

Exploring Safely

Unless arriving on a cruise ship⁴¹, the only way to get to Greenland is by flying, principally⁴² from Reykjavik in Iceland or Copenhagen⁴³ in Denmark. The latter⁴⁴ typically takes around six hours, 15 minutes. There is a variety of⁴⁵ accommodation options from family homes to cheap hostels and pricier⁴⁶ upmarket⁴⁷ hotels.

Due to its climate and terrain⁴⁸, you won't find highways⁴⁹ linking towns but instead a network of planes, helicopters, ferries⁵⁰, tour boats and water taxis⁵¹ that connect the settlements⁵². In fact, so-called "flightseeing⁵³" can be a great way to enjoy Greenland's spectacular beauty from above.

Before setting off⁵⁴, you might spend a day exploring the capital, which is home to a number of national museums and galleries showing the country's history and culture. It will give you a chance to sample⁵⁵ traditional Greenland fare⁵⁵. Check out the menu. However, while the capital has some bright-coloured, pitched roof⁵⁷ homes, it also has some housing blocks⁵⁸ of around ten storeys that give it a grey, functional backdrop⁵⁹, so best to head off⁶⁰ into the breathtaking⁶¹ wilderness⁶².

Greenland is a mecca for⁶³ outdoor types⁶⁴ who want to not only look but experience the landscape⁶⁵ close up⁶⁶, doing everything from a day's gentle⁶⁷ hiking⁶⁸ to hardcore climbing. However, the tourist board⁶⁹ and authorities⁷⁰ are keen to advise⁷¹ travellers not just to head out⁷² willy-nilly⁷³ into the hills and to treat the potentially hostile environment⁷⁴ with due respect⁷⁵ and caution. As the site Visit Greenland explains:

"Most of the terrain consists of completely deserted" rocky or mountainous terrain, without trees, that often ends in steep slopes down to the open sea or deep fjords. The climate is arctic and harsh, with very changeable weather. These conditions create a number of potentially dangerous situations."

- 41 cruise ship kru:z fip statek wycieczkowy/rejsowy
- 42 principally 'prinsəpli w przeważającej mierze, głównie
- 43 Copenhagen ,kəʊpənˈheɪgən Kopenhaga

- 44 latter 'lætə(r) drugi, ostatni (z wymienionych)
- 45 a variety of sth ə vəˈraɪəti əv ˈsʌmθɪŋ różnorodność czegoś, wielość
- 46 pricey 'prassi drogi
- 47 upmarket Ap'ma:kit drogi, ekskluzywny (UK)
- 48 terrain te'rem teren, obszar
- 49 highway 'haiwei autostrada (US)
- 50 ferry 'feri prom
- 51 water taxi 'wo:tə(r) 'tæksi taksówka wodna
- 52 settlement 'setiment osada
- flightseeing flat 'sixn tu: zwiedzanie terenu kraju za pomocą pojazdów lotniczych i przelotów na krótkie dystanse (np. helikopterem)
- 54 to set off to set of wyruszyć (gdzieś), zacząć
- 55 to sample sth to 'sa:mpl 'sAmθīŋ spróbować czegoś, skosztować
- 56 fare fea(r) strawa, jedzenie (pot. o kuchni)
- 57 pitched roof pitst ru:f dwuspadowy dach
- 58 housing block 'havzɪŋ 'blok blok mieszkalny
- 59 backdrop 'bækdrop tło (czegoś)
- to head off somewhere to hed of 'snmweo(r) wyruszyć gdzieś
- of breathtaking 'breθteikiŋ zapierający dech w piersiach
- ⁶² wilderness 'wildenes dzicz, miejsca niezamieszkane
- sa mecca for sb 'meka fa(r) 'sambadi mekka dla kogoś, obiekt pielgrzymek/częstych wypraw
- outdoor type 'autdo:(r) taɪp osoba lubiąca przebywanie na łonie natury
- 65 landscape 'lændskeip krajobraz, pejzaż
- 66 close up kiaoz Ap w bezpośrednim sąsiedztwie, tuż obok
- 67 gentle 'dzentl delikatny, łagodny
- hiking 'harkın chodzenie na piesze wycieczki, piesze wędrówki
- tourist board 'toerist bo:d izba turystyczna, wspólnota turystyczna
- 70 authorities ο: θριστία władze
- ⁷¹ to advise sb tu əd'varz 'sʌmbədi doradzić komuś
- 72 to head out to hed aut wyjść, odjechać
- 73 willy-nilly ,wili 'nili ot tak, raz dwa
- ⁷⁴ hostile environment 'hostail in'vaiaranmant nieprzyjazne (dla życia, kogoś) środowisko
- 75 due respect dju: rɪ'spekt należny szacunek
- 76 to consist of sth to ken'sist ov 'sʌmθiŋ składać się z czegoś
- 77 deserted di'zaitid opuszczony, pusty
- 78 mountainous 'magntanas górzysty
- 79 steep sti:p stromy, wysoki
- 80 slope sloop stok, zbocze
- broif bic'th broif 18
- 82 harsh ha: surowy, ostry
- 83 changeable 'tfeindzəbəl zmienny