Greenland

Travel Facts

US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Greenland due to COVID-19. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

US Embassy/Consulate

None (self-governing overseas administrative division of Denmark); +(45) 3341-7100; EMER: +(45) 3341-7400; US Embassy Copenhagen, Dag Hammarskjöld's Ale 24, 2100 Copenhagen, Denmark

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html

Telephone Code

299

Local Emergency Phone

112

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Greenland: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. http://www.who.int/

Climate

Arctic to subarctic; cool summers, cold winters

Currency (Code)

Danish kroner (DKK)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, E, F, K









Type C

Major Languages

Greenlandic (West Greenlandic or Kalaallisut is the official language), Danish, English

Major Religions

Evangelical Lutheran, traditional Inuit spiritual beliefs

Time Difference

UTC-3 (2 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March; ends last Sunday in October; note: Greenland has four time zones

Potable Water

Yes

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Ilulissat Icefjord & Jakobshavn Glacier; Ilulissat Museum; Nuuk Art Museum; Kangerdlugssup Glacier; Qagortoq

Major Sports

Soccer, track and field, handball, skiing

Cultural Practices

While eating in Greenland, it is customary to keep one's hands visible even when resting. So wrists are often laid on the table.

Tipping Guidelines

All prices include tips and gratuity, but you may round up for good service.

Souvenirs

Bone, antler, or soapstone carvings; gemstones including tugtupite; bead and pendant necklaces; beauty products; leather goods; local berry, meat, and fish items

Traditional Cuisine

Suaasat — a soup made from seal, whale, reindeer, or seabirds, often including onions and potatoes, and seasoned with salt and pepper or bay leaf; the soup is often thickened with rice or by soaking barley in the water overnight

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