

Icebergs in the sky

Several times every year I travel by plane across the Atlantic Ocean between Greenland and Denmark. It all seems unnatural: The big Airbus 330-220 aircraft on a runway at Kangerlussuaq in the middle of the giant Arctic wilderness. The heavy aircraft carrying 250 people and 250 tons of cargo takes off from the runway after having taken a long preliminary run.

I sit comfortably into the seat while the plane turns around and begins its flight over the world's largest ice sheet. After a few minutes we are above the ice sheet. The giant white surface is broken by blue lakes and enormous glacial rivers.

A culminate comes when we reach the east coast of Greenland. The sharp peaks break through the ice and clouds, and shortly after, we are above the blue ocean. The Denmark Strait is filled with ice in all sorts of sizes. The sea appears as gigantic patterns of ice from the aircraft. The flying altitude is 12,000 metres above the sea level.

The tour continues above the stunning landscapes of Iceland and then above the Atlantic Ocean before we again get landfall at the west coast of Norway.

However the cloud cover often hides the beautiful landscapes of the Earth. But I can imagine that these cloud formations in reality are enormous icebergs. If you have just a little imagination, it is not that difficult.



Altitude 12,000 metres, July 2012

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