

The waterfall

A glacier is situated in the middle of the island Sermitsiaq in the Godthåbsfiord. The glacier starts in an altitude of more than a thousands metres above the sea level. The melting of the glacier sends large amounts of melt water down towards the fiord. High above us the water gushes from the cliff face, forming the Sermitsiaq Waterfall.

Our boat can go close the shore under the cliffs at the west side of the Sermitsiaq Island. So close that we are hit by drops from the spray of the massive amounts of water that hits the rocks just above the sea level. Everything is dripping with water. We are surrounded by a rumbling thunder from the sound of the falling water. This fantastic natural phenomenon is so impressive that no one feel need to talk.

I can watch the falling waters for hours. The sound seems stupefying. The sunlight and the varying cloud cover constantly present new aspects of this magical scene: New reflections in the shiny polished rocks are formed, and the swirling water explodes into raindrops, which in the sunlight change to all the colours of the rainbow.



*The foot of the Sermitsiaq waterfall, July 2010*