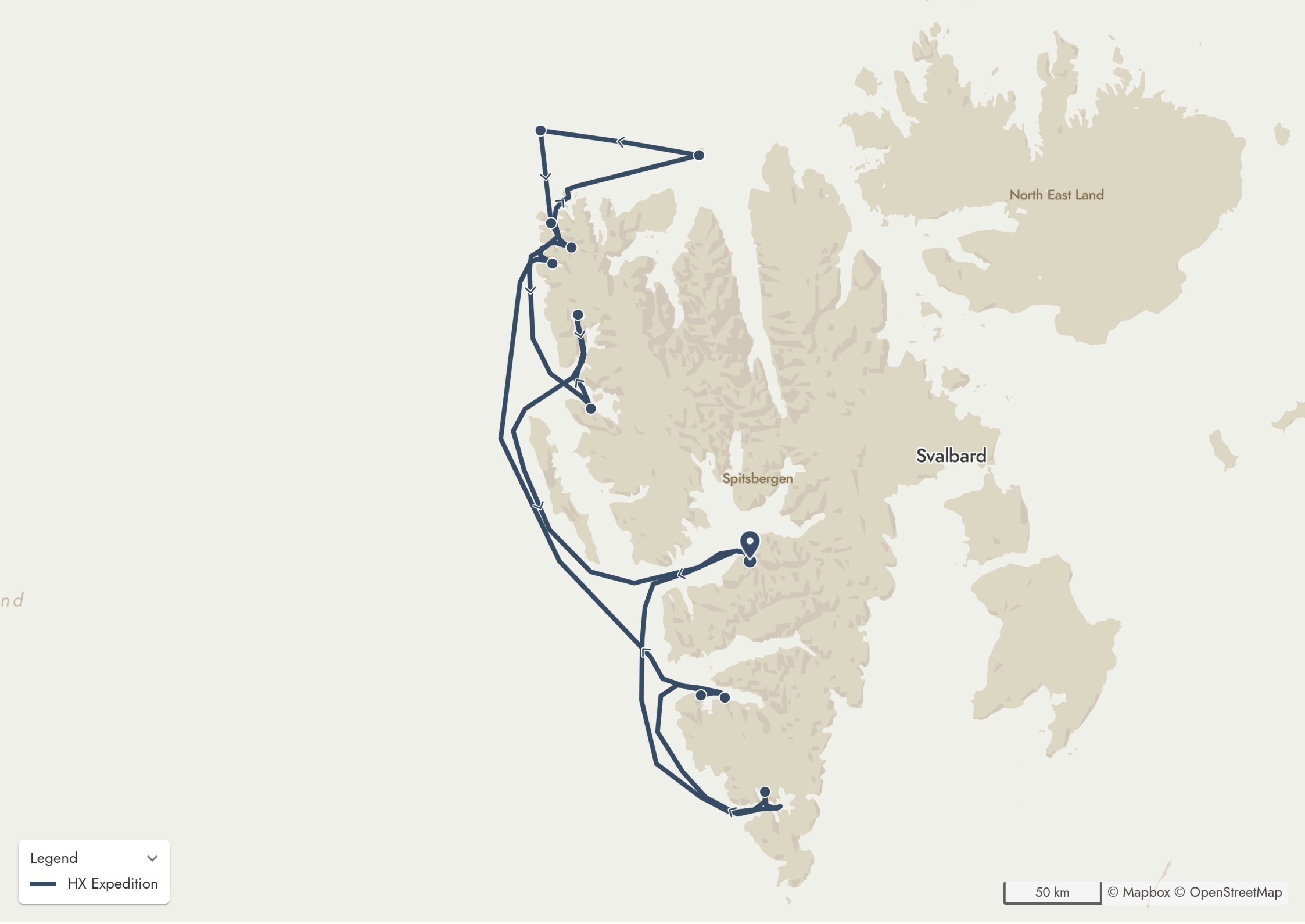


## MS Spitsbergen

2025.05.27 - 2025.06.03



Legend

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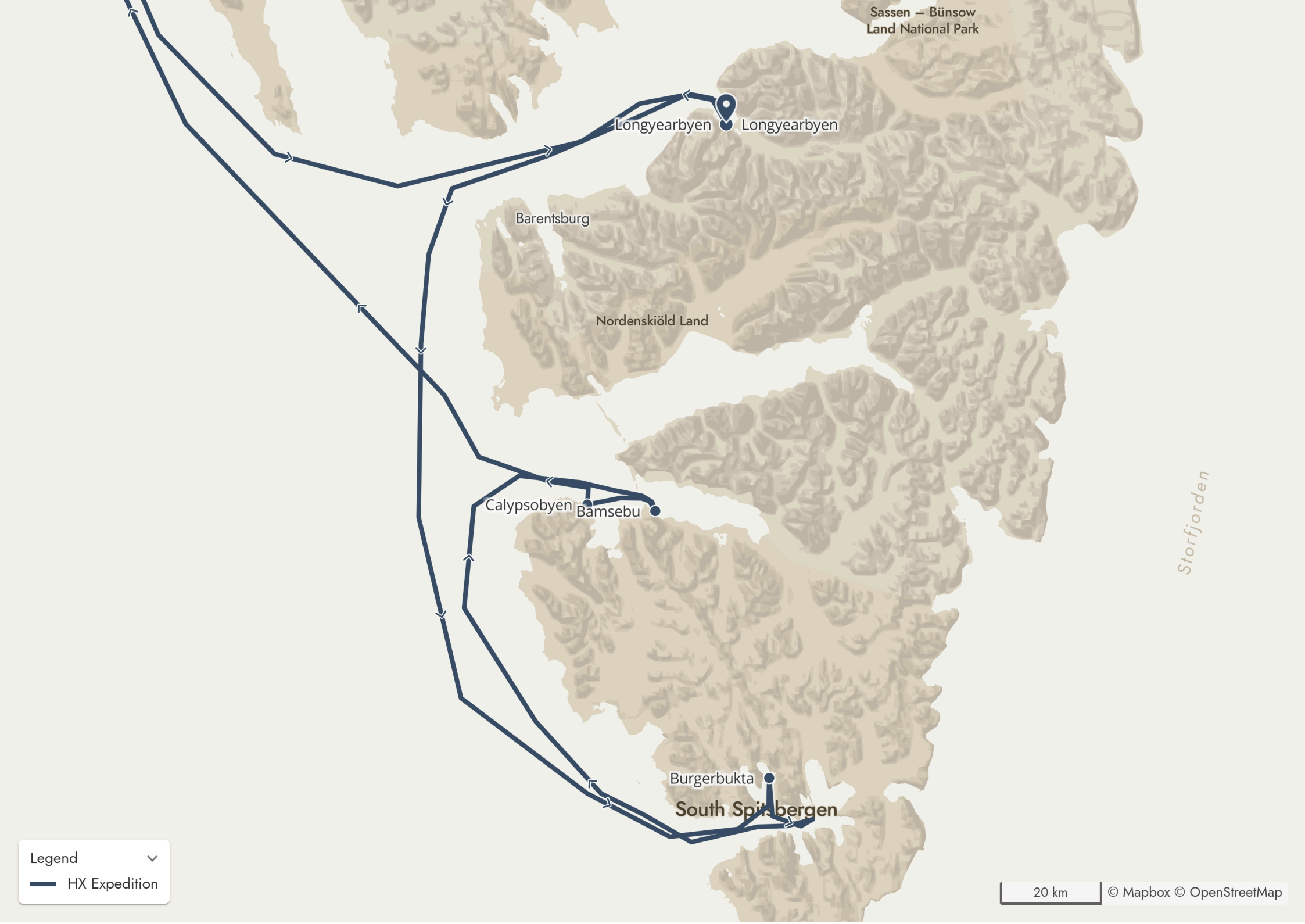
## Longyearbyen - Our Starting Point and the Gateway to the Arctic!

A sun-dappled city welcomed guests on the morning of embarkation. This was Longyearbyen, the tangible edge of humanity's desire to live on the frontier of life. After a pleasant morning exploring the historic town, guests arrived at the quay to meet their new home for the coming week. Boarding the MS Spitsbergen, they were warmly

greeted by the crew. This was followed by a safety briefing and a welcome drink. After collecting their boots and jackets—and getting acquainted with their expedition team—guests settled into the comforting embrace of a cozy bed. Rest was well deserved, for the adventures that awaited them in the days ahead.







