

Ittoqqortoormiit, East Greenland, Greenland

A scattering of brightly painted houses clinging to a rocky headland at the mouth of Scoresby Sund — the world's largest fjord system. Around 350 people live here, sustained by hunting and the memory of centuries of Inuit ingenuity. For a cruiser, this is as remote as it gets.

- Zodiac/Tender (no pier)
- Typical call: 5–8 hrs
- Danish Krone (DKK)
- East Greenlandic, Danish
- Season: July–September

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Zodiac or tender to rocky shore — all expedition vessels anchor offshore

Best For: Arctic wilderness, Inuit culture, iceberg photography, wildlife spotting

Walk to centre: Landing puts you inside the village; everything is within 10–15 min on foot

Don't Miss: Boat trip into Scoresby Sund for icebergs; the Ittoqqortoormiit Museum

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Scoresby Sund Boat Trip** — A small-boat voyage into the world's largest fjord system, weaving between colossal icebergs, dramatic basalt cliffs, and sheer silence.
- Village Walk & Inuit Museum** — Guided stroll through the colorful settlement with a local guide, stopping at the Ittoqqortoormiit Museum (housed in a 1930 former trading store...)
- Musk Ox & Arctic Wildlife Hike** — Guided hike on marked trails outside the settlement in search of musk oxen — common sightings around Ittoqqortoormiit — as well as Arctic fox, ringed...
- Kayaking on the Sound** — Paddle among ice floes and icebergs in Scoresby Sund in a sea kayak.
- Abandoned Settlement Visits** — Boat trips can include stops at Cape Tobin (Uunarteq) — site of a former settlement about 7 km south of the village, with hot springs reaching around...

BEST WALKS

- Village Loop** ~1.5 km · 20–30 min · Easy — From the landing quay, walk up through the settlement past the colorful wooden houses, the church, the Pilersuisoq supermarket, and the museum.
- Tundra Ridge Viewpoint** ~3 km · 1–1.5 hrs · Easy-moderate — Follow the marked hiking trail up the hillside behind the village to a ridge with panoramic views over the fjord mouth, pack ice, and — on clear days — distant nunataks.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		24°	15°	7d
Jun		42°	35°	6d
Aug		47°	39°	6d
Sep		38°	31°	12d
Oct		30°	23°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 4:19AM–8:39PM · Sep 5:40AM–7:02PM · Oct 7:44AM–4:40PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Don't miss the last Zodiac. There are no hotels in Ittoqqortoormiit. Know your ship's return time and be back early — conditions can change fast.
- Bring Danish Krone cash. The Pilersuisoq store and Nanu Travel accept cards, but local craft sellers deal in cash only. ATMs do not exist here.
- Do not touch the sled dogs. They are working animals, not pets, and can be aggressive. Stay on paths and away from dog yards.
- Dress for Arctic conditions year-round. Even July can bring temperatures near 0°C with biting wind. Waterproof layers, gloves, and sturdy boots are essential for Zodiac landings.
- Ask before photographing people. Residents are accustomed to cruise visitors but appreciate respect. A nod and smile go a long way. Never photograph through house windows.
- No Wi-Fi, expensive roaming. Switch to airplane mode on landing to avoid surprise data charges. The village has no public internet access.

Ittoqqortoormiit, East Greenland, Greenland — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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Ittoqqortoormiit Church
1928 timber church with blue whale-rib-shaped roof beams and a model of the ship that brought the town's first settlers in 1925.
- 2

Ittoqqortoormiit Museum
Small local history museum in a former Royal Greenlandic Trading building, with Inuit clothing, kayaks, and old photographs.
- 3

Scoresbysund
Entrance to the world's largest fjord system, the scenic backdrop that dominates every view from the village.
- P

Cruise port / terminal