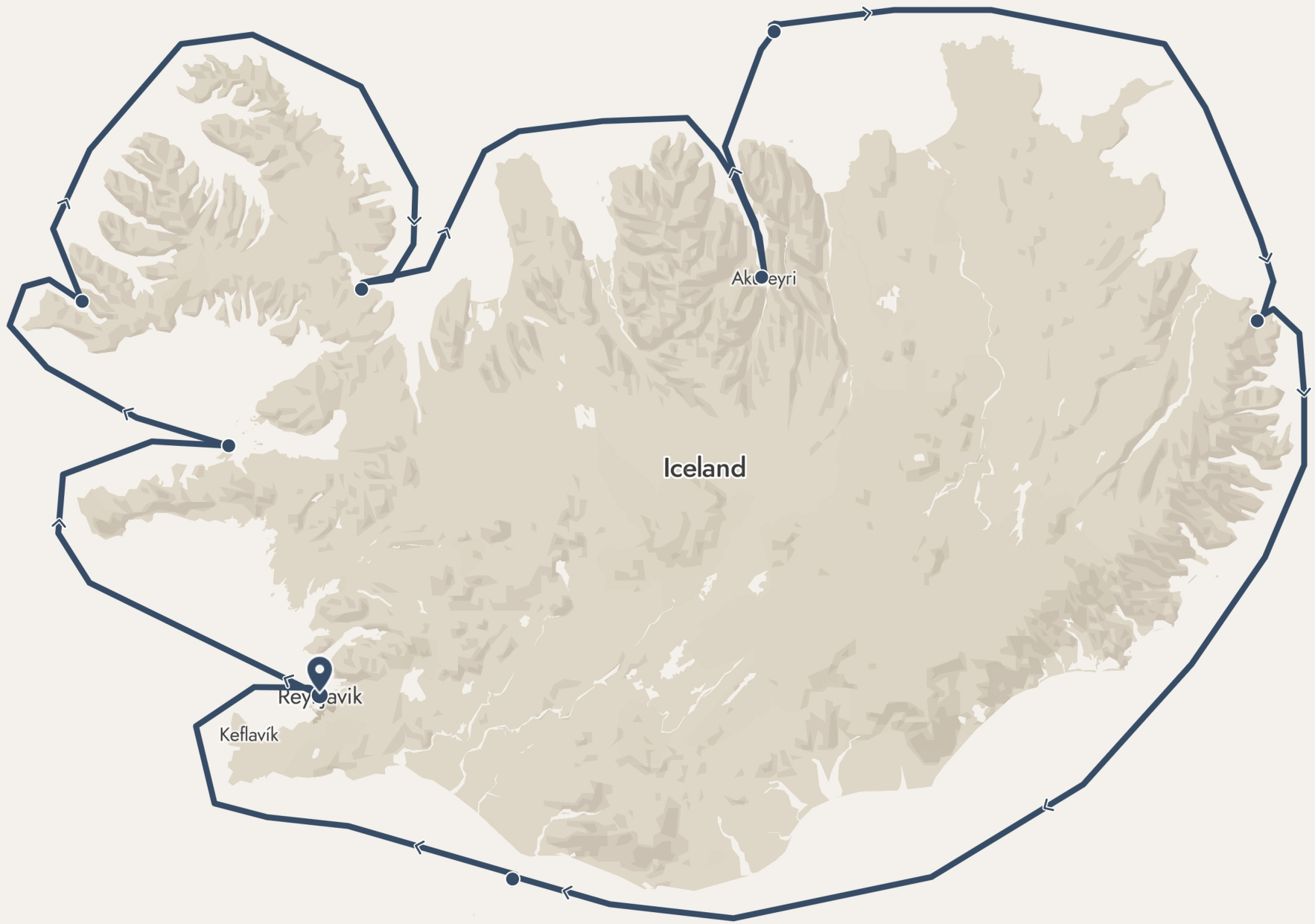




## MS Fridtjof Nansen

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## Day 1

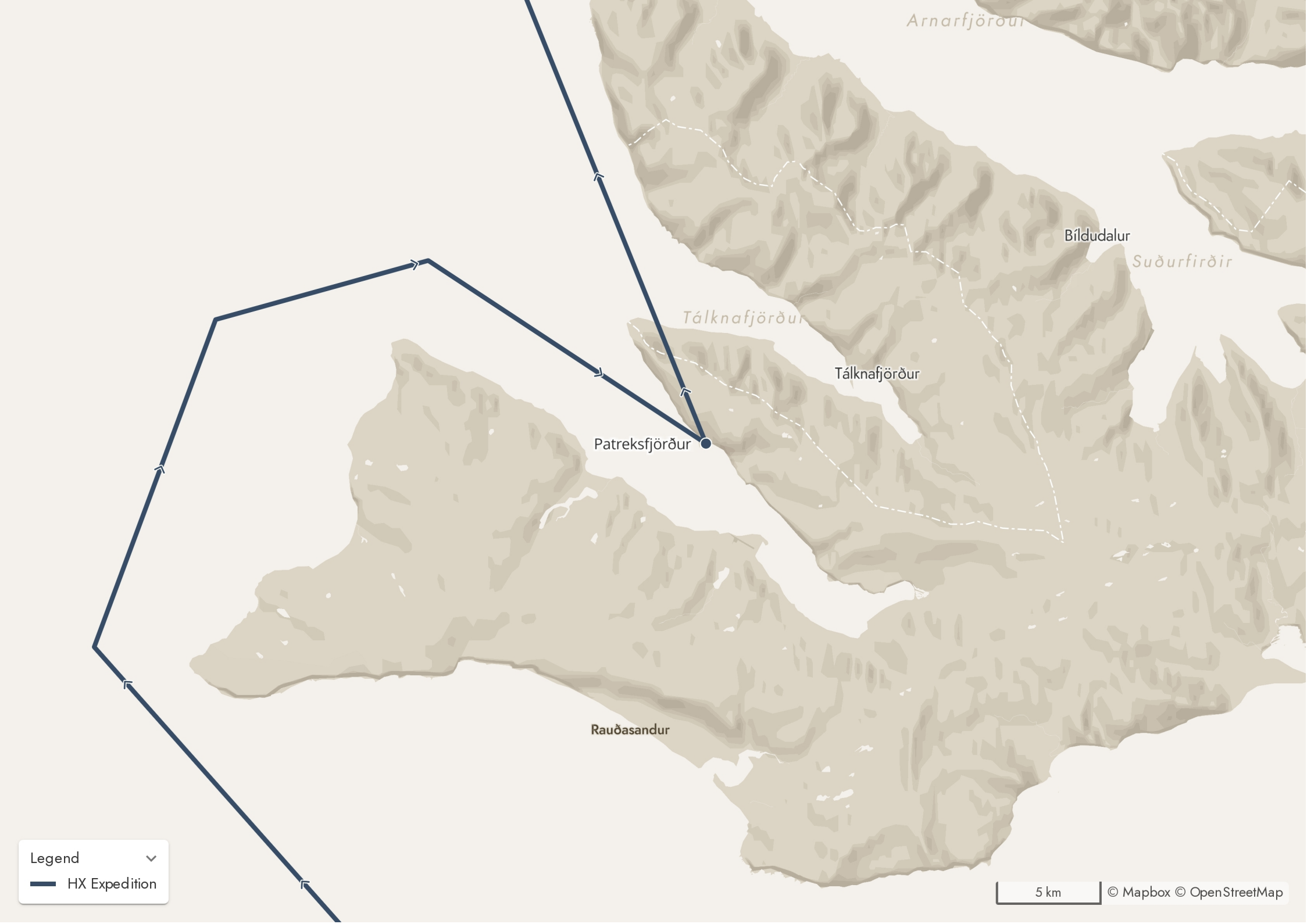
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On a stormy day, 258 adventurous guests from 19 nations embarked MV Fridtjof Nansen. Due to the storm, the ship was not able to leave the harbour as planned. Hence, we spent the night in Reykjavik – some of us using the

opportunity to explore the nightlife of the Icelandic capital. Most of us however were tired from the long journey and took advantage of a calm night onboard before we finally started to sail by 8 o'clock in the morning.

