

EN ØDE EGN
VED POLARCIRKLEN
AN UNINHABITED REGION
NEAR THE POLAR CIRCLE

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En øde egn ved Polarcirklen

Forestil dig en ødemark, hvor der ingen mennesker bor, og hvor du måske ikke træffer andre mennesker i dagevis. Bjerge, dale, floder og flokke af moskusokser og rensdyr.

Forestil dig, at du står og spejder ud over verdens største indlandsis. Ingen mennesker, ingen huse, kun is og sne så langt øjet rækker.

Forestil dig, at du befinder dig på verdens største ø. En ø, der kun har få bosteder langs den tusinder kilometer lange kyst, og hvor resten af øen ligger øde hen.

Det, du nu forestiller dig, eksisterer i virkeligheden. Det er Grønland. Stedet kan være ved Indlandsisen øst for atlantluft-havnen Kangerlussuaq ved den grønlandske vestkyst.

Jeg besøgte Kangerlussuaq og vildmarken øst for lufthavnen i juli 2010. Ugens fotografier får mig til at erindre min tur ind i denne enestående øde egn lige nord for den nordlige polarcirkel.

An uninhabited region near the Polar Circle

Imagine a wilderness where no people live, and where you might not encounter anyone for days. Mountains, valleys, rivers, and herds of musk oxen and reindeer.

Imagine standing and gazing out over the world's largest inland ice sheet. No people, no houses, only ice and snow as far as the eye can see.

Imagine that you are on the world's largest island. An island with only a few settlements along its thousands of kilometres-long coast, and where the rest of the island lies desolate.

What you are now imagining exists. It is Greenland. The place could be near the Inland Ice sheet east of the Atlantic airport Kangerlussuaq on the west coast of Greenland.

In July 2010 I visited Kangerlussuaq and the wilderness east of the airport. The photographs of the week make me remember my trip into this unique, desolate region just north of the northern polar circle.



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