



MS Fram

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Greenland

Baffin Bay

Iceland

Canada

Legend 

 HX Expedition

Reykjavik, Iceland - Aug 23, 2024

Reykjavik

Guests embarked in Reykjavik, the vibrant and cultured capital of Iceland. Once on board, they got to know the various members of the departments aboard the ship. Due to inclement weather at sea, we could not proceed with our originally planned evening departure. Our

departure was pushed back to the following morning. After long days of travel, guests retired to their cabins and took some rest in preparation of the adventure to come.

At Sea - Aug 24, 2024

280.7 km

At Sea

This was the first of our two days at sea on the way to Greenland. During this day, guests got to know the team members on board MS Fram through briefings, introductions, and lectures. Swells and waves

jostled our ship during this day, though the Captain securely navigated us through them, and we soon arrived in calmer waters.

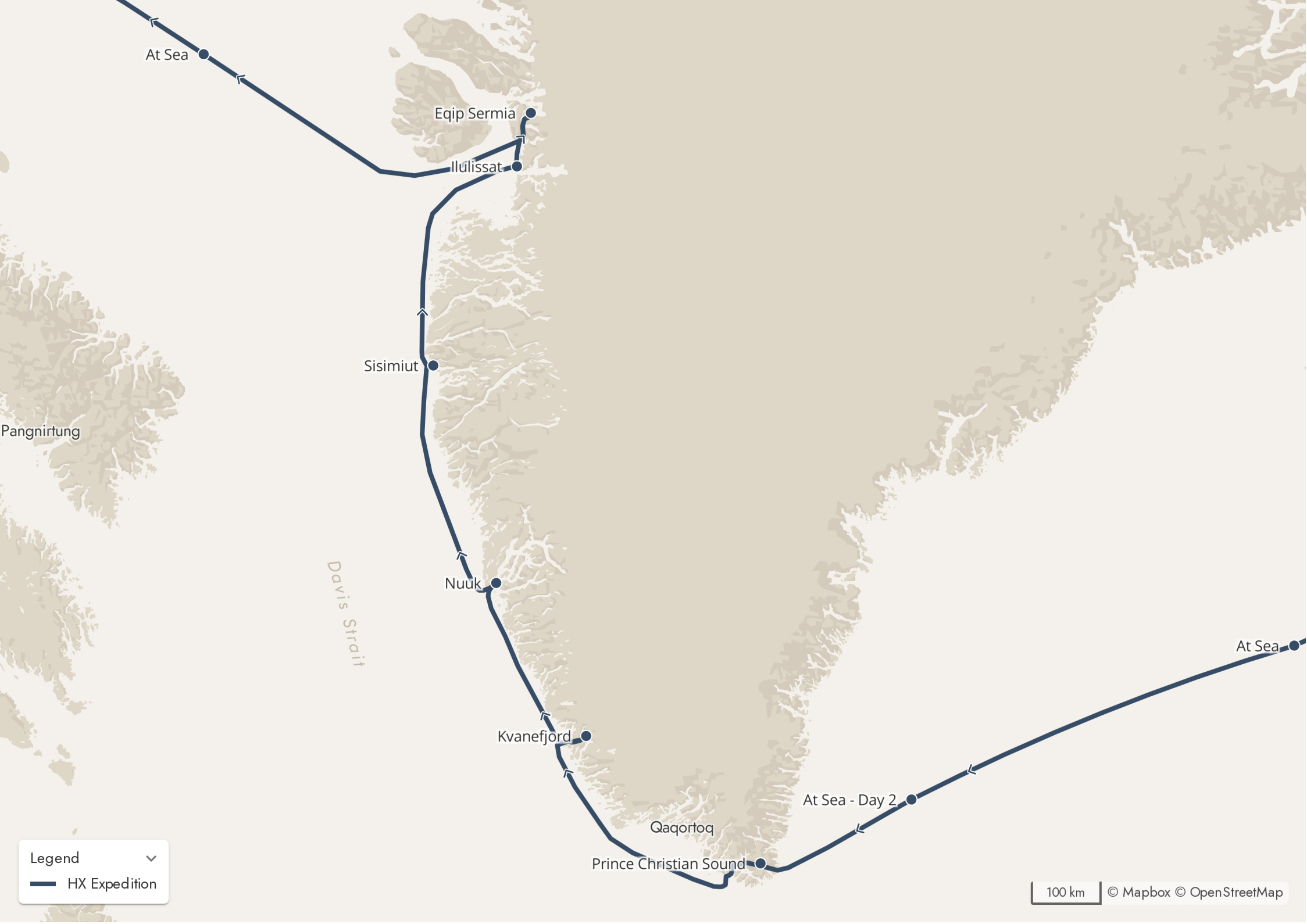


At Sea - Day 2

On the next day at sea, guests could attend more lectures and educational activities provided by the Expedition Team and cultural ambassadors. Many guests enjoyed a wildlife watch session out on

deck. The real excitement came in the evening, when the ship encountered a pod of orcas. A magical few minutes was had by all, as this once-in-a-lifetime event unfolded before our eyes.





At Sea

Eqip Sermia

Ilulissat

Sisimiut

Nuuk

Kvanefjord

Qaqortoq

Prince Christian Sound

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Prince Christian Sound

In the morning, the Expedition Team provided a thrilling small boat cruise around the stunning environs of Prince Christian Sound. Guests marvelled at ancient stone rock faces, rushing waterfalls, and a jagged blue glacier. In the afternoon, guests attended a fascinating

lecture by cultural ambassadors on academic concepts about Inuit culture. Many guests also enjoyed the ship's scenic cruising through the remainder of the sound.



Kvanefjord

After a peaceful morning of lectures and wildlife watching, we arrived in the stunning Kvanefjord. Many guests took to the sapphire blue waters for a glorious afternoon of kayaking, while others participated in a science boat session. The landing provided guests with beautiful