Sassen — Bünsow  
Land National Park

Longyearbyen

Barentsburg

Nordenskiöld Land

Calypsobyen

Bamsebu

Burgerbukta

South Spitsbergen

Storfjorden

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20 km

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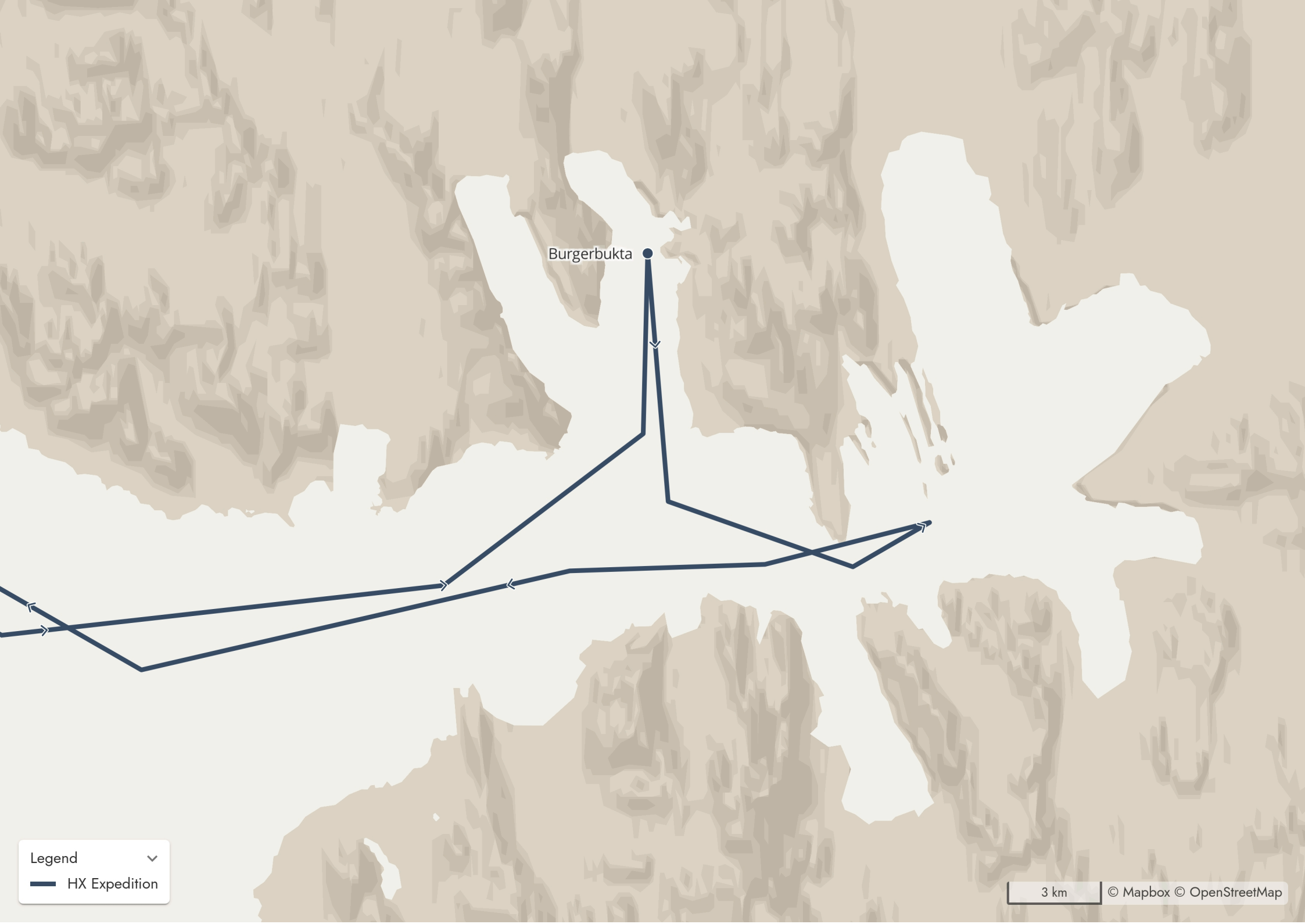


## Hornsund - Burgerbukta

The new day began pleasantly with a warm breakfast and the steady blossoming of acquaintance and friendship among guests. After a morning briefing on the day's plans, guests enjoyed lunch. Soon after, the expedition team set out to scout the proposed landing site at Burgerbukta. However, a bear was spotted nearby, and for safety reasons, the landing was cancelled. Instead, the afternoon was spent

cruising by ship. Not long into the voyage, a bear was spotted on the sea ice. Many guests were able to observe this magnificent creature through binoculars or even with the naked eye. Additionally, the expedition team provided a live video feed of the bear on the ship's TVs using a highly advanced remotely operated camera system.





