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VESTNORDEN TRAVEL MART INFORMATION PACKET

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CLOTHING

As you know, you are coming to the Arctic! September is definitely an autumn month in Greenland, and it might be colder than what you are probably used to. While you might get an unusually warm day where a single layer feels lovely, it is much more likely that you will be relying on that good puffy jacket. In some parts of Greenland, there is already fresh snow on the mountaintops.

We know you have a lot of clothing to pack between the conference and Colourful Nuuk Adventures, and potentially even a pre-tour and post-tour, too, but our best advice is to be prepared with clothing for all possible weather conditions - high sunshine, wind, rain - and to have several choices of layers so you can more easily regulate your body temperature.

If you are participating in an outdoor Colourful Nuuk Adventure, or a pre-tour or post-tour, you will need some outdoor clothing. If you are only participating in the conference, it's still good to bring warm gear for going outside. Consider:

- Regular Conference clothing
- Hiking boots (note: sneakers are not sufficient)
- Comfortable shoes
- Windproof / waterproof outer jacket
- Windproof / waterproof pants
- 1 set thermal pants (long underwear) - no cotton!
- 1 set thermal shirt - no cotton!
- Medium-weight wool sweater

- Wool socks
- Warm hat that covers your ears
- Warm gloves
- Scarf
- Small daypack
- Sunscreen or Moisturizing Face Lotion with SPF
- Lip balm
- Sunglasses
- Extra batteries or portable charging packs for electronics
- Reusable water bottle (ex: Nalgene bottle)
- Backpack (minimum 40L in size), if necessary

LUGGAGE STYLE

If you are just attending the conference portion of Vestnorden Travel Mart, it is possible to bring your normal rolling luggage.

However, if you are participating in a pre-tour or post-tour, you will most likely benefit from using a backpack or a convertible duffel bag instead. Please refer to a packing list provided by your pre- or post-tour provider. In general, rolling luggage does not do well in the rugged terrains, which the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Iceland all have.

As stated in the clothing list above, it is recommended to also have a small daypack to use on day tours and the Colourful Nuuk Adventures for carrying extra layers, a water bottle, etc. without bringing every single item with you.

AIRLINE BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Air Greenland has a rather strict baggage allowance compared to other airlines due to its domestic operations with small propeller aircraft and helicopters, so please pack accordingly. It is possible to pay for overweight baggage, but note that this will be at your own expense. Please familiarise yourself with Air Greenland's baggage policies at <https://www.airgreenland.com/travel-info/before-travel/bagage>.

As some of you may also be travelling with Air Iceland Connect or Atlantic Airways in connection with Vestnorden Travel Mart, we have also included their general baggage allowances here. Please familiarise yourself with Air Iceland Connect's baggage policies at <https://www.airicelandconnect.com/information/baggage-information/baggage-allowance> and with Atlantic Airways' baggage policies at <https://www.atlantic.fo/en/travel-info/before-flying/baggage-rules/>.

Airline	Hand Baggage	Checked Baggage
Air Greenland	8 kg / 18 lb	20 kg / 44 lb
Air Iceland Connect	6 kg / 13 lb	20 kg / 44 lb
Atlantic Airways	8 kg / 18 lb	23 kg / 51 lb

ENTRY TO GREENLAND

Please make sure that you have the correct permits to enter Greenland, via Denmark or Iceland, based on your nationality. A full list of countries requiring a travel visa can be found at the website www.newtodenmark.dk. In general, citizens of the following countries do NOT need a visa to travel to Greenland - Australia, Canada, Japan, Western European and Scandinavian nations, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

WEATHER

As a general rule of thumb, weather can change in Greenland quite fast from clear skies to rain to wind storm, so it is best to be as prepared as possible with the right clothing and plenty of layers to keep you comfortable, dry and warm.

Nuuk is located at approximately 64°N and the temperature typically hovers around 5°C / 41°F during the day at this time of year. When you sail, it always feels a little colder, so if you will be taking part in a boat tour during any part of Vestnorden Travel Mart, remember to pack warmly.

Read [this article](#) about the different types of weather you could encounter in Nuuk and tips for how to be prepared for them.

If you are interested to follow the weather in Nuuk, or other Greenlandic towns you may be visiting in connection with Vestnorden Travel Mart, or even Faroese towns, a reliable weather source is the following. Click on the town of your choice.