views over the fjord and the glacier. The Thule grave sites and a goliath cloven boulder close to a peaceful viewpoint were of particular interest. In the evening, we departed Kvanefjord and headed northwards, continuing our adventure.



Nuuk

In the morning, we arrived in Greenland's vibrant, beautiful, and historic capital of Nuuk. Guests spent the day exploring the city, spending money in shops selling beautiful local artworks and crafts and attending a guided walk. In the afternoon, a wonderful cultural exposition was attended by many guests in Nuuk's Katuaq Cultural

Centre. There, guests were treated to an amazing performance of traditional masked dancing. In the afternoon, guests attended a fascinating lecture on the technology and cultures of early human Arctic occupants. We departed Nuuk and continued our course further north.



Sisimiut

After crossing the Arctic Circle in the morning, sunshine greeted us in the colourful town of Sisimiut. Some of us strolled through the charming town with its colourful wooden houses before visiting the arts and crafts shops and a local museum. Others went on a mountain

hike or a discovery walk. In the afternoon, we listened to an Arctic Sounds Concert at the Taseralik Culture Center in Sisimiut. We ended the day learning about forbidden songs and traditional Greenlandic drumdancing hosted by our Cultural Ambassador, Varna.



Ilulissat & Eqip Sermia Glacier

Today, we planned to go to Ilulissat, but strong winds and high swell made it impossible to safely go ashore. Our captain and Expedition Leader, Tomski, found an alternative. We cruised with the small boats close by the Eqip Sermia glacier, which is calving a lot and the bay

was filled with huge icebergs. We enjoyed the Arctic scenery even more when it started to snow. Different shapes and shades of blue - truly natural art! Sometimes the plan B can be even better then plan A. What an expedition!



At Sea - Towards Canada

We woke up to relatively calm seas as we sailed to Pond Inet in Arctic Canada. The time at sea gave everyone time to rest and to process all the impressions of Greenland's south and west coast. The early birds amongst us joined Jenna, our marine scientist, out on deck for a

wildlife watch. In addition, our historian Benjamin gave a lecture about the European Exploration of the Northwest Passage. During the afternoon, we also learned about Marine Mammals by Lauren, and we heard about the Modern Inuit by our Cultural Ambassadors.

