

KAPISILLIT – *The Fjord*



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The best way to visit the settlement Kapisillit is to travel with the settlement cargo vessel from Nuuk. The Settlement cargo vessel is sailing in a relaxed pace into the fjord. While the eye can follow the steep mountains along the shores of the fjord, you simultaneously move unnoticed from the bustle of the city to a quiet world. It feels like the heart beats more slowly concurrently with the sound of the engines of the vessel.

During the sail the vessel is overtaken or met by many yachts. They sail so fast that they barely touch the water. Often I get the feeling that the people on board these flying boats never experienced to have contact with their souls, when they move so fast into the long arms of the fjord.

The settlement cargo vessel sails from Nuuk to Kapisillit fortnightly. The journey lasts six hours. The entrance to Kapisillit takes place in the inner branch of the Godthaabsfiord, Kapisillit Kangerluat. It is a majestic arrival. The red ship on the blue bay seems quite small under the high and steep mountains. The little red dot on the horizon, far too slowly, gets bigger and bigger. The vessel is often first been spotted in the settlement of the eyes of children, longingly awaiting family members return to the settlement.

The arm of the fiord off Kapisillit is called Kapisillit Kangerluat. It is a small fraction of the total complex of the Godthaabsfiord. The Godthaabsfiord comprises a total of 2,000 square kilometres of ocean, which has an average depth of 260 meters.

Kapisillit Kangerluat has always contained a larger population of cod. But the general decline of the cod fisheries at the national level is the reason that the previous, privately owned fishing station (built in 1952) on the island Qiterlikasik north of the entrance to Kapisillit, was closed and partially demolished in 1995. The fishing station produced dried cod.

The port of Kapisillit is the port for some small boats and the yachts, which are constantly visiting the settlement with residents and tourists from Nuuk. The many local boats are an important tool for the inhabitants of Kapisillit, when they hunt seals or fish cods and salmons in the Kapisillit Kangerluat or when they catch reindeers, ptarmigan, foxes and mountain hares from the surrounding countryside.



The settlement cargo vessel arrives to Kapisillit, September 2001



Drying rack for cod, September 2001



View to the settlement from the Pingu mountain, September 2001



View to the settlement and the fiord, September 2001



The yellow service house and other old houses, September 2001



The settlement cargo vessel comes alongside the quay, September 2001



*Fishing vessel at boat bridge,
September 2001*



A house with a view, September 2001



Floating 'bird cliff', gulls on an iceberg, September 2004



Houses by the fiord, September 2001



A green house by the Kapisillit Kangerluat, September 2001



*The colours of september,
September 2001*



Fishing boats by the boat bridge, September 2001



Evening landscape, September 2004



The first snow on the highest peaks around the settlement, September 2004



The view from Kapisillit towards the west out of the Godthaabsfiord, September 2004

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