



MS Roald Amundsen

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Legend

— HX Expedition



Departure

The day has finally arrived! Excitement and anticipation fill the air as we embark on this incredible journey. Check-ins go smoothly, and soon we are settling into what will be our home away from home for the coming days. Before we know it, we find ourselves at the

mandatory safety drill, attentively listening to instructions. The weather looks promising, ensuring a pleasant crossing. The ship welcomes us warmly, and with that, we set sail towards a grand adventure. Antarctica, here we come!



Sea Day

Our first full day on board is packed with briefings and formalities—everything from hotel orientation to hiking guidelines and IAATO regulations. The sea remains calm, allowing us all to get comfortable in our new surroundings. No Drake Shake for us this time! The Roald

Amundsen is a remarkable expedition ship—tried, tested, and soon to be loved by all of us. As we adjust to life at sea, the call of adventure grows stronger, and the promise of Antarctica on the horizon makes it difficult to sit still.



Sea Day 2

Another day at sea, and some of us are starting to wonder—will we ever see land again? Dramatic thoughts aside, the wait is eased by an engaging on-board program. Guest scientists and the expedition team introduce themselves, and a variety of lectures keep us both

entertained and informed. This blend of adventure and learning will define the journey ahead, enriching our experience as we prepare to set foot on the frozen continent.



Pléneau

Our first day of operations, and what a start! Antarctica greets us with towering icebergs and fair weather—at least, by Antarctic standards. It's the perfect moment to put our new boots to the test. The first steps feel awkward, but soon enough, we're all walking like seasoned explorers. Then, we meet the true stars of the south—penguins! Their

cuteness is almost overwhelming, though the smell? Less so. Still, it's a perfect introduction to the wonders of the 7th continent. The expedition team has a feeling—this trip is shaping up to be something truly special.





Palmer Station

Damoy Point

Wiencke Island

González V
Antarctic

Yecho Base

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The Lemaire Channel

Pléneau Island

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Damoy Point

Today, we arrive at Damoy—a classic destination in the expedition world. This remarkable site offers a bit of everything: a historical hut, lounging seals, waddling penguins, a thrilling snowshoeing trek, and an adventurous Zodiac ride back through choppy waters. This is expedition travel at its finest—pushing us beyond our comfort zones

while rewarding us with breathtaking scenery. The mountains loom in the background like a painting against a sky adorned with spectacular clouds. After such a phenomenal start, we can't help but wonder—what could possibly top this?



Orne Harbour

The expedition team has seen its fair share of natural wonders, but what we experienced in Orne Harbour left us truly speechless. More than 30 whales in one bay—it's an astonishing sight, unlike anything we've ever encountered. Everywhere we turned, another blow, another fluke, another moment of pure awe. And if that weren't enough, penguins were everywhere—left, right, and center!

Meanwhile, some of us tackled the challenge of climbing the Orne Harbour ice wall, proving our determination and willpower. Those who reached the top were rewarded with a breathtaking view. At the end of the day, the ship buzzes with excitement—how do we even begin to process so many extraordinary memories?





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Orne Harbour

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Damoy Point

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Neko Harbor

What a place! Neko Harbor, surrounded by towering glaciers, certainly lives up to the name of the bay it lies within—Paradise Bay. It marks our second mainland landing, adding to the already extraordinary nature of this trip. The expedition team struggles to put into words just how unique this journey has been—so much wildlife, such perfect weather. After the challenge of Orne, the climb in Neko

feels almost effortless, and we watch in delight as everyone makes their way to the top like true explorers. As we cruise past massive glacier walls, their eerie booms echo in the distance, bringing the otherwise silent continent to life. More whales appear, and though we wonder if anything can top Orne, every new encounter still fills us with joy. Sharing this happiness with one another is truly special.



Fournier Bay

Antarctica—it welcomes us with open arms and just as quickly begins to slip away. Time feels strange here. The end is approaching, but the journey is not over yet. Fournier Bay continues to exceed all expectations. As we cruise, the wildlife meter once again goes off the charts: Humpbacks, Minke whales, Fur Seals, Penguins—and, for the grand finale, a Leopard seal playfully chasing a group of kayakers! All of this unfolds against the backdrop of the most spectacular icebergs

we've seen all trip. These past five days have been a whirlwind of incredible experiences, and we see it in each other's faces—the wonder, the excitement, the newfound confidence in navigating this almost otherworldly place. Slowly, the last Zodiac returns to the ship, the sound of ice cracking beneath the bow marking the end of another unforgettable day.

