



MS Fridtjof Nansen

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## Day 1 – Embarkation in Nuuk

Our Arctic journey began in the heart of Greenland's capital, Nuuk! A city where ancient Inuit culture meets modern life against a stunning natural backdrop. Guests arrived at the pier and were warmly welcomed once aboard the MS Fridtjof Nansen, our advanced hybrid-powered expedition vessel and temporary home for the voyage ahead.

Once on board, guests were shown to their cabins and had the opportunity to explore the ship's inviting public areas. After settling in, we gathered for a mandatory safety briefing, followed by the distribution of expedition jackets and essential gear for the adventures to come.



Embarkation Day in Nuuk!



Nuuk waterfront.



GAURUNNGUAQ

GOH -  
Nuuk Airport

Nuuk

Nuuk

Nuuk

Nuuk

PAARNARISSQ

QINNGORPUT

PISISSIA

PINNGORSUAQ

NINGITSIVIK

MITSIMAVIK

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1 km

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## Day 2 – Embarkation in Nuuk (with an Extended Stay)

Our expedition began in Greenland's vibrant capital, Nuuk. Due to a delayed incoming flight, our departure was postponed, allowing us an unexpected extra day to explore this fascinating city nestled between towering mountains and icy fjords.

Guests who had already arrived took the opportunity to discover more of Nuuk's unique blend of tradition and modernity. Guided walks through the city offered insight into Greenlandic life, while visits to the Greenland National Museum and the old colonial harbour

deepened our understanding of the country's rich cultural heritage.

Others chose to stroll the colourful streets independently, take in local cafés or admire Nuuk's striking public art and dramatic natural surroundings.

Though our departure was delayed, the spirit of exploration was alive and well, and the extra time in Nuuk offered a rewarding and immersive start to our journey through the mythical lands of Greenland.



Exploring Nuuk!



The Capital of Greenland!

## Day 3 – At Sea, En Route to Ilulissat

Today we enjoyed a full day at sea as MS Fridtjof Nansen continued her voyage northward along Greenland's dramatic west coast, bound for the legendary ice filled waters of Ilulissat.

Guests joined the Expedition Team in the Science Centre for a series of insightful presentations covering a range of Arctic themes, designed to enrich our understanding of the landscapes, cultures,

and wildlife we are encountering along the way.