Burgerbukta

Legend



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3 km

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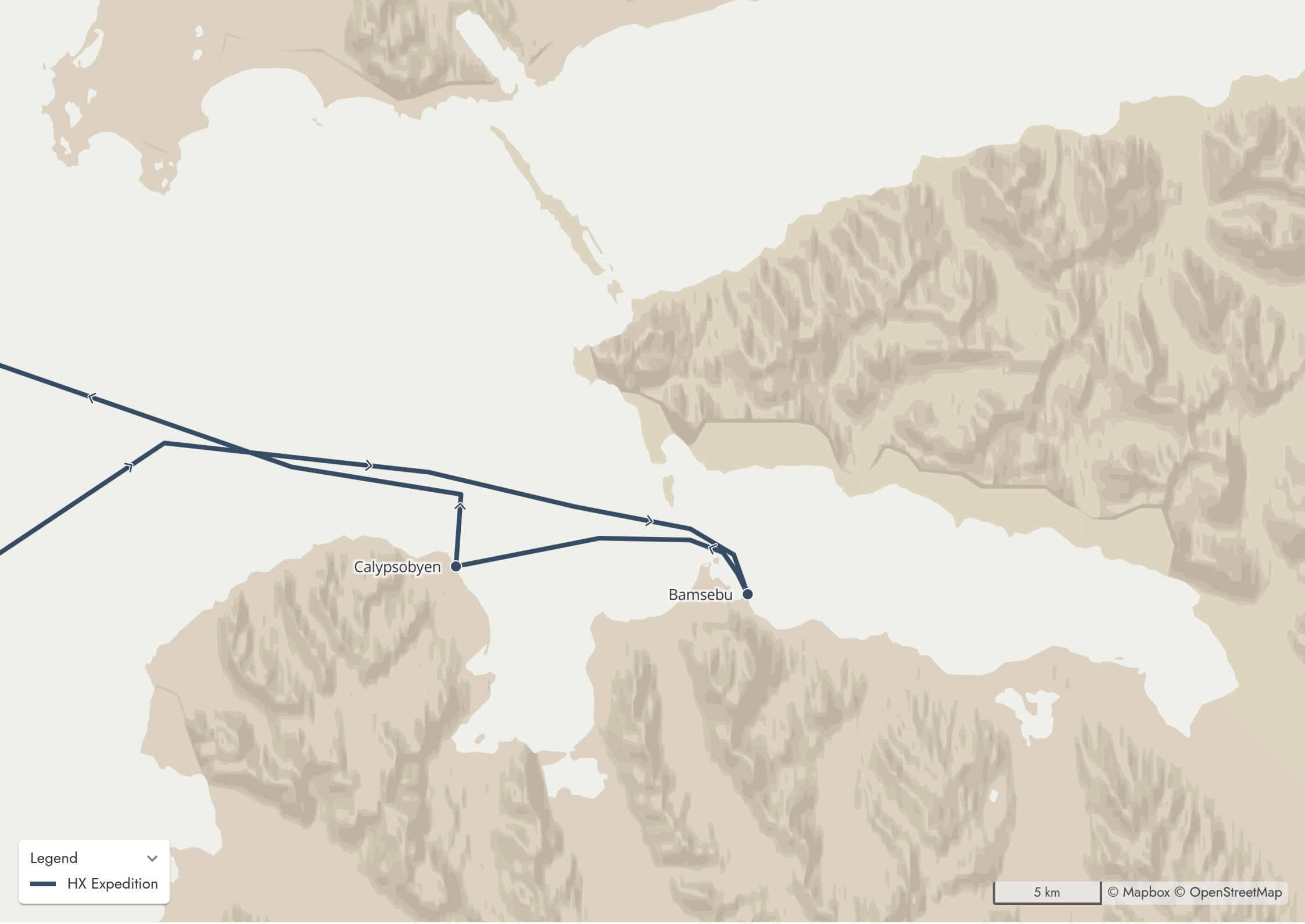
## Bellsund - A visit to Bamsebu and Calypsobyen

The day began with a landing at the peaceful and placid Bamsebu, where guests received their first glimpse into Svalbard's storied whaling heritage. Beluga whale bones littered the beach, and a stark, stoic hunting cabin loomed at the foot of the mountains. In the afternoon, we visited Calypsobyen, where guests were treated to even more vivid relics of Svalbard's complex history. Buildings here dated