Stykkishólmur, Iceland - May 25, 2024





Arnarfjörour

Bíldudalur

Suðurfirðir


Tálknafjörður

Tálknafjörður

Patreksfjörður

Rauðasandur

Legend

 HX Expedition

5 km

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## Day 2

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The morning was busy with information meetings and briefings. Around noon, the wind picked up to a storm again, but the sun was shining and when we arrived at Stykkisholmur in the late afternoon, it was surprisingly calm there. Due to the delay, the originally scheduled excursions were replaced

by a scenic bustour to Kirkjufell mountain that is well known from several movies, e.g. Game of thrones. There, we met the storm again but nevertheless we took the chance to walk around the amazing nearby waterfall. A short stroll in the village of Stykkisholmur rounded up the day.

● Patreksfjörður, Iceland - May 26, 2024



## Day 3

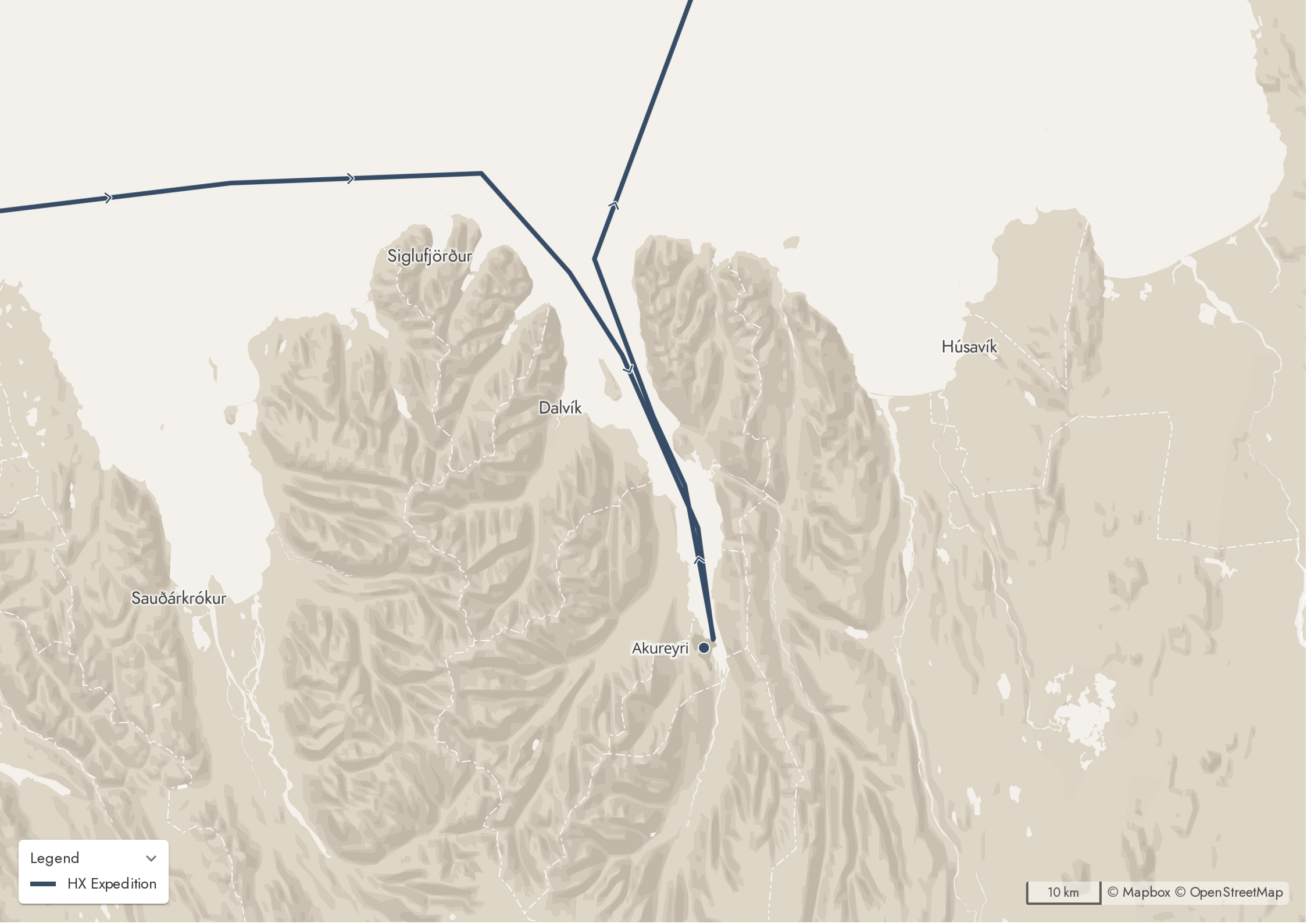
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From Stykkisholmur we sailed to Patreksfjörður, a little village in the Westfjords of Iceland. The wind had calmed down, and in sunny weather most of us went on an excursion: either to one of the largest and most beautiful waterfalls of the Westfjords or to Latrabjerg, the highest sea cliff and one of

