



IT University Travel Report

Dear Student, this is a template – the aim is to inspire other students who may wish to follow in your footsteps. You are free to give your report the shape you want and to go beyond the questions, as long as you cover the information asked for below. You are also very welcome to include pictures and contact information – but you need not. Remember that the report will be made available on the intranet.

Host University: No university visited

Study Programme at IT University : Digital Innovation & Management

Activity Abroad: Ethnographic fieldwork for master thesis

Exchange Period: semester (autumn/spring) ___**Spring**___ year ___**2020**___

Your stay abroad

Please describe your stay abroad:

I went to Greenland to conduct ethnographic fieldwork as part of my master thesis. We visited Nuuk to conduct interview, workshops, fieldworks ect. We went in March and came back in February.

What was your initial motivation for going abroad and did your stay meet your expectations?

My motivation was to be able to understand the context which I was researching in my master thesis. During my studies at ITU being able to understand the people and their cultures in which you are designing for is essential, why I saw it as a great opportunity to visit Greenland to gain insights I would not have been able to get elsewhere.

Please describe what you got out of your stay, both personally and academically, and how do you expect it to contribute to your further studies?

I think the trip contributed both personally and academically. Personally because it was a great experience visiting Greenland. I have always wanted to go, and now I had the opportunity to not only visit in a private context but actually be able to conduct research and get to know the culture and the people on a different level. Academically it was really great to be able to test your skills that you have acquired during your studies. Where you able to conduct a workshop by yourself, where you able to go out into the field and ask the right questions? It was a great experience with many learnings.

Arranging your stay

Please give a short description of the process involved in arranging your stay:

Lucky for me, my master thesis partner had a sister who lived in Nuuk, so we were able to stay in her place.

What resources did you find helpful in planning your stay and which people did you use (if any)?

The same as the above. We were very lucky. There were some other ITU students in Nuuk the same time as us which was very nice to be able to hang out with them and discuss how the experienced the whole thing.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

We lived with my master thesis partner's sister in Nuuk. But I know that some other ITU student have been lucky to rent nice apartments for a fair price.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

The flight tickets are of course the largest expense in relation to travelling to Greenland. However, groceries and just in general food is very expensive.

Did you apply for scholarships and would you recommend any ones in particular?

We tried to apply for numerous scholarships but did not have any luck in receiving any finical support other than the ITU travel Pool. So, I would definitely recommend that you apply for that scholarship.

Recommendations for other students:

Visiting another country as part of my education has been the best thing I have ever done during my 5 years at ITU. It makes so much sense. I think that you should just do it, and not think so much about it. I know that it was part of my master thesis which is the biggest project you will ever write during your studies, but I think that if I had done these types of research before it would have made so much more sense. And then, it is just really fun too.