



## Fridtjof Nansen Discovering Greenland

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## Reykjavík, Iceland

Our expedition began in Reykjavík, Iceland's energetic capital nestled between mountains and sea. As we stepped aboard and met fellow travellers and our Expedition Team, the excitement was palpable. The city's vibrant art, volcanic landscapes, and the shimmering Atlantic

offered a fitting prelude to the journey ahead. That evening, we sailed away under the golden summer light, leaving behind the comforts of the city for the wild promise of the Arctic.



## At Sea: Denmark Strait

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We spent our first full day at sea crossing the Denmark Strait, the same route once taken by Viking explorers. The day unfolded at a relaxed pace, with lectures and briefings providing insight into Greenland's landscapes, wildlife, and history. Some scanned the

waves for whales and seabirds, while others took quiet moments on deck or enjoyed the panoramic views from the Explorer Lounge. This was a day for settling in and embracing the spirit of exploration.



## At Sea: Denmark Strait Day 2

As our sea crossing continued, so too did our immersion in the Arctic world. The lectures became richer, the excitement built as we neared Greenland, and conversations deepened among guests and crew. Outside, fog banks drifted across the horizon while northern fulmars

glided effortlessly above the waves. The quiet expanse of the ocean reminded us how far we had come and how much wonder still lay ahead.



## Around Cape Farewell

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We rounded Cape Farewell, Greenland's southernmost point, where the meeting of ocean and ice has carved an unforgettable coastline. As we cruised through this dramatic region, the mountains loomed steeply above, and drifting icebergs bobbed silently around us. The

weather changed by the hour, revealing patches of blue sky and moments of moody mist. It was a powerful reminder of nature's scale and beauty. It was a true highlight of the voyage, even before setting foot on Greenlandic soil.

