaks.

10a-4p (Tue-Sun) | 50kr | 3km from port (7-min drive, 35-min walk) | 🌐 | 🗺️

Church of our Saviour: Red-painted wooden Lutheran cathedral, built 1849. Under the Hans Egede statue that stands over old town and bay. Closed | 2.5km from port (6-min drive, 30-min walk) | 🌐 | 🗺️

Hans Egedes Hus: The historic 1728 house of the missionary Hans Egede, known as the founder of Nuuk. 24 Hours (exterior only) | Free | 3km from port (6-min drive, 30-min walk) | 🌐

Nuuk Art Museum: Showcasing around 300 paintings and soapstone carvings from local artists. 1p-5p (Tue-Sun) | 40kr (free on Thu) | 2km from port (4-min drive, 23-min walk) | 🌐 | 🗺️

Godthåb Bryghus (Nuuk Brewhouse): The northernmost brewery in the world brews five local beers, from American Pale Ale to Greenlandic Stout. Enjoy in their pub and sports bar, Daddy's. 3p-12a (Mon-Thu), 12p-4a (Fri-Sat), 12p-12a (Sun) | 1.5km from port (4-min drive, 20-min walk) | 🌐 | 🗺️


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REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Greenland doesn't have regional or national land transportation. Longer distances can only be achieved by air or water.

Nuup Kangerlua Fjord: Explore the majestic Nuuk Fjord with its icebergs and wildlife. Best accessed by boat. 10-min boat

Sermitsiaq Mountain: Hike the snowcapped iconic peak towering 1,210m in the landscape over Nuuk. A mountainous island in the flow of the Nuup Kangerlua Fjord. 10km from port (30-min boat) | 

Qoornoq: A beautiful, partially abandoned settlement on a small island in the mouth of the fjord. 15km from port (40-min boat) | 

SOMETHING TO EAT OR DRINK

Mattak: Often served raw, this cubed delicacy is made from whale skin and blubber. Typically served with soy sauce or 'aromat', a yellow salt spice. Find it in the supermarket (Brugseni) or the fish market (Kalaaliaraq). Pronounced muktuk. [Read more](#)

Local Beers: Nuuk's local beers are noteworthy for being produced in the northernmost commercial microbrewery in the world. The **Godthaab Bryghus** (or Nuuk Brewhouse) produces **Nittaalaq** (American Pale Ale), **Umimak** (for something balanced and warming), **Red Ale** (for something a little malty), **Greenlandic Stout** (for dark malt infused with local herbs), and their bestseller **Bája Classic** (an easy drinking caramel malt beer).

LOCAL SOUVENIRS

For a historically significant souvenir, **tupilak carvings** – traditionally carved from bone, wood, or ivory – have played an important role in Greenlandic warfare for centuries. These intricately carved figurines were often sent to an enemy in war as a spiritual attack. For example, a carving with a prominent tongue could be used to symbolise regurgitation, or even sticking out in complaint.

For something more peace-loving, **quiviut products** (items made from the wool of a muskox) are known for being incredibly warm. Popular items include hats, scarves, and mittens. [Read more](#)

You'll also find plenty of **seal pelts** and other items made from seal fur, including gloves, coats, and ornaments. In Greenland, seals are hunted according to tradition and heritage. However, some countries prohibit the import of seal products, so check before you buy.

LOCAL LINGO

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Goodbye	Baaj	Thank you	Qujanaq (<i>qou-yan-uq</i>)
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