Greenland: <http://www.dmi.dk/groenland/vejret/byvejr/groenlandske-byer-i-byvejr/>

Faroe Islands: <http://www.dmi.dk/faeroeerne/>

This source is available only in Danish, however one of the Visit Greenland team members wrote a useful blog entry in English about how to read the graphs and symbols, and it can be found here:

<https://2kalaallitnunaatigo.wordpress.com/2016/01/01/before-you-go-to-greenland-check-the-weather/>

As stated, the weather can change quite quickly, so please take these forecasts as a loose guideline only. The two-day forecast at the top of the page is the most reliable.

ELECTRICITY

Greenland, Faroe Islands and Iceland use the standard 2-prong European plug.

TIME ZONES

Country Name	Time Zone
Greenland	GMT -2 (Summer Time)
Faroe Islands	GMT +1 (Summer Time)
Iceland	GMT

PHONE & INTERNET SERVICE

Greenland's cellular network is called Tele Greenland. There is good service in the towns, along with the possibility to purchase wi-fi hotspot access for designated lengths of time. There should be okay service in the settlements, but no promises. In the backcountry, there will not be any service at all. Embrace being off the grid!



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CREDIT CARD SERVICE

Greenland uses the chip-and-pin card system, so a card with a pin code works best, whether that be a credit card or a debit card. There are also ATMs available in all towns where you can withdraw Danish Kroner in cash. ATMs can typically be found in the bank, post office and/or grocery store.



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SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

We are present on social media and hope you will help create amazing content with us! Visit Greenland primarily use [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and we'd love for you to interact with us there. We are also present on [Youtube](#), [Twitter](#), [Pinterest](#), [Google+](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Tag us using [@ilovegreenland](#) and [#greenlandpioneer](#) and [#visitgreenland](#) and tag Air Greenland using [@air_greenland_official](#). For reference, our website is www.greenland.com.

Vestnorden Travel Mart also loves being social! Follow us at [@vestnordentravelmart](#) and use [#vntm17](#) for the chance to get your photos featured on the account, or even win a prize for the most engaged participant.



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DRONES

Drones are extremely popular these days, and hobbyists can be found everywhere. Nobody can deny that vast Arctic landscapes and contrasts of glaciers next to rocky terrain look unbelievable from high above.

If you are planning to bring a drone with you to Vestnorden Travel Mart 2017, there are a number of rules you should know, which count for the entire country.

Most importantly, you must be aware of the boundary for the Restricted Zone - 150 m from inhabited areas and 5km from airports, heliports and helistops. To fly within the Restricted Zone, you must have BOTH a drone pilot license issued by Droner.dk and a special permission issued by the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority.

Without these two requirements, you must fly outside the Restricted Zone.

Keep in mind, there is an all-time, all-location maximum flight height of 100m.

For further information about drone flying in Greenland, please refer to the [Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority](#).

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SERMERSOOQ MUNICIPALITY

The municipality stretches from the west coast to the east coast with a total area of 531,900 sq.km. It is home to 22,500 people, more than a third of the Greenland population. Sermersooq supports the tourism development through its DMOs; Sermersooq Business Council in the West and Destination East Greenland in the East.

AIR GREENLAND

We offer flights to destinations in Greenland such as Nuuk, Kangerlussuaq and Sisimiut in the midwest of Greenland, Qaqortoq and Nasarsuaq in South Greenland and Ilulissat in north Greenland. On our website find inspiration for your trips and book your tickets.

BANK OF GREENLAND

We are your local bank in Greenland with 120 employees, branches in Greenland's six major cities and headquarters in Nuuk. We are listed on Copenhagen Stock Exchange as GRLA. Bank of Greenland is always at your service.

HOTEL HANS EGEDE

Hotel Hans Egede is the only four star hotel in Greenland's capital, Nuuk with also one of the most modern conference facilities. On the top floor you can enjoy some world class gastronomy inspired by local culture and using some unique ingredients for an unforgettable experience.

TELE GREENLAND

In a world where communication is everything, we have made it our mission to provide Greenland and its visitors with the latest communication technologies making them accessible anywhere - regardless of location and infrastructure.

KATUAQ

Katuaq is a cultural venue opened 20 years ago in Greenland's capital, Nuuk. Everyone meets in Katuaq, locals and visitors alike whether it is for a concert, a movie, an exhibitions or for some local inspired gastronomy. Katuaq is a magical venue whose architecture was inspired by waving northern lights, icebergs and the play of light on ice and snow.