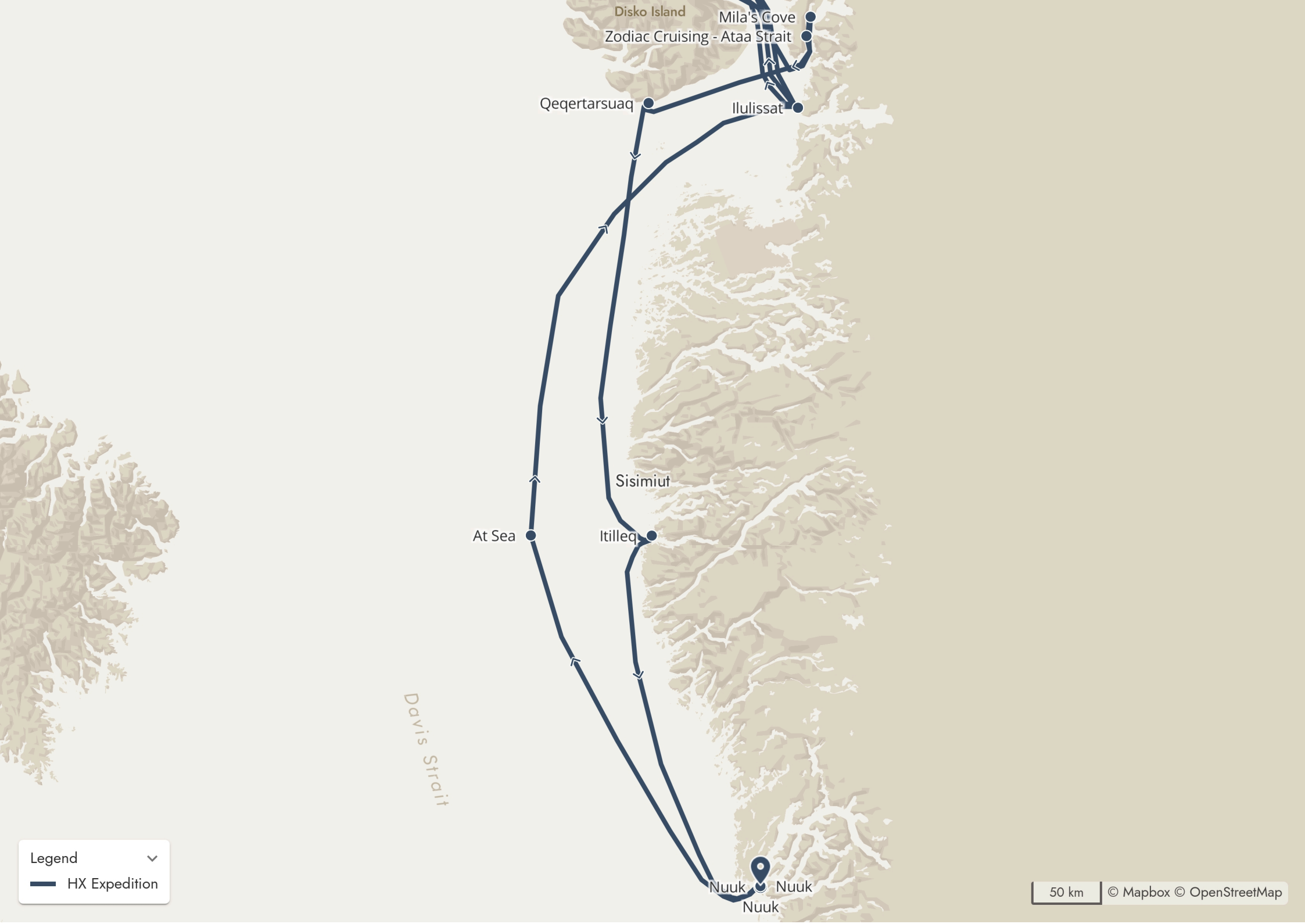
Between lectures, many took advantage of the ship's inviting spaces to relax, socialise or simply admire the sweeping ocean views from the observation decks. A few distant icebergs and seabirds reminded us that we were steadily drawing closer to Greenland's ice filled heart.



Arctic Circle Ceremony



Starting to see some big ice bergs!



Disko Island  
Mila's Cove  
Zodiac Cruising - Ataa Strait

Qeqertarsuaq  
Ilulissat

Sisimiut

At Sea  
Itilleq

Nuuk  
Nuuk  
Nuuk

Davis Strait

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## Day 4 – A Full Day in Ilulissat

Today we arrived in one of Greenland's most iconic destinations - Ilulissat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the awe inspiring Ilulissat Icefjord. From the moment we stepped ashore, we were surrounded by beautiful Arctic scenery and the unmistakable presence of ice.

Guests had the full day to explore at their own pace. Many visited the impressive Icefjord Centre to learn more about the region's glaciology and climate, while others opted for boat excursions to witness the

towering icebergs up close from the water, an unforgettable experience. Some simply wandered the colourful streets of the town, visited local cafés and shops or found quiet spots to take in the breath-taking views of the fjord.

With the icebergs catching the golden light of the Arctic evening, the day came to a close with a deep sense of wonder and appreciation for this extraordinary part of the world.



Ice Fjord Centre in Ilulissat.



The mighty ice fjord of Ilulissat!