back to the years directly following the First World War and were remnants of the famed Northern Exploration Company, who sought to extract coal from Svalbard's shores. Besides the fascinating relics, many guests also took in the glorious landscape on a hike provided by the activity guides.







Calypsobyen

Bamsebu

Legend

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5 km

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Smeerenburg

Bjørnfjorden

Gravnesodden

Lilliehöökbreen

Ny-Ålesund

Longyearbyen

Longyearbyen

Galypsobyen

Bamsebu

Svalbard

Legend



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30 km

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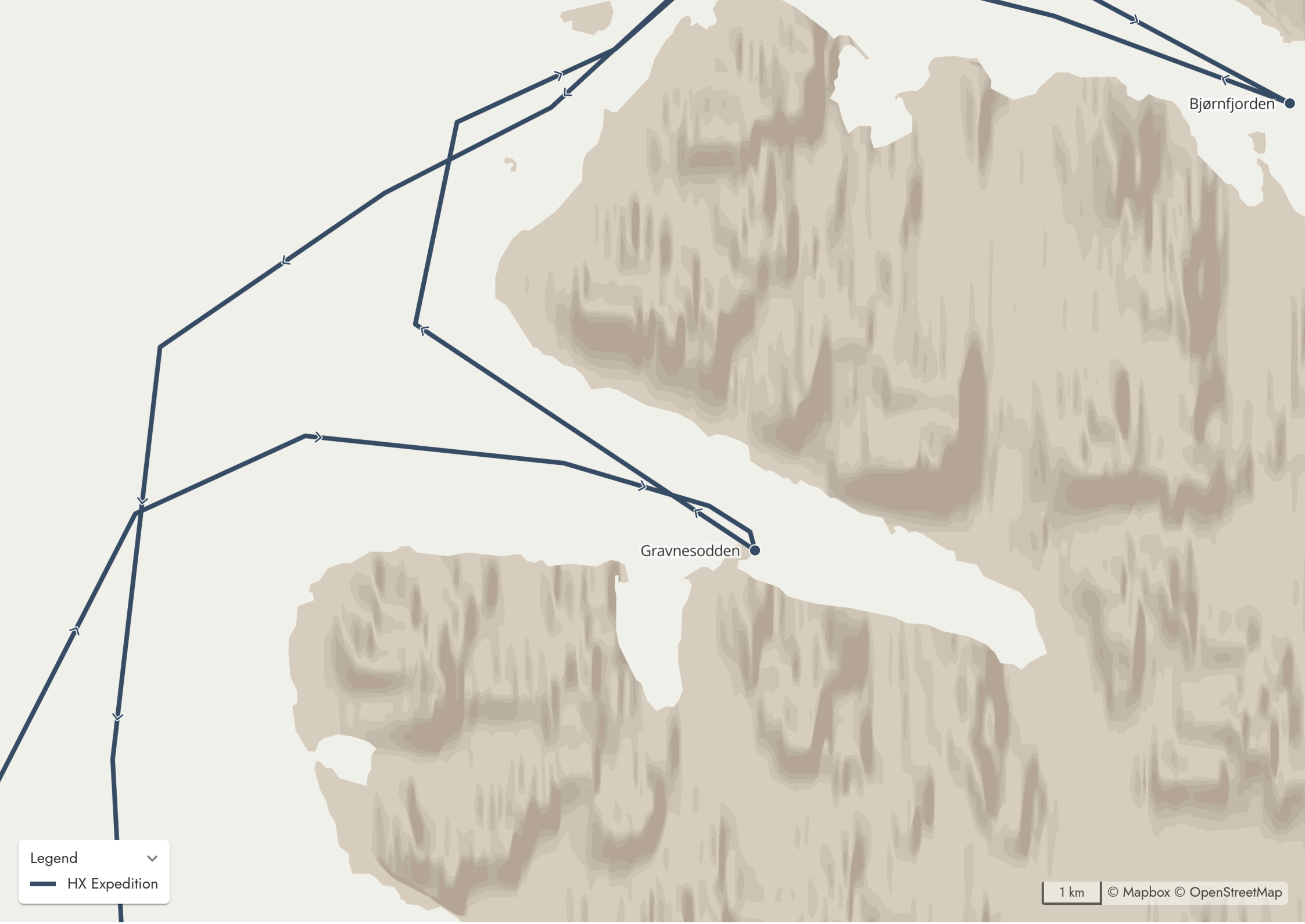


