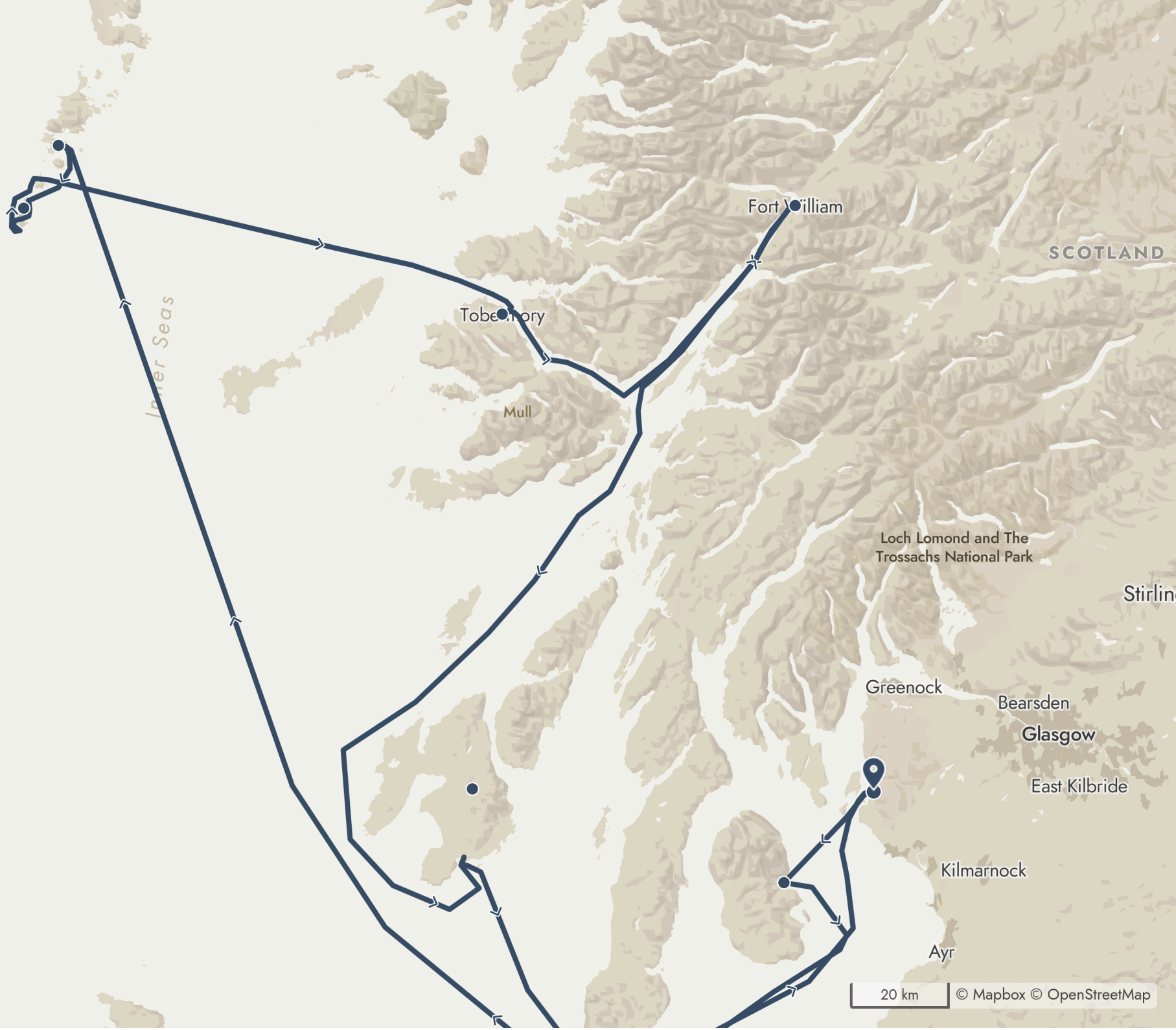




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Ballochmartin

Great Cumbrae

Kelburn Castle

Millport

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## Day 1 - Embarkation in Fairlie

Today, we embarked in Fairlie on a beautiful sunny day, where the charm of Scotland's rugged coastline meets the thrill of uncharted exploration. As the ship set sail from this picturesque village, we were

immediately surrounded by the stunning landscapes of the Isle of Arran and the Firth of Clyde. The air was crisp with the scent of the sea and the promise of an exciting adventure ahead.