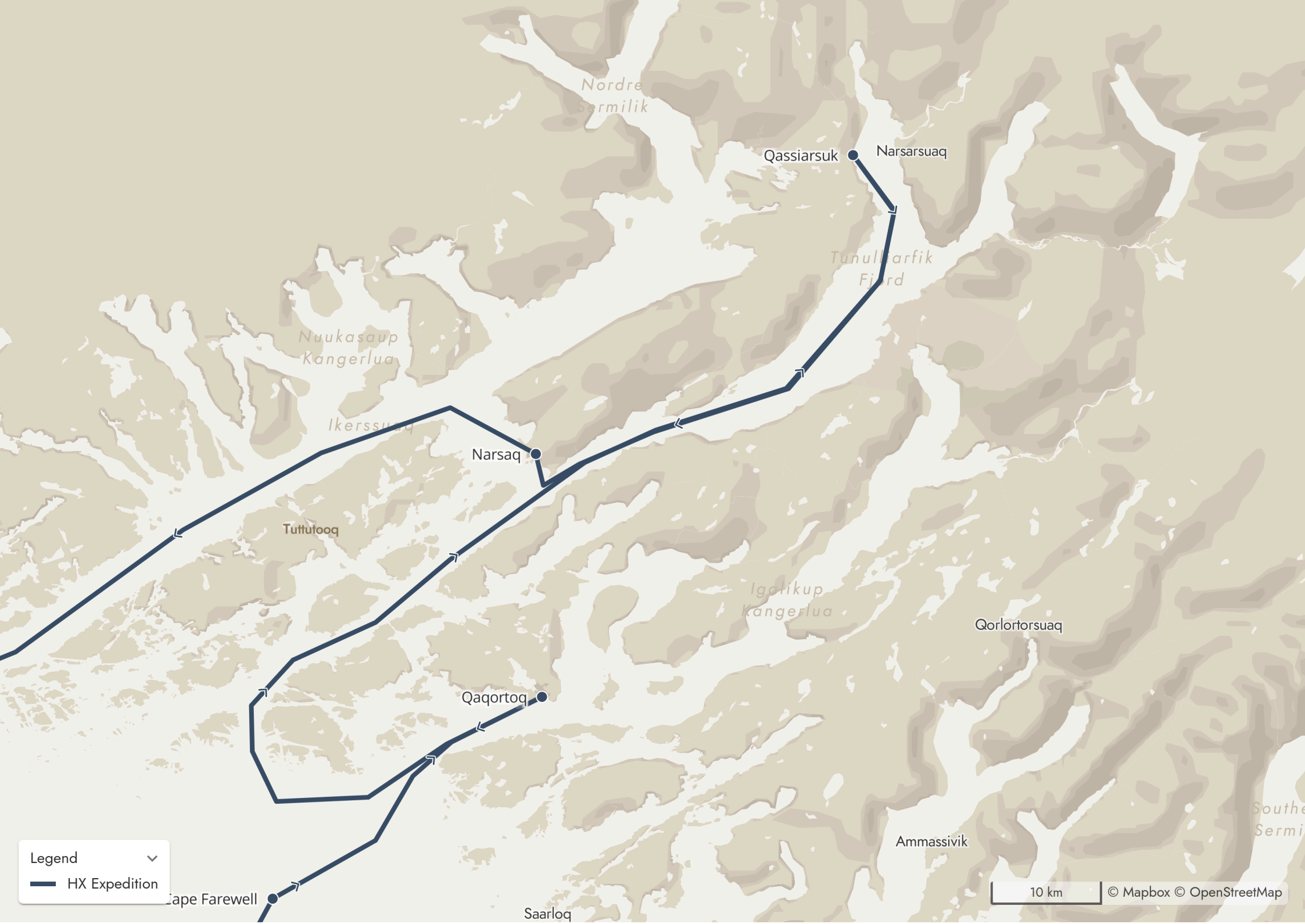


## Qaqortoq

We made our first landing in Greenland in Qaqortoq, a town as colourful as it was charming. Nestled along a deep fjord and surrounded by mountains, this vibrant community welcomed us with smiling faces and sculpted stone art that brought the town's walls and

walkways to life. We visited the local museum, wandered past colonial buildings, and sampled Greenlandic delicacies. It was a perfect introduction to the blend of tradition and modernity that defines much of Greenland today.





Nordre  
Sermilik

Qassiarsuk

Narsarsuaq

Tunulliarfik  
Fjord

Nuukasaup  
Kangerlua

Ikerssuag

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Qorlortorsuaq

Qaqortoq

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Cape Farewell

Saarloq

Legend  
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10 km

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## Qassiarsuk

History came alive in Qassiarsuk, the site of Erik the Red's Norse settlement, Brattahlíð. Walking among reconstructed turf houses and wooden chapels, we imagined the lives of early settlers who braved this remote land over a thousand years ago. Surrounded by lush

valleys and gentle fjords, the area also revealed its current life as a small farming community. Sheep grazed nearby, and locals shared stories passed down for generations, making it a day that beautifully bridged past and present.