## Magdalenefjorden - Gravneset

On this day, guests had the chance to experience the saga-enveloped Gravneset, one of Svalbard's most storied sites. Its vivid, jagged beauty captivated many. As they walked along the beach, guests came across stark reminders of Svalbard's whaling past: the ruins of

blubber ovens and the many graves scattered across the hilly outcrop of the peninsula. Further along, they were able to gaze out over the ice-strewn bay, framed by the towering mountains of the fjord.





Bjørnfjorden

Gravnesodden

Legend

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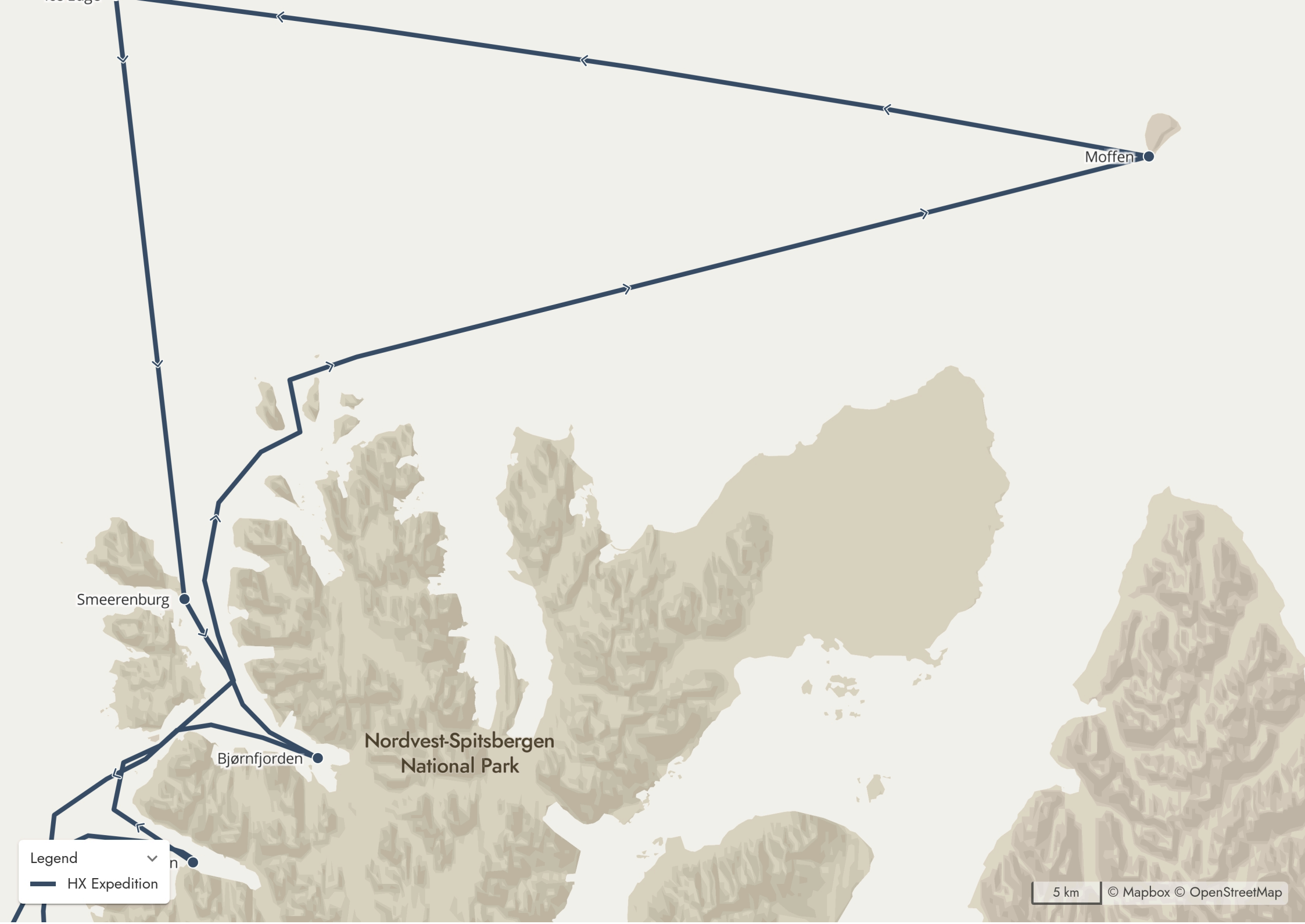
## Moffen Island - 80 degrees north and above!

