



MS Fridtjof Nansen

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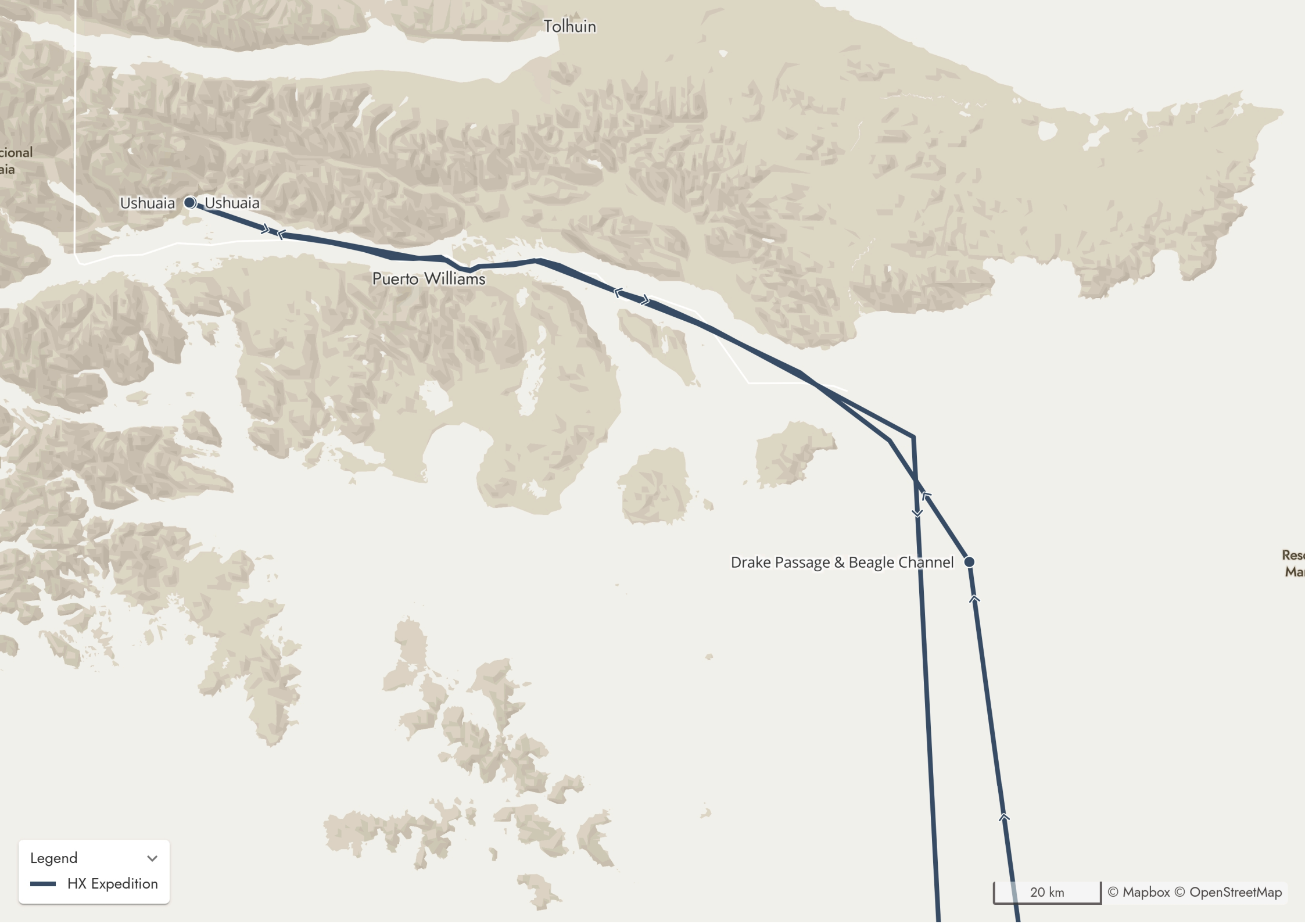


Ushuaia - Embarkation

After an early start, we arrived in Ushuaia and embarked on the ship, setting sail through the Beagle Channel. With a golden sunset shining

on the mountains, we sailed southwards towards the frozen continent as our adventure began.





Tolhuin

Ushuaia ● Ushuaia

Puerto Williams

Drake Passage & Beagle Channel ●

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20 km

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Day 2

Our first day on the infamous Drake Passage was a time of preparation and discovery, with various onboard events designed to

prepare us for our time in Antarctica. There were activities, science programmes, and wildlife watching.