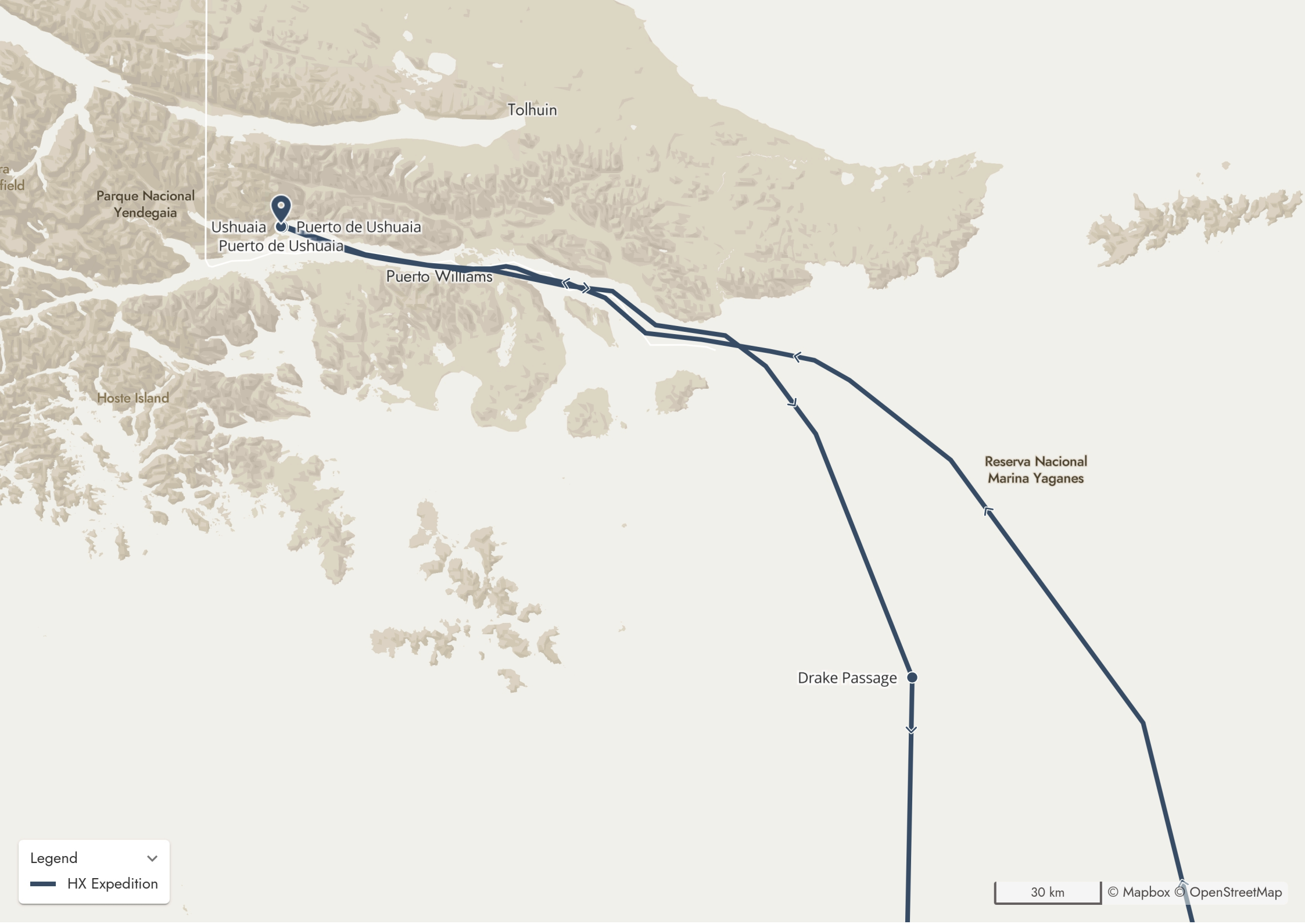


Heading Back

Wow. There are no better words to describe these past five days. Antarctica has given us its best, and now, just like that, we turn towards home. The infamous Drake Passage is kind to us once more, though there are a few rocky moments to remind us of its power. Onboard, we begin the process of winding down—returning our boots, reminiscing about our favorite moments, and attending final lectures that highlight the scientific importance of our visit. The

expedition team secretly enjoys the return journey. We watch as a group of wide-eyed adventurers—once newcomers to this environment—transform into seasoned travelers, already dreaming of their next expedition. The evening auction in support of the HX Foundation is a fitting way to end, ensuring that future generations will also have the chance to explore these pristine landscapes.





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Yendegaia

Ushuaia
Puerto de Ushuaia
Puerto de Ushuaia

Puerto Williams

Hoste Island

Reserva Nacional
Marina Yaganes

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The Final Sea Day

Outside, the wind howls and the waves rise as we approach the legendary waters surrounding Cape Horn. There is no denying it now—our journey is coming to an end. Bags are packed, and our thoughts begin to drift toward the travels ahead—airport security lines, airplane meals, the return to everyday life. But before we go, we have one final farewell with the captain and crew of the Roald Amundsen. A ship is like a small village, and its operations are as

intricate as a finely tuned watch—every part working in harmony to create a seamless experience. As we watch a final video of Ted's incredible photographs, we are reminded of just how lucky we have been. Exploring changes you. If this journey hasn't, then what will? As you step off the ship and explore Ushuaia one last time, we bid you farewell. Until we meet again, somewhere, someday—it's a small world, after all.





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