This day was an adventure filled with spontaneity. In the morning, we had the opportunity to view the highly protected nature reserve of Moffen Island, located in Svalbard's high north. Walrus were spotted hauled out on the shore, while gulls circled overhead. Later in the afternoon, we reached our highest northerly latitude of 80

degrees and 26 minutes. To celebrate this milestone, guests were treated to a delicious cup of hot chocolate - complete with a little extra dash of liquid courage - as we sat in the boundless, freezing ocean, surrounded by ice.











Legend

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Ice Edge

Smeerenburg

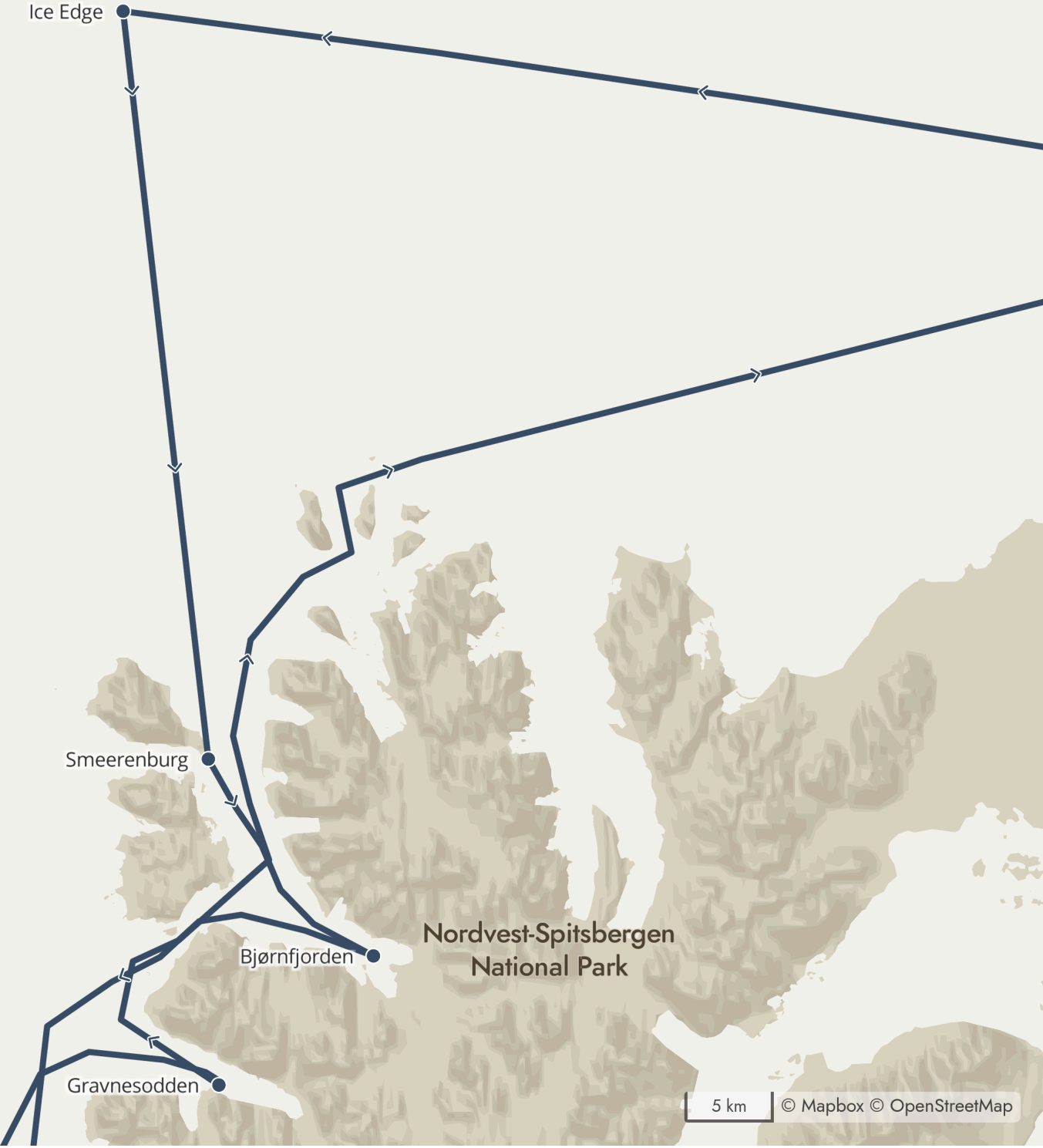
Bjørnfjorden

Gravnesodden

Nordvest-Spitsbergen  
National Park

5 km

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## Smeerenburg – No Walruses, but Scenic Glacier Cruising!

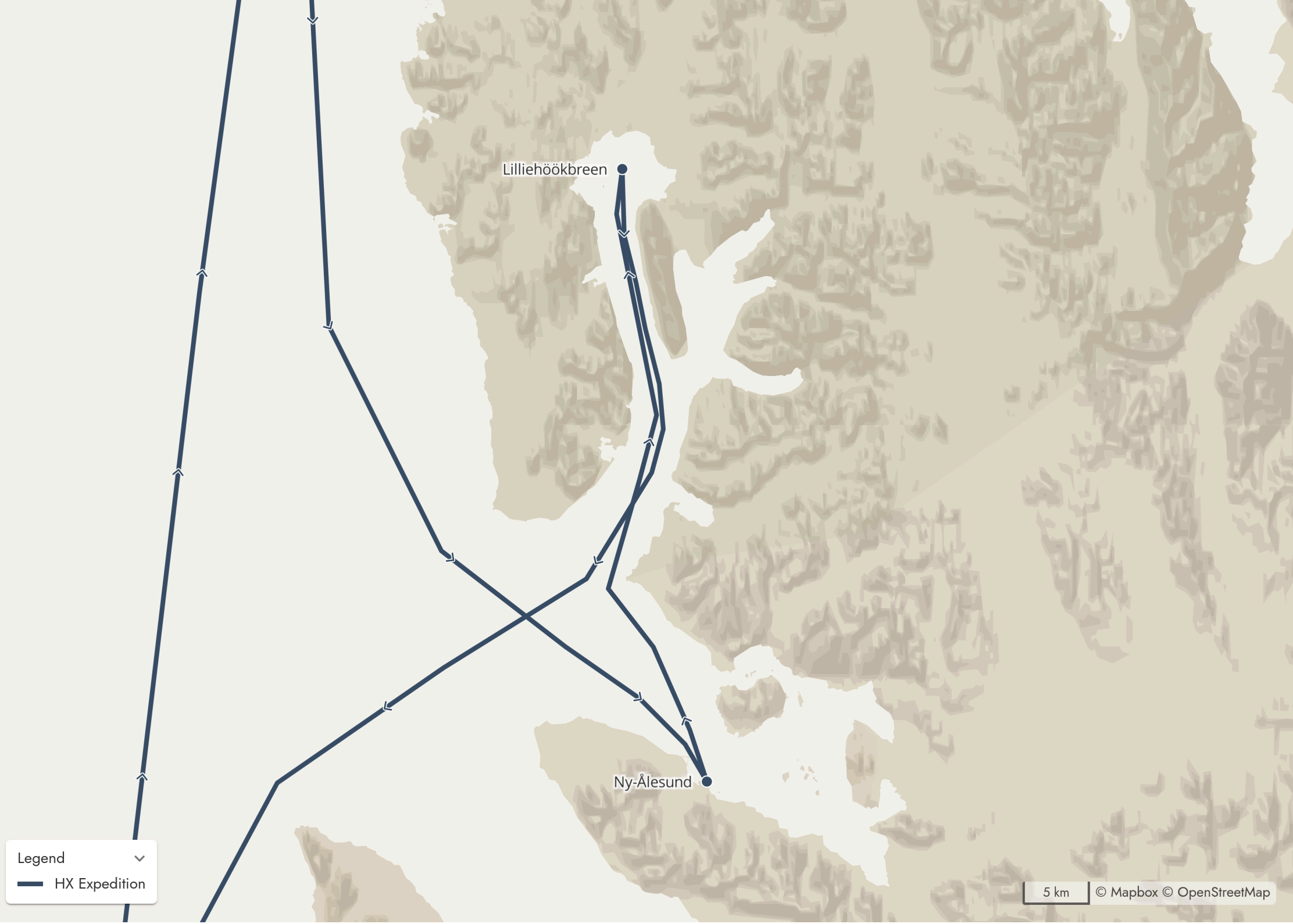
On this day, we had a morning landing at the history-enwrapped Smeerenburg. Unfortunately, there were no walruses hauled up on the beach today, but guests were able to explore the fascinating ruins of a

town that once formed the whaling capital of the north. In the afternoon, guests enjoyed a scenic cruise along the glacier front in Bjørnfjorden.