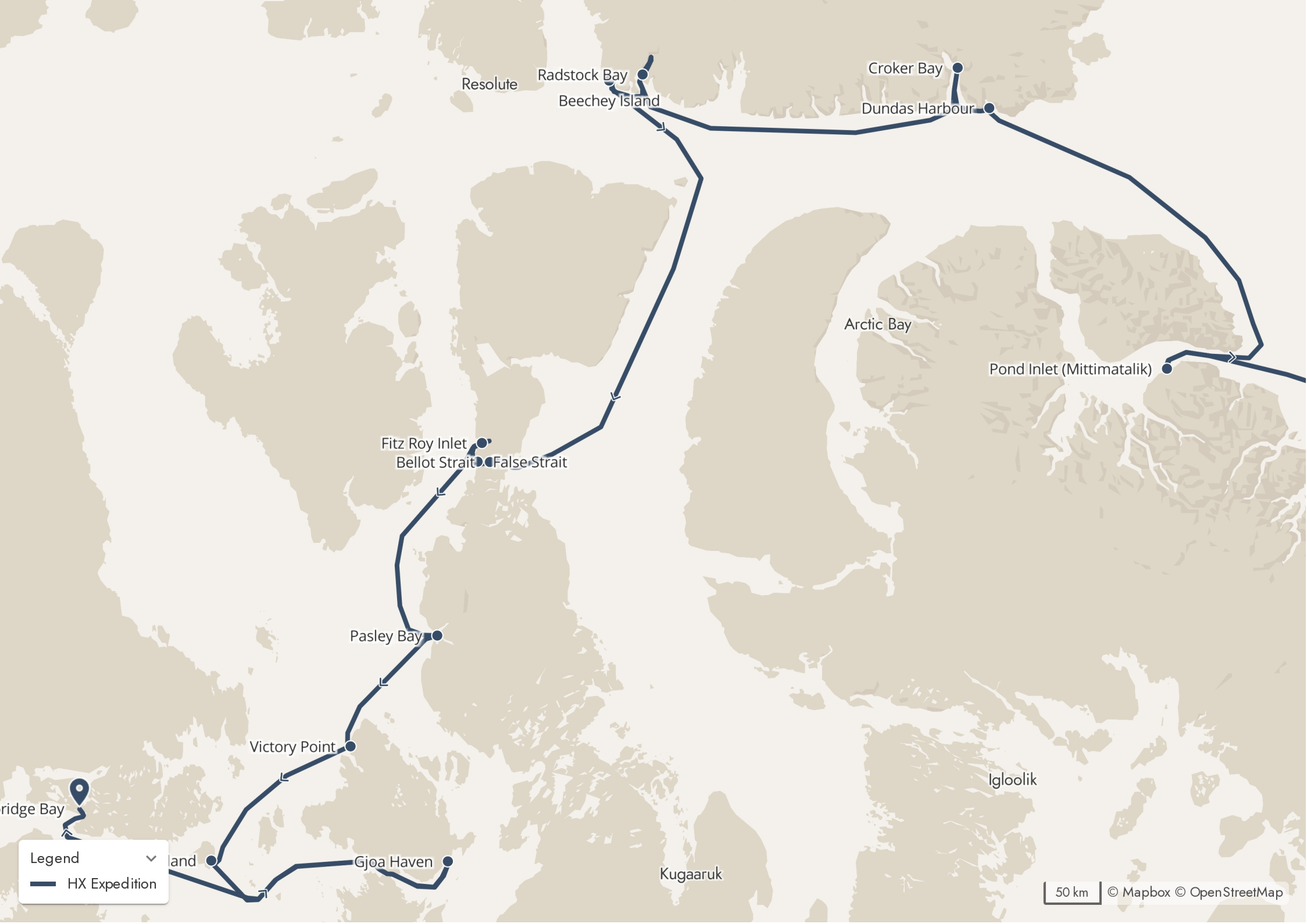


At Sea - Baffin Bay

On our second day at sea, we woke to an absolutely beautiful and gentle ocean. Fram glided through the calm water, which was as still as a lake. Many of us spent a lot of time out on deck to enjoy the crossing of Baffin Bay in such beautiful conditions. Today, we learned

about Inuit games, Henry Hudson, and some joined the art corner or the knitting get-together. The day ended with a magnificent sunset! A sky like an aquarell painting with purple, pink, yellow and golden tones. What a welcome to the Northwest Passage.