Beinn Tarsuinn

Chocan Wood

Cladach

Isle of Arran

Brodick

STRATHWHILLAN

North Corriegills

Isle of Arran

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## Day 2 - Isle of Arran

Sailing into Brodick Bay is like stepping into a living postcard, where dramatic mountains rise above sparkling waters and ancient castles dot the landscape. The island's nickname, "Scotland in Miniature," becomes clear. From the rugged peaks of Goat Fell to the gentle shores lined with sandy beaches, Arran offers a stunning contrast of nature's grandeur and tranquility. The salty breeze and the soft hum

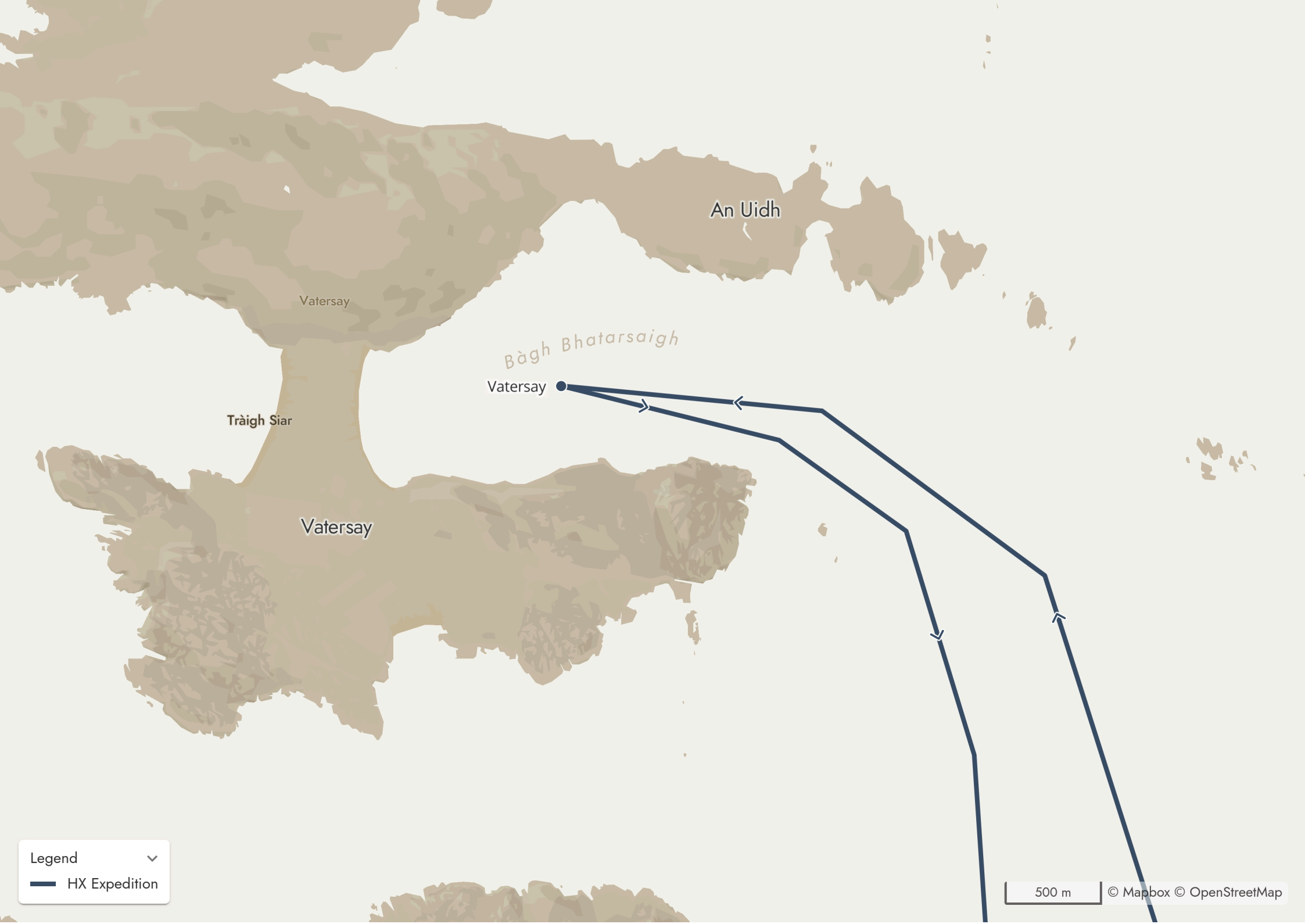
of the ship's engines are soon replaced by the allure of the island's rich history and vibrant culture. Whether you were exploring on the Glen Rosa Walk or Fisherman's Circuit, wandering through the mossy woodlands of Brodick Castle, or tasting local whiskies, Arran reveals itself as a treasure trove of unforgettable experiences.