Lilliehöökbeen

Ny-Ålesund

Legend



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5 km

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## Ny-Ålesund - The most northern settlement in the world!

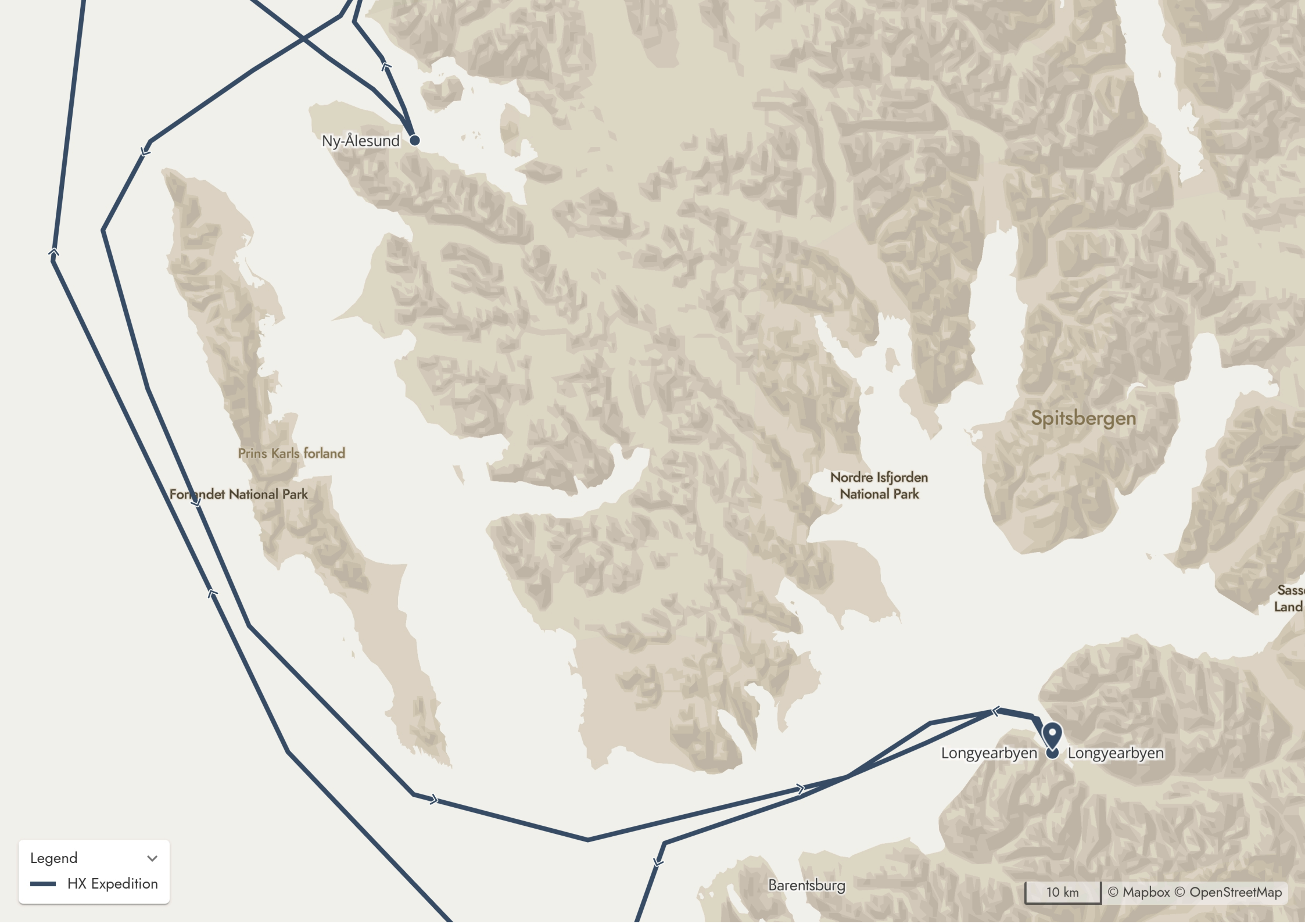
On this day, we visited the secluded and intriguing community of Ny-Ålesund. Here, guests enjoyed a guided walk of the town provided by the expedition team. They learned about the long and storied mining history of the area, and its eventual transformation into

a centre for Arctic research. In the afternoon, our adventure concluded with a scenic cruise around the front of the spectacular Lilliehöökbreen. Here, guests were able to view walrus and seals resting and relaxing amidst the brash ice.









Ny-Ålesund

Prins Karls forland

Forlandet National Park

Nordre Isfjorden  
National Park

Spitsbergen

Sass  
Land

Longyearbyen Longyearbyen

Barentsburg

Legend



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10 km

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## Longyearbyen - Disembarkation

Our story came to an end in Longyearbyen, the place where it so auspiciously began. Tearful and thankful goodbyes were exchanged,

along with promises of enduring friendship.





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