Resolute

Radstock Bay

Beechey Island

Croker Bay

Dundas Harbour

Arctic Bay

Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik)

Fitz Roy Inlet

Bellot Strait

False Strait

Pasley Bay

Victory Point

Gjoa Haven

Kugaaruk

Igloodik

Bridge Bay

Legend

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50 km © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

Pond Inlet

After two seadays, we arrived at Pond Inlet, where we spent half a day. We were greeted with warm smiles and the local guides showed us around the community. Our walk ended in the culture house where we enjoyed traditional music, Inuit games, drum dances and even

throat singing. In the afternoon, we enjoyed lots of onboard activities, such as the Science Centre Session "A closer look at Ice" and a lecture from our cultural ambassadors about the Expressions of Inuit in music, art and traditional practices.



Dundas Harbour & Croker Bay

We landed in the morning at Dundas Harbour, an abandoned settlement on Devon Island. It was a government outpost established in 1924 with the intention to curb foreign whaling and other activity. We enjoyed the landscape and the view from the hill over this little

ghost town and the cemetery. In the afternoon, we went small boat cruising at Croker Bay and enjoyed the glacier front in lovely sunshine. Some of us even spotted some seals in front of the glacier.





Radstock Bay, Canada - Sep 4, 2024

302.1 km

Beechey Island, Canada - Sep 4, 2024

62.6 km

Radstock Bay & Beechey Island

During the morning hours we sailed through Radstock Bay, and at the same time, we got offered lots of onboard activities. Benjamin told us about the famous Franklin Expedition, a special chapter in the history of the Northwest Passage. Before heading out to Beechey Island, the

Expedition Team ran a question and answer session for us. At Beechey Island, in addition to the very special history, we experienced very authentic Arctic weather. We saw the first snow and minus degrees while ashore.



Bellot Strait

Today, we sailed through the Bellot Strait and spotted three polar bears. What's more, beluga whales swam along the coastline. The bears were partly hidden in the fog, which gave this encounter a very

characteristic atmosphere. What a spotting!! We continued the scenic sailing and enjoyed the onboard program provided by the Expedition Team.



False Strait - Sep 5, 2024

17.6 km

Fitz Roy Inlet, Canada - Sep 5, 2024

31.8 km

Pasley Bay, Canada - Sep 6, 2024

227.4 km

Victory Point, Canada - Sep 6, 2024

141 km

Pasley Bay & Victory Point

In the morning, we planned to go ashore at Pasley Bay, but a polar bear was spotted in the area and the Expedition Team had to come back on board. Laura, our environmental scientist, gave us a lecture about Sea Ice. We learned from Benjamin about Amundsen's Gjøa

Expedition, which was the first time a vessel made it all the way through the Northwest Passage. We also heard from the Cultural Ambassadors about what Roald Amundsen learned from the Inuit. The day ended with the Crew Band of MS Fram giving us a great show!



Jenny Lind Island

The Northwest Passage provided us with very authentic weather today - a lot of fog! This weather made it very unsafe to go ashore, because it would have been impossible to spot a polar bear in

time. Laura, our Environmental Scientist, gave us a lecture about Sea Ice. We also learned about Urban Inuit Identities and how narwhales, beluga and bowhead whales respond to marine vessel traffic.

Gjoa Haven

We spent our last day of the journey at Gjøa Haven, where Roald Amundsen spent two years during his expedition on the Gjøa. We went in groups ashore and joined a community walk. We learned a lot about this charming place and enjoyed a show at the end of the walk. During the afternoon, the Expedition Team gave us a Science Recap

of the trip, their favourite moments, and we enjoyed the captain's farewell. The ship left Gjøa Haven through the famous and hard to navigate Simpson Strait, heading towards Cambridge Bay, where our voyage sadly ended.





Cambridge Bay

Today, we had to say goodbye to our Framily. One last time we put on our lifejackets and got into the zodiacs. One last landing at a beach, then to a walking tour. The crew onboard MS Fram wish you all a safe trip home and hope to see you again on future expeditions.



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