

The journey to distant horizons

This day in July the destination of our boat trip is inside The Godthaabsfiord. We choose the northernmost branch of the fiord. After three hours of cruise we reach the goal: The Ice Fiord.

In The Ice Fiord the fiord is completely filled with ice in all sorts of sizes. The ice floes vary in colours from deep blue to pure white. Today, there is blowing a refreshing breeze, and the rough turquoise and dark blue sea sends swells against the ice masses and get the ice floes to tilt up and down.

The ice floes are broken off one of the two glaciers, ending in The Godthaabsfiord, Narssap Sermia and Kangiata Nunaaata Sermia.

The largest of these ice floes now will begin a long journey. So far, the ice has been part of the World's largest ice sheet. Via the glaciers the ice were brought down to The Godthaabsfiord. After being broken off the glacier, the ice floes are looking impatient before going out on a new long journey.

The wind, the sea current and the tide bring most of the ice floes to the mouth of the Godthaabsfiord towards the west. If they manage to get out of the fiord into the Davis Strait, the ocean currents and the heavy storms will move them along the coast of Greenland and the ice floes may reach far into the Atlantic Ocean or the far north to The Baffin Bay.

The front of the glaciers continues to retreat, and the amount of melt water from the ice is increasing every year. But this day the beautiful landscape with the ice and the fiord leaves no room for worry about the possible threats of the expected climate change.

This day in July, we are rocking in the boat next to the vast amounts of ice. From this beautiful landscape these ice floes begin their last journey towards distant horizons.



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