An Uidh

Vatersay

*Bàgh Bhatarsaigh*

Vatersay

Tràigh Siar

Vatersay

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## Day 3 - Vatersay

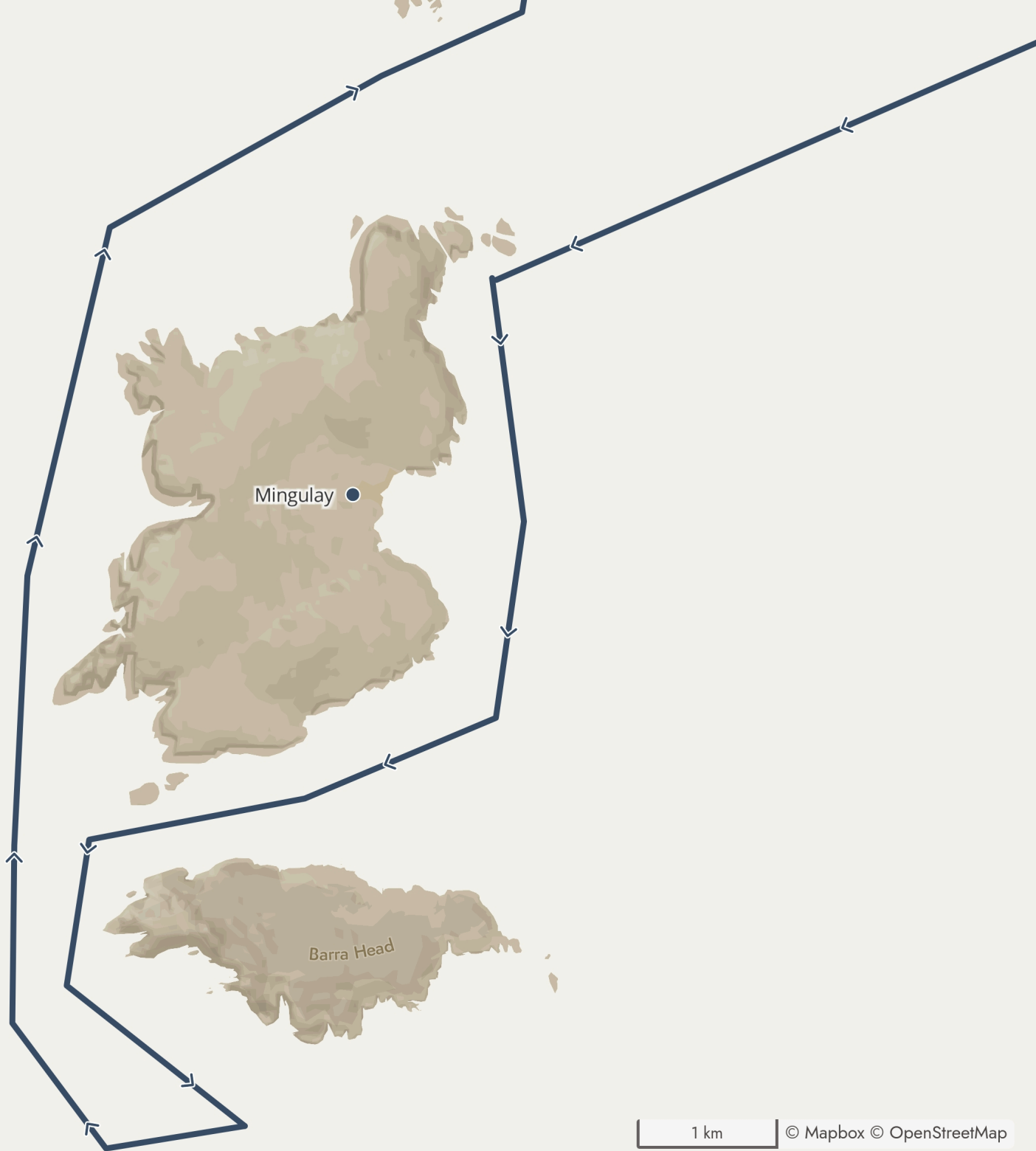
The remote island of Vatersay is a hidden gem in the heart of the Hebrides. As we approached this serene paradise, the turquoise waters and white sandy beaches seemed almost surreal against the backdrop of jagged hills and grassy moors. Vatersay, with its untamed beauty and peaceful seclusion, offers an escape into nature at its most pristine. The island's rugged coastline, dotted with ancient ruins and