## Day 5 – At Sea, Heading North past Melville Bay

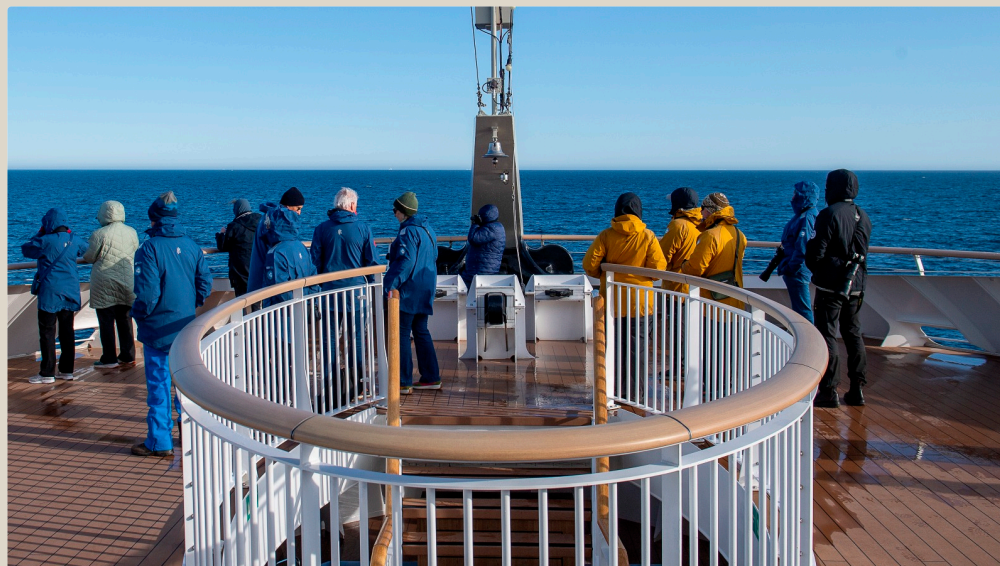
On day 5 we continued our northbound journey along Greenland's remote and rarely visited northwest coast, sailing past the expansive and ice strewn waters of Melville Bay. This region is known for its challenging navigation, shifting sea ice, and raw, untouched beauty. As we cruised through these isolated waters, guests enjoyed a relaxed day at sea, taking in the vast Arctic seascape from the comfort of the observation decks and lounges. Throughout the day, the Expedition

Team offered engaging presentations, sharing stories and insights to enrich our understanding of the landscapes and cultures that lie ahead of us.

Icebergs of all shapes and sizes drifted silently past the ship, while seabirds followed in our wake. With each passing mile, we drew closer to the High Arctic, a region steeped in exploration history and still full of mystery.



Beautiful evening light in Vaigat Strait.



Wildlife Watch on our way north!

## Day 6 – Savissivik and zodiac cruise

This morning, we carefully navigated through patches of drifting sea ice as we approached the remote settlement of Savissivik, nestled on the edge of Meteorite Island. The ice added a sense of quiet drama to our arrival, with the ship weaving slowly through the floes.

Once ashore, we were welcomed by the small local community, offering a glimpse into life in this isolated corner of Greenland. The

atmosphere was peaceful, with time to take in the surroundings and appreciate the resilience of those who call this place home.

