

A view towards fantasyland

The flight between the main town Qaqortoq in South Greenland to the small settlement Nanortalik in the southernmost part of Greenland takes place with a small Bell 212 helicopter. In addition to the two pilots we are eight passengers.

I am lucky and get a seat with a good view through a large Plexiglas window to the stunning landscapes around us. The flight is approximately eighty kilometres and takes half an hour.

What an enchanting landscape. The further south we get, the higher the mountain peaks around us are. Early in December, all the mountain tops are covered with a virgin layer of white snow. The setting winter sun cannot reach down into the valleys between the mountains. The dark valleys and the surface of the sea contrast with the snow covered peaks, exposed as they are to the sun.

From my seat I have a view to the country side. The Arctic cold air is very dry, and it means that the visibility is almost boundless. Sometimes I have the view to horizons far away, but frequently the helicopter is flying very close to the steep mountain slopes that end up straight down at the rocky coast. Down there the waves are ending in a fringe of roiling foam when they crash against the rocks.



North of Nanortalik, December 2015

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