

The blue beauty

The iceberg had run aground at the mouth of the fiord. For millennia the glacier inside the head of the fiord has spit out icebergs and ice floes into The Qooroq Ice Fiord. The current and the tidal stream have transported the ice out of the fiord.

Along with the ice follows enormous amounts of gravel, clay and sand. Much has sunk to the bottom at this place in the mouth of the fiord and has formed a large underwater moraine. Therefore, the biggest icebergs are grounded due to these banks of gravel in the deep.

A local tells us that this blue iceberg is the reminiscence of a very large iceberg which collapsed a few days ago.

The remains of the large iceberg have not yet drifted to sea. We sail close to this blue beauty. The iceberg is in a continuing transformation. The sun, the wind and the rain erode the surface. The balance point of the iceberg will change, and the enormous amount of ice may suddenly keel at significant risk to small boats close to the ice.

The beautiful blue shades are formed in the glacier ice, which is tightly packed without air bubbles. The water and the ice absorb visible light in the red part of the colour spectrum. The thicker the ice, the darker blue is the colour of the ice.



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