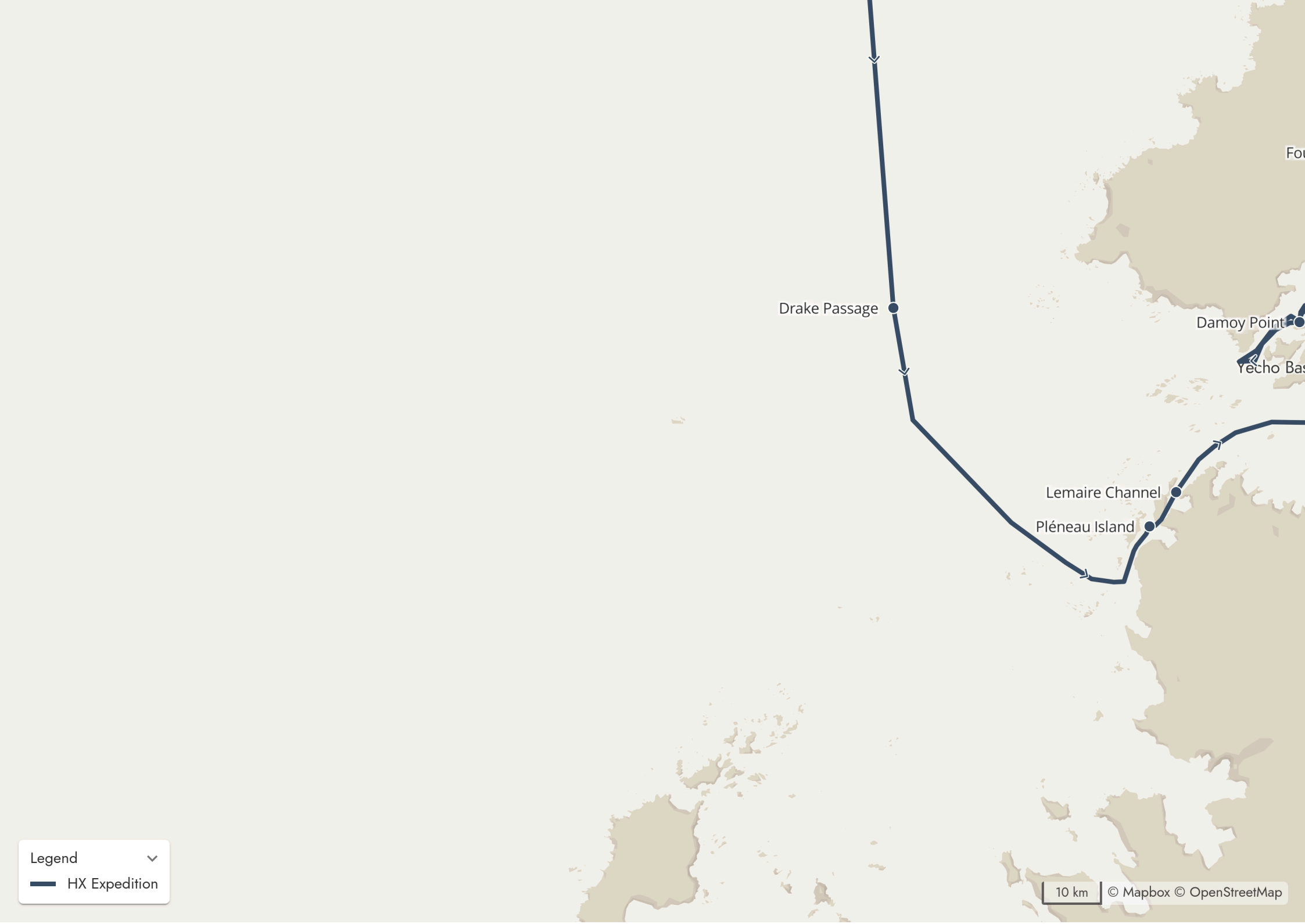


Day 3

As our second day on the Drake Passage drew to an end, the first signs of Antarctica appeared. Giant icebergs, the size of buildings, were visible on the horizon. Through the clouds, the peaks of

mountains also became visible as we passed by the South Shetland Islands.





Day 4

In the early hours of the morning, the adventure was already underway. Whales, icebergs, and seals swam and floated past the ship as we headed up the Penola Strait to Pléneau Island. We landed

among penguins and enjoyed zodiac cruising through an iceberg graveyard, with feeding whales all around. Our day ended with a scenic sail through the famous Lemaire Channel.