scattered crofts, tells stories of a rich history and resilient communities. As you step ashore, the gentle winds and the sound of seabirds fill the air, inviting you to explore the island's quiet charm—whether it's hiking along its cliffs or just relaxing by its secluded shores.









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## Day 3 - Mingulay

Unfortunately, the swell proved too challenging for our Zodiacs, but sailing around Mingulay on the ship was an experience like no other. As the ship glided along the cliffs of this remote island, the sight of towering sea stacks, vibrant seabird colonies, and the wild, windswept landscape captivates the soul. Mingulay, uninhabited for decades, retains an air of mystery and ancient charm, with its dramatic cliffs plunging into the deep blue sea below. The island's

rocky shoreline is teeming with life, from puffins and razorbills soaring above to seals lounging on the rocks. As the ship circumnavigated the island, the isolation and tranquillity of Mingulay envelop you, offering an unforgettable perspective of one of Scotland's most pristine and untamed landscapes.









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## Day 4 - Tobermory

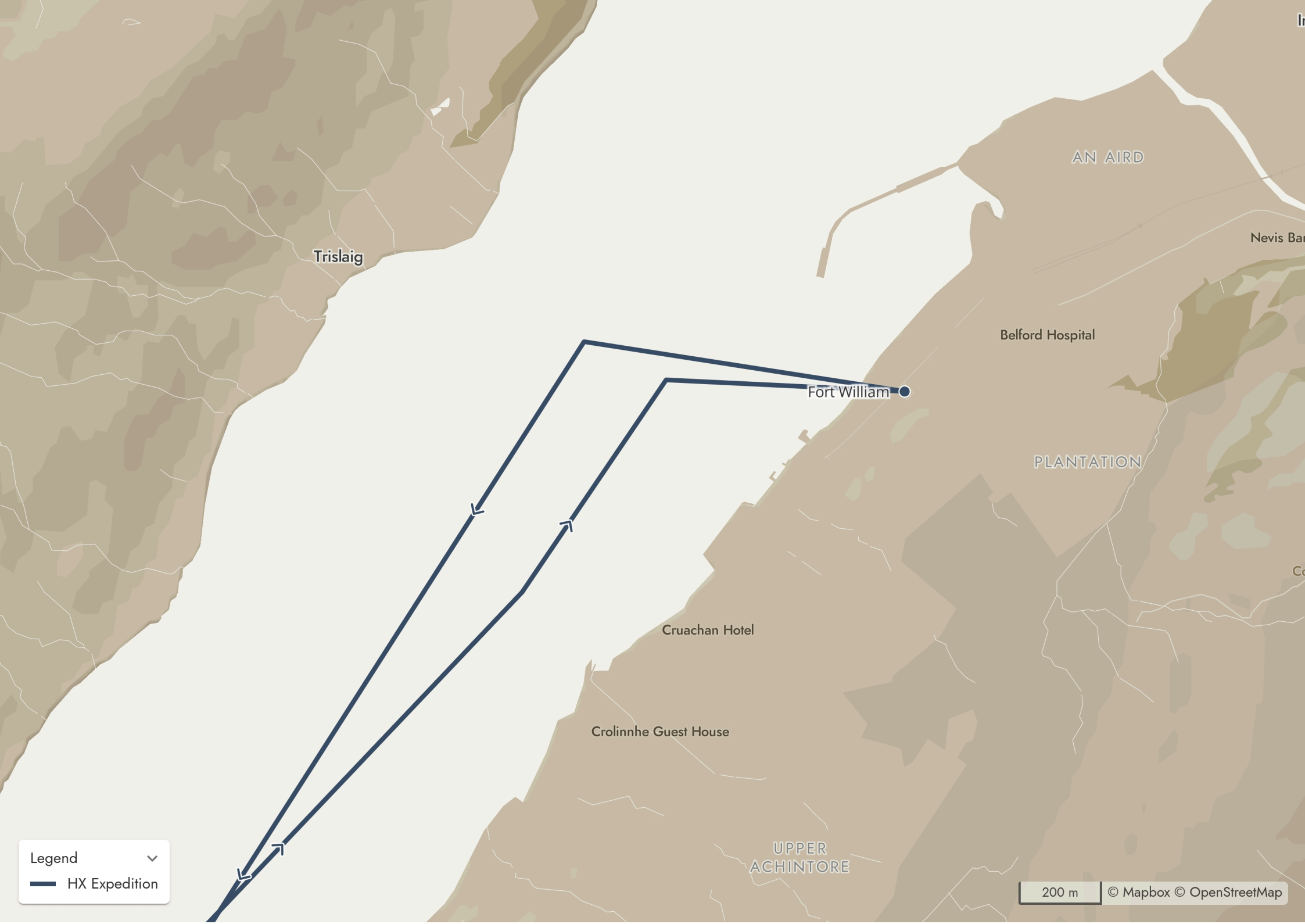
Visiting Tobermory feels like stepping into a charming coastal dream. Nestled on the Isle of Mull, this picturesque town is famous for its brightly coloured buildings lining the harbour, which create a postcard-perfect scene against the backdrop of rugged hills and clear blue waters. The town's cosy streets are filled with inviting shops, cafés, and local galleries, offering a chance to immerse yourself in its warm, welcoming atmosphere. Whether you're strolling along the

waterfront, sampling local seafood, or enjoying the tranquil natural beauty that surrounds you, Tobermory offers a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure, making it an unforgettable stop on any Scottish itinerary.









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## Day 5 - Fort William

Fort William is the gateway to the Highlands, especially if coming by ship. Nestled at the foot of Ben Nevis, the UK's highest peak, this charming town offers a perfect blend of outdoor adventure and scenic beauty. Whether you're hiking up Ben Nevis, exploring the nearby Nevis Range, taking a panoramic tour of Glencoe, or simply enjoying a stroll along the shores of Loch Linnhe, Fort William