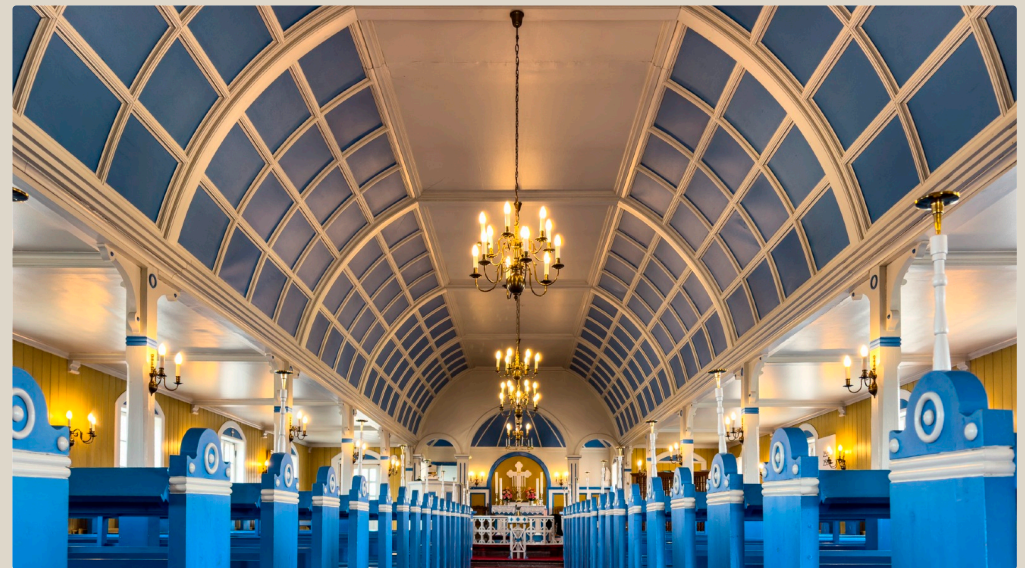


## Narsaq

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Our visit to Narsaq offered a deeper look into life in southern Greenland. The town, nestled between fjords and dramatic hills, revealed layers of geological, cultural, and human history. Some guests hiked into the hills for sweeping views, while others explored

the museum and local workshops showcasing traditional crafts. The presence of Norse ruins, rare minerals, and striking landscapes made this a rich and multifaceted stop, both visually stunning and quietly profound.