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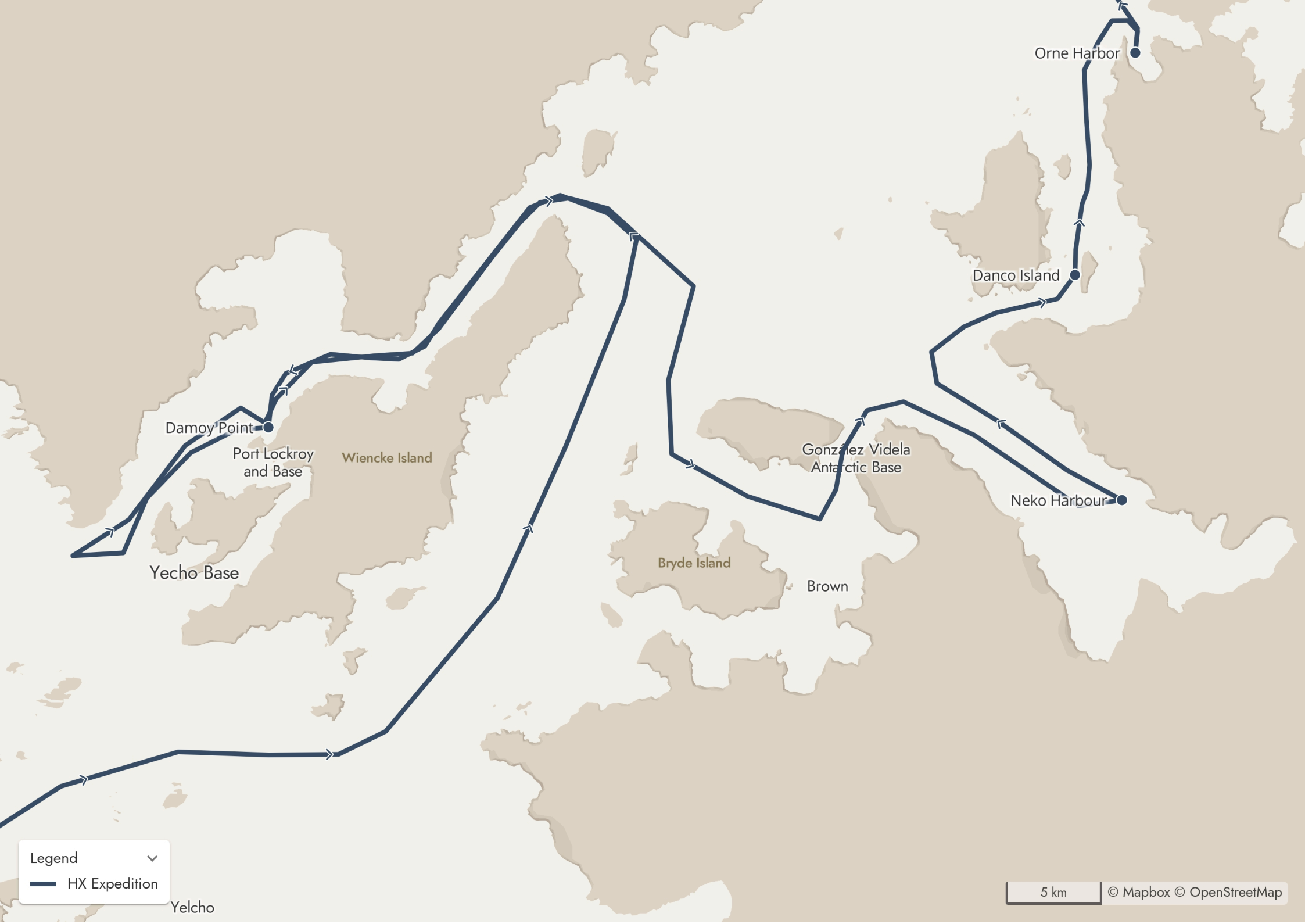
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Day 5

After sailing down the impressive Neumayer Channel, we arrived in the sheltered waters of Damoy Point. The day was filled with gentoo penguins and activities, including kayaking, snowshoeing, and the

science boat, all taking place throughout the day. As evening fell, the ship sailed away, leaving 30 campers to brave the Antarctic night.





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Day 6

On our third day, we landed on the Antarctic continent at Neko Harbour, where we encountered a large, noisy gentoo penguin colony, with busy parents and hungry, chubby chicks. Alongside the

landing, we went zodiac cruising, with humpback whales and leopard seals swimming nearby.



Day 7 - morning

The day began with thick fog in the Errera Channel as we landed on Danco Island, where we took a polar plunge and enjoyed a walk to a penguin rookery.



Day 7 - afternoon

The fog lifted in the afternoon, revealing a magical cruise through Orne Harbour, where chinstrap penguins and large pods of

humpback whales surrounded us in every direction.





Day 8

On our final day in Antarctica, we sought shelter from the winds in Fournier Bay and embarked on one last zodiac cruise. Curious and playful minke whales interacted with many boats, while seals hid on

smaller icebergs as the larger ones loomed above us. Fog drifted in and out, revealing the breathtaking ring of mountains surrounding the bay.



Day 9

We said goodbye to Antarctica and began our journey northward across the Drake. The day was spent reflecting on all we had witnessed over the past five days—from the towering humpback

whales and charismatic penguins to the microscopic plankton we observed through our microscopes.





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Day 10

On our final day, we sighted land early and sailed through the flat, calm Beagle Channel towards Ushuaia, where we had our first experience of civilisation once again upon our evening arrival. The

channel gifted us sightings of whales, dolphins, and sea lions through the light drizzle of rain as we entered slightly warmer latitudes.



Ushuaia - Disembarkation

On behalf of the entire crew aboard the MS Fridtjof Nansen, we sincerely thank you for joining us on this unforgettable journey. We

wish you a safe and pleasant journey back home!





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