

# Icefjord Midnight Marathon 2024

Explore Ilulissat and its stunning surroundings

The Icefjord Midnight Marathon takes place in Ilulissat, Greenland, where the UNESCO-accredited Ilulissat Icefjord provides a spectacular backdrop to this unique race. Runners will enjoy the magic of the midnight sun as they race over rocks and roads, against the colorful backdrop of Ilulissat and the Icefjord's towering icebergs.

**5-DAY PACKAGE**



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from 2800 €

30 May 2024 | Copenhagen – Kangerlussuaq – Ilulissat: Town Walk

All participants will meet at Copenhagen Airport Terminal 2. The flight to Greenland departs in the morning and Air Greenland does not cooperate with other airlines, meaning you must claim your luggage at Copenhagen Airport, clear customs, and check in again for the flight to Greenland. As check-in closes one hour before departure, we therefore strongly recommend that you do not book a same-day connection, but instead arrive in Copenhagen one or more days in advance.

A 4.5 hour flight will bring us to Kangerlussuaq, where we arrive in the morning at 10:40 local time (GMT –3 hours). We will receive a meal aboard the flight. Here, we will transfer to a domestic flight to Ilulissat. Due to the smaller size of domestic carriers and limited seat availability, the group will be divided into several flights.

All flights will have landed by late afternoon, and in Ilulissat we will check into our hotels. After we have settled in, you are invited to join us for a tour of Ilulissat. We will walk around town with a local guide who will explain the history and highlight places of cultural significance. The tour will begin at the historical Hotel Hvide Falk, and wind its way past the Zion Church, the local fish market, and the colorful houses on our way toward the harbor. Along the way, enjoy interesting stories on a variety of topics, such as the origin of Ilulissat, how the city has developed over the years, and the importance of its fishing culture. The walking tour is an excellent opportunity to get your first glimpse of the fascinating culture in Ilulissat, and your guide will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

In the evening, all participants will meet to enjoy a Greenlandic buffet. If you still have some energy left at the end of the day, you can join an evening kayak excursion among hundreds of icebergs. *Meals: Plane meal and dinner*

31 May 2024 | Icefjord Boating – Sermermiut Hike, and Race Briefing

This morning, after breakfast at your hotel, you can shake off the travel stiffness with a light hike through one of the region's most acclaimed areas. We will hike to the Sermermiut Valley, which has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its exceptionally beautiful nature and unique importance to glaciological science.

The hike is a must-do activity in the region and will take us approx. 2 kilometers south of Ilulissat, beginning at the Icefjord Visitor Center. From there, we enter the UNESCO-area on a wooden path toward the famous ruins of Sermermiut. Sermermiut is an ancient settlement that has been home to many different Inuit people for more than 4000 years. The stone ruins of old turf houses are scattered on various hilltops that we will be able to see as we walk. We continue through the old settlement to Nakkaavik, a cliff whose name means 'the place to fall.' You can ask your guide about the origin of this haunted name. From here, we are treated to a breathtaking view of the Kangia, the famous Ilulissat Icefjord with its many massive icebergs. We will follow the same wooden path back to town.

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In the afternoon and the evening, you have the chance to experience the Icefjord by boat. We will embark on a boat trip with experienced guides who will give us information as we wind our way through the icy giants. No matter the weather, the icebergs make an impressive sight - they shimmer and shine with the sun, while clouds highlight the extraordinary blue colors hidden in the ice. The experience is much more exciting in small boats, so we will be using our 12-participant boats. This means there will be departure times for this trip both before dinner and after dinner. In the evening, all participants will meet to enjoy a pasta dinner and get the race briefing. Please note that the race briefing will be your last chance to change distances. You can also ask race officials any questions you might have. Tonight, you will also have the possibility to join an evening kayak excursion. *Meals: Breakfast and dinner*

## 01 June 2024 | Race Night

It's nearly time! You have the morning and afternoon to sleep, explore, and prepare yourself for the night to come. The marathon begins at 21:00, and the half-marathon will begin at 22:30 - all races will be done by 4:00 at the latest. This Saturday we also have our optional excursion: Meet the Sled Dogs. *Meals: Breakfast*

## 02 June 2024 | Ilulissat Day – Optional Excursions & Celebration Dinner

Today is a justified relaxation and recovery day. Most of us will likely sleep the morning away. You may also use the day to explore on your own, or join one of the optional excursions. On this day we will run a sail excursion to the Oqaatsut, a tiny, authentic settlement 20 kilometers north of Ilulissat. Otherwise, we also offer a day trip by boat to the immense Egi Glacier. It is also possible to join our Kayak among Icebergs Excursion after breakfast. In the evening, all participants will gather for the celebration dinner. Together, we will revel in the prior night's victory, share stories, and enjoy a good meal together. *Meals: Breakfast and dinner*

## 02 June 2024 | Ilulissat Day – Optional Excursions & Celebration Dinner

Sadly, it is time to say farewell to Ilulissat. We will fly first to Kangerlussuaq in the morning. Once in Kangerlussuaq, we will board a flight back to Copenhagen that will arrive around 20:15. There will be a meal served aboard the flight. *Meals: Breakfast and plane meal*

### Possible Excursions:

➤ Running Copenhagen	29 May	1.5 hours	50 EUR
➤ Sail to the Oqaatsut Settlement	2 Jun, 3 Jun	5 hours	250 EUR
➤ Kayak among Icebergs	30 May – 3 Jun	3 hours	170 EUR
➤ Egi Glacier Express	2 Jun, 3 Jun	6 hours	350 EUR
➤ Meet the Sled Dogs	1 Jun	1.5 hours	50 EUR

### Extensions:

➤ Ice Camp	28-30 May	3 days	600 EUR
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### Inclusions

- Round-trip flight from/to Copenhagen - Kangerlussuaq
- Domestic transfers from/to Kangerlussuaq - Ilulissat
- 4 nights accommodation in Ilulissat
- Meals as stated in the itinerary (incl. celebration dinner, Greenlandic buffet, pasta dinner, etc.)
- Icefjord by Boat Tour
- Guided Ilulissat City Walk
- Guided Sermermiut Hike

### Exclusions

- Flights to/from Copenhagen
- Accommodation in Copenhagen
- Race entry (300 €)
- Optional excursions/extension
- Travel and health insurance
- Meals not stated in the itinerary
- Beverages
- Personal expenses
- Anything not mentioned under 'Inclusions'