# WHERE IS MY MUSK OX BURGER?

## HOW MOST INGREDIENTS MAKE THEIR WAY FROM ACROSS THE WORLD TO YOUR PLATE IN GREENLAND

**It all begins with you, suddenly craving a musk ox burger while visiting Ilulissat in North Greenland.**

Alas! They have run out of core ingredients, and the waiter asks you to be a bit patient while the restaurant fetches what they need.

This is what starts a chain of events.

Somewhere far far away a phone rings and a local farmer picks up, say, in Denmark.

This guy prepares a bulk load of vegetables for their journey to the Arctic.

Someone with tremendous driving skills and a keen understanding of why this delivery is important brings the food to Copenhagen airport.

At the airport the goods are packed in a Unit Loading Device, or what the airport people call a ULD. It is now ready to ship out.

The shipping agent fills in a mountain of paperwork and from there **Air Greenland** brings it to Greenland's main airport at Kangerlussuaq.

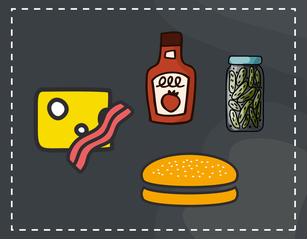
The cargo is loaded onto a Dash-8 propeller plane and brought to the destination along with a number of locals and international travelers.

Safely arrived in Greenland the delivery goes through customs before beginning its domestic journey.

Many local dishes are made with fresh Greenlandic ingredients, such as fish, herbs, spices, and other specialties. But we still depend on the outside world for delivery of the majority of our food and other goods.

So, as the the chef receives the ingredients he is ready to serve them up at the restaurant when you return from the day's adventure in the outdoors.

While all this is going on someone is getting a musk ox in the Kangerlussuaq backcountry for the burger.



## CARGO SHIP

The restaurant has most likely already ordered a lot of ingredients such as cheese, bacon, bread, spreads, ketchup, pickled vegetables and other stuff.

And while they may bake their own burger buns, remember that we have no crops in Greenland to make flour from, so even that has to come in by cargo ship.

**Expect 3-4 weeks delivery** if there is not too much sea ice.

**And there you are.** Three days later your freshly prepared meal is ready at Hotel Arctic in Ilulissat.

## WHILE YOU WAIT FOR YOUR FOOD

Spend your time with active adventures, enjoy local foods, go on a whale safari, and enjoy dogsledding and northern lights in winter or kayaking in summer.

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