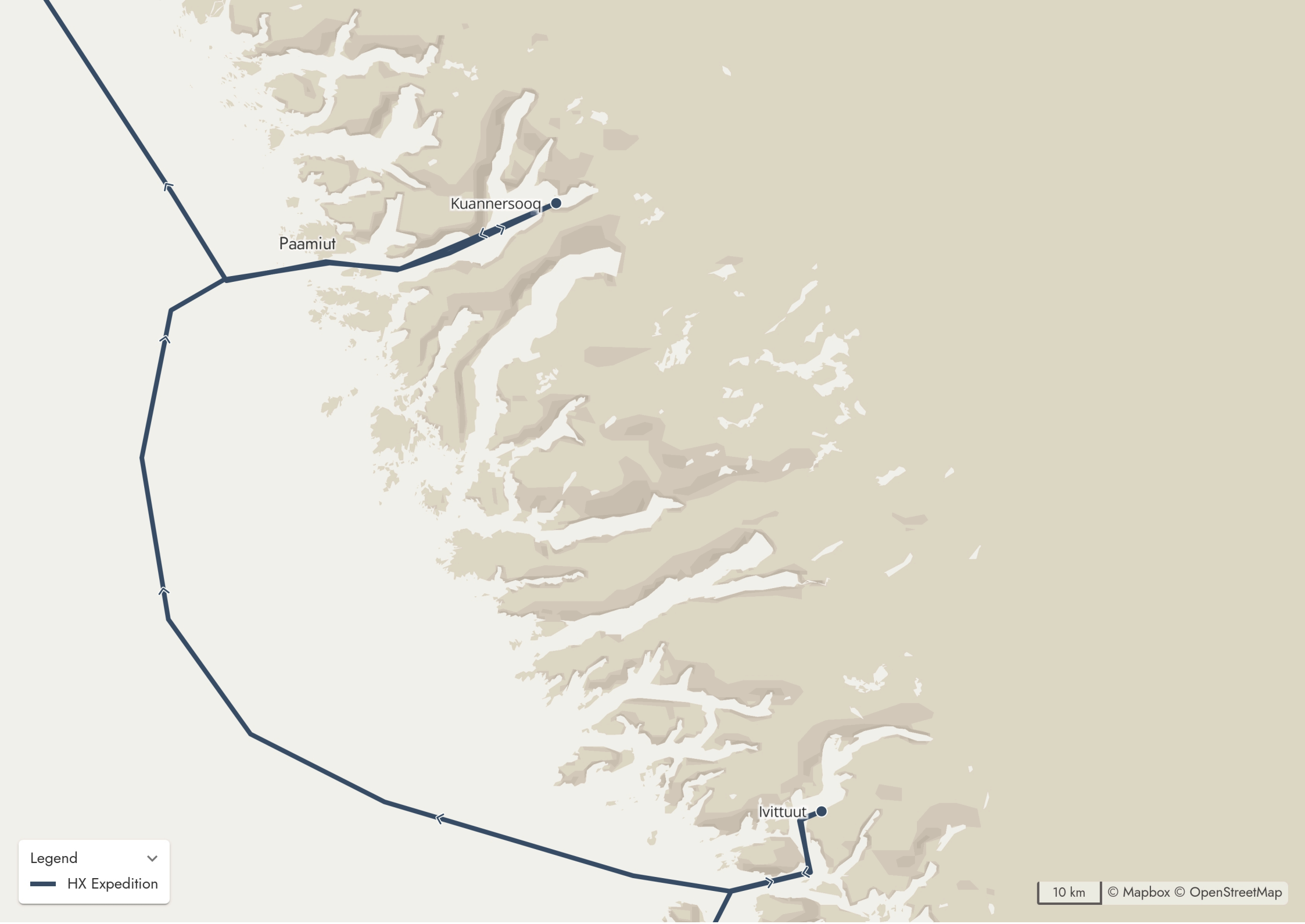


## Ivittuut

Ivittuut, a deserted mining town on the coast, stood as a haunting yet fascinating reminder of Greenland's modern history. Once the world's only source of natural cryolite, essential in aluminium production, Ivittuut played a significant role in World War II. We wandered

among weather-worn buildings and rusted machinery, imagining the lives of miners who once called this remote outpost home. The eerie silence of the abandoned site, set against the wild Arctic beauty, left a lasting impression.





Kuannersooq

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## Kuannersooq

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In Kuannersooq, we explored one of Greenland's most geologically unique regions, an area known for its rare earth minerals and potential future development. This rugged plateau sparked meaningful conversations about Greenland's environment, economy,

and identity. The landscape was vast and raw, with sweeping views and exposed bedrock. Whether by foot or Zodiac, we experienced the powerful contrasts between opportunity and preservation in this frontier of possibility.



## Qeqertarsuatsiaat

One of Greenland's oldest continuously inhabited settlements, Qeqertarsuatsiaat offered an intimate view of coastal village life. As we stepped ashore, we were greeted by colourful houses, simple harbours, and locals going about their daily routines. A hike along

the shoreline revealed sweeping views, while others spent time speaking with residents or visiting the modest church. This peaceful community showed us the resilience and warmth that define life in Greenland's remote south.



## Kapisillit

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Surrounded by high peaks deep within the Nuuk Fjord system, the village of Kapisillit welcomed us with its tranquil beauty. The only Greenlandic village near a salmon-spawning river, Kapisillit gave us a rare glimpse of a self-sustaining lifestyle deeply rooted in nature. A

walk through the village revealed wooden homes nestled beside streams, and some guests joined hikes into the surrounding hills. The sense of stillness and deep connection to the land made this day particularly moving.



## Kobbefjord

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Kobbefjord revealed another face of Greenland's vast natural beauty. Here, we explored a pristine glacial valley rich in Arctic flora and birdlife. The fjord was calm and framed by steep ridges, with occasional waterfalls cascading from the heights. Guests enjoyed

Zodiac cruises, nature walks, and wildlife spotting. The silence of the wilderness and the feeling of being completely immersed in nature gave us a rare and deeply peaceful experience.







## Nuuk

Our final destination was Nuuk, Greenland's bustling capital and cultural heart. Here, modern Greenland meets tradition in a city alive with stories, art, and a spirit of resilience. As we reflected on the

voyage, Nuuk offered the perfect ending, a place that embodied the spirit of the entire journey: rooted in the land, shaped by the past, and looking toward the future.





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