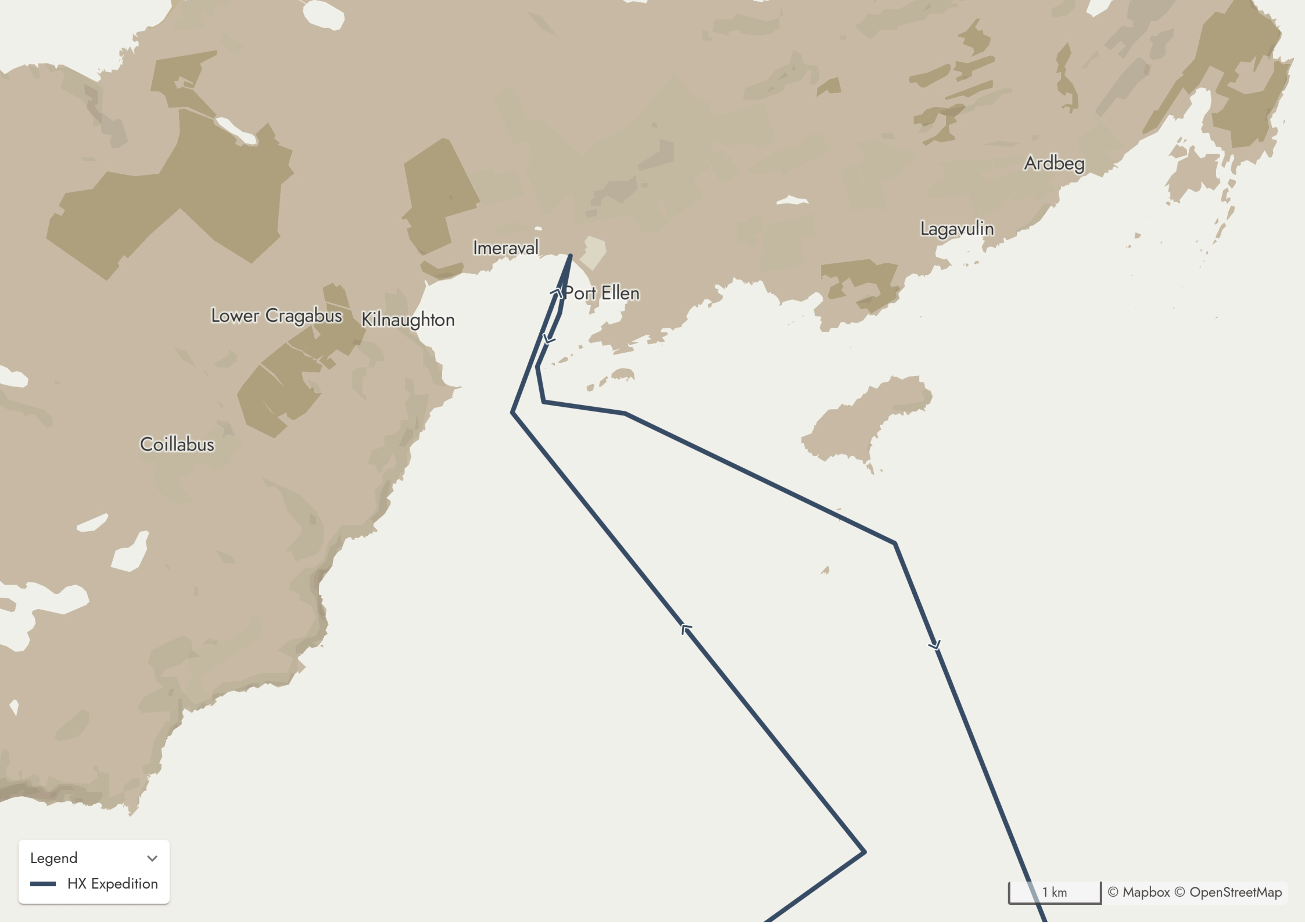
provides an idyllic base for nature lovers and thrill-seekers alike. The town itself has a welcoming, laid-back vibe, with cosy pubs, local shops, and stunning views at every turn. Fort William is also rich in history, with nearby attractions like the Jacobite Steam Train and the Commando Monument, making it a must-visit for both adventure enthusiasts and those interested in Scotland's heritage.











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## Day 6 - Islay

We arrived in Port Ellen, Islay, where rolling hills, pristine beaches, and the scent of peat smoke fill the air. The village, nestled on the southern coast of Islay, offers a serene escape with its charming harbour, quaint cottages, and panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean.

Visitors can explore local whisky distilleries, famous for their rich, smoky malts, or stroll along the beach, catching glimpses of wildlife and the iconic Islay landscape.









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146.7 km





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