the largest sea bird colony of Iceland. Walking along these cliffs, we watched kittiwakes, fulmars and guillemots building their nests and a few times even some puffins came out of their burrows.

Sauðfjársetur á Ströndum, Iceland - May 27, 2024





Siglufjörður

Dalvík

Húsavík

Sauðárkrúkur

Akureyri

Legend



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10 km

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## Day 4

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This day was a real adventure. We were brought ashore by the zodiacs, to a tiny little place called Saudfjarsetur á Ströndum. There, we were given a very warm welcome by the sheep farmer's family who runs a little museum there. After visiting the museum and learning about Icelandic sheep

farming, we got very delicious homemade rhubarb cake and coffee. Outside the museum we could also walk a little path with local art and a lot of birdlife, and the more sportive ones of us went on a hike to the top of a nearby hill and enjoyed the view that they had from there.

● Akureyri, Iceland - May 28, 2024



## Day 5

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The next day saw us in Akureyri, the second largest town of Iceland. In bright sunshine, we explored the jewels of the northern part of the country: the mighty waterfall of the gods, the lavafields and craters around Lake Myvatn and the hot,

colourful, and smelly sulfur springs in the nearby geothermal fields. Some of us also went to Myvatn bath to enjoy the 38 to 40°C warm water of these springs.

Grímsey, Iceland - May 29, 2024



Héraðsflói

Bakkagerði ●

Hvolsmælir

Legend



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5 km

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## Day 6

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Our next stop was at Grimsey island. On this day, for many of us a dream came true: countless puffins were nesting in the cliffs of the island and could be observed from pretty close distance! Again and again we had to stop for watching them, and only some of us made it to the globe that marks the

changing position of the Arctic circle at the very end of the island. Nevertheless, we all managed to cross the Arctic circle by ship later the day and got baptised by Njord, the Northern god of the seas.

● Bakkagerði, Iceland - May 30, 2024



## Day 7

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Bakkagerdi in the east coast of Iceland greeted us with mild and calm weather. Because the little harbour was even too small for our tenderboats, we were brought ashore in the zodiacs. From there, a shuttle bus took us to town where we

got a guided tour and learnt about the live in a 100 people village or climbed the Alfaborg, the rock of the elves. Before or after that, many of us also climbed the little hill right beside the landing site to watch puffins from very close.

Heimaey, Iceland - May 31, 2024





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BRÉIDHÖLT

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## Day 8

On our last day, we visited Heimaey, the largest and only inhabited Vestman island. When we arrived around noon, waves and wind prevented us from entering the narrow harbour, but the crew put out the zodiacs again and brought us ashore anyway. After a wet boat ride, we explored the island in a rainy afternoon: either by bus or by walking over

the black lava fields that were formed during the last eruption on the island in 1973. With excitement we heard that 400 houses were burried under volcanic ash and that the lava nearly closed the island's harbour, and with relief we got to know that nobody died in this natural desaster.

Reykjavik, Iceland - Jun 1, 2024



## Day 9

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In the early morning, we arrived in Reykjavik and our trip came to an end. We said ,Goodbye!' to ship and crew and started our way home.





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