

The nature around Nuuk *- The last months of the year*



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- The last months of the year (September to December)

The autumn starts with one of the most important events in Greenland: The reindeer hunting. Everybody have to participate. The freezer has to be filled with the excellent meat of the reindeers.

The leg of the reindeer is a key ingredient to the dinner parties, when the family and friends are assembled, or when holidays require extra good meat on the menu. You can get reindeer meat in all restaurants in Greenland.

September is one of the most beautiful months in Greenland. The mountains are dressed in red, brown and yellow colours. The frost has really set in, and the vegetation is getting the colours of autumn.

Around the first days of September the first snow falls on the mountain tops around Nuuk. But that does not stop the amazing hikes in the beautiful countryside around the town. The white tops are

just another colouring on the magnificent views of the landscapes.

In October the big autumn storms arrive. Often the town is shut down and all traffic in the air and at sea are impeded caused of the enormous power.

The large depressions formed in the south over Newfoundland are pressed up along the west coast of Greenland. If you are out hiking or sailing in October and November, the weather forecasts have to be carefully studied.

A lot of people, both experienced and inexperienced hikers and sailors, are killed each year in the Greenlandic wilderness because of bad weather conditions.

If the first snow has not fallen, the November and December are dark months. This makes the last day of the year a good time to observe the northern lights. The green, undulating light is almost constantly visible over the sky of Nuuk.



The mountain Hjortetakken, September 2004



The family makes an excursion, September 2004



Mountain lake in front of the Sermitsiaq Mountain, September 2001



*Small vegetation in the crevice of
a rock, September 2001*



Sun shower above Akia, October 2007



Sun shower above Akia, October 2007



Rocky coast outside Nuuk, September 2005



Homeward at sunset, September 2009



Waterfall back of the mountain Lille Malene, September 2005



Waterfall in the landscape back of the mountain Lille Malene, September 2005



Mountain lake surrounded by the colours of autumn, September 2006



Mountain lake and marsh back of Lille Malene, September 2006



Horsetails in a mountain lake, September 2006



The Malenelandet in the colours of autumn, October 2003



Malenelandet, October 2001



*Cave in the mountain Store Malene,
October 2001*



Thin ice on a puddle, October 2003



Cirrus clouds in twilight, September 2001



Whalewatching in the Godthaabsfiord, September 2005



Two whales go together into the fiord, September 2001



*A diving whale in front of
the snow-covered mountain
Sermitsiaq, October 2001*

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