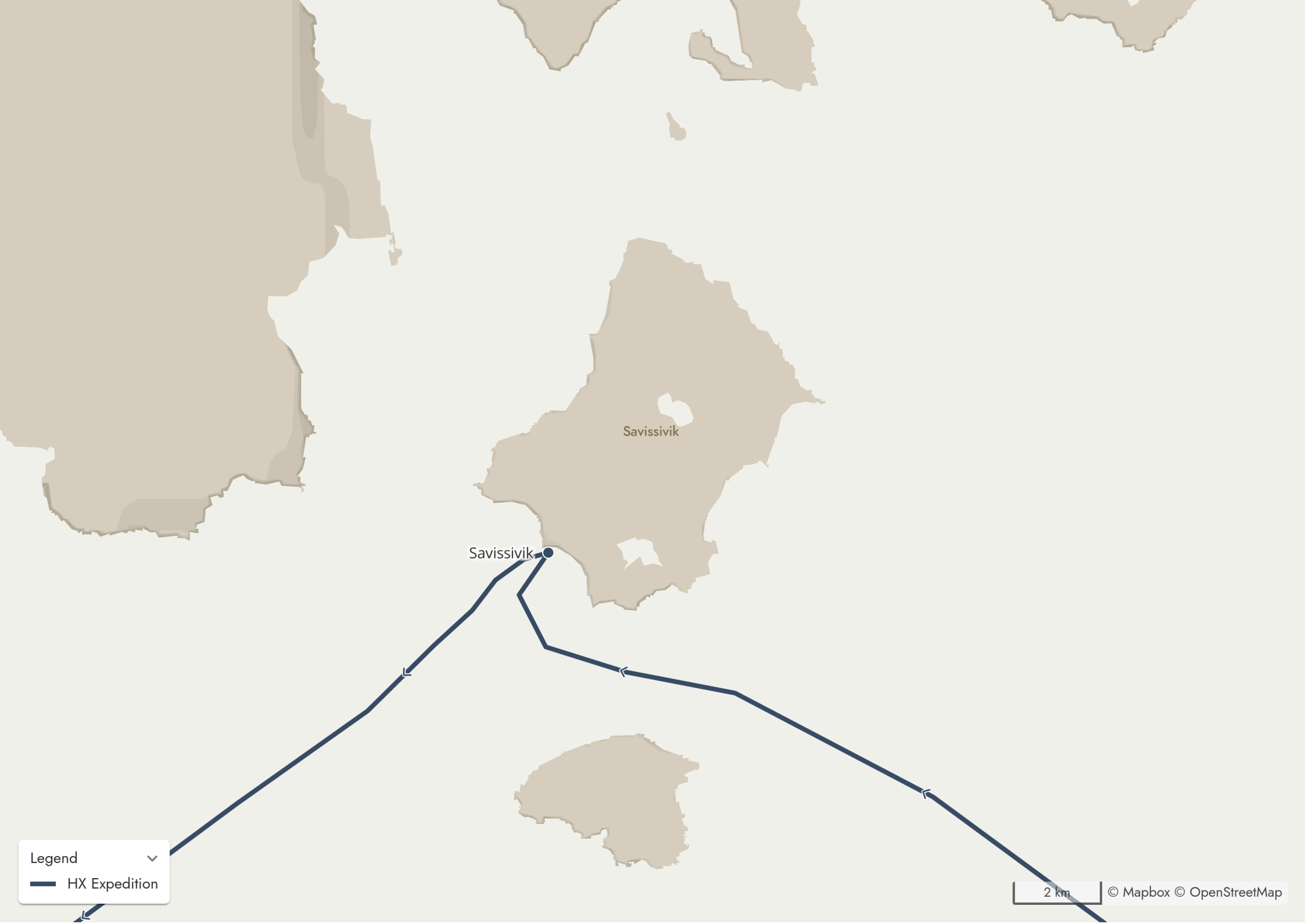
In the afternoon, we set out on a zodiac cruise along the coast, where we were treated to the sight of little auks darting in and out of the cliffs, an energetic flurry of life against the stark Arctic backdrop. A truly special day in the far north.



First ever visit to Savissivik by a passenger vessel!



Zodiac Cruising by colony of Little Auks!



Savissivik

Savissivik

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2 km

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## Day 7 – Visit to Qaanaaq

Today we reached Qaanaaq, one of the northernmost towns in Greenland and a cultural heart of the High Arctic. Surrounded by towering peaks and drifting sea ice, the setting was both remote and spectacular.

Guests went ashore to explore the village and to meet some of its welcoming residents, gaining insight into life in this remote community. Afterward, many joined a scenic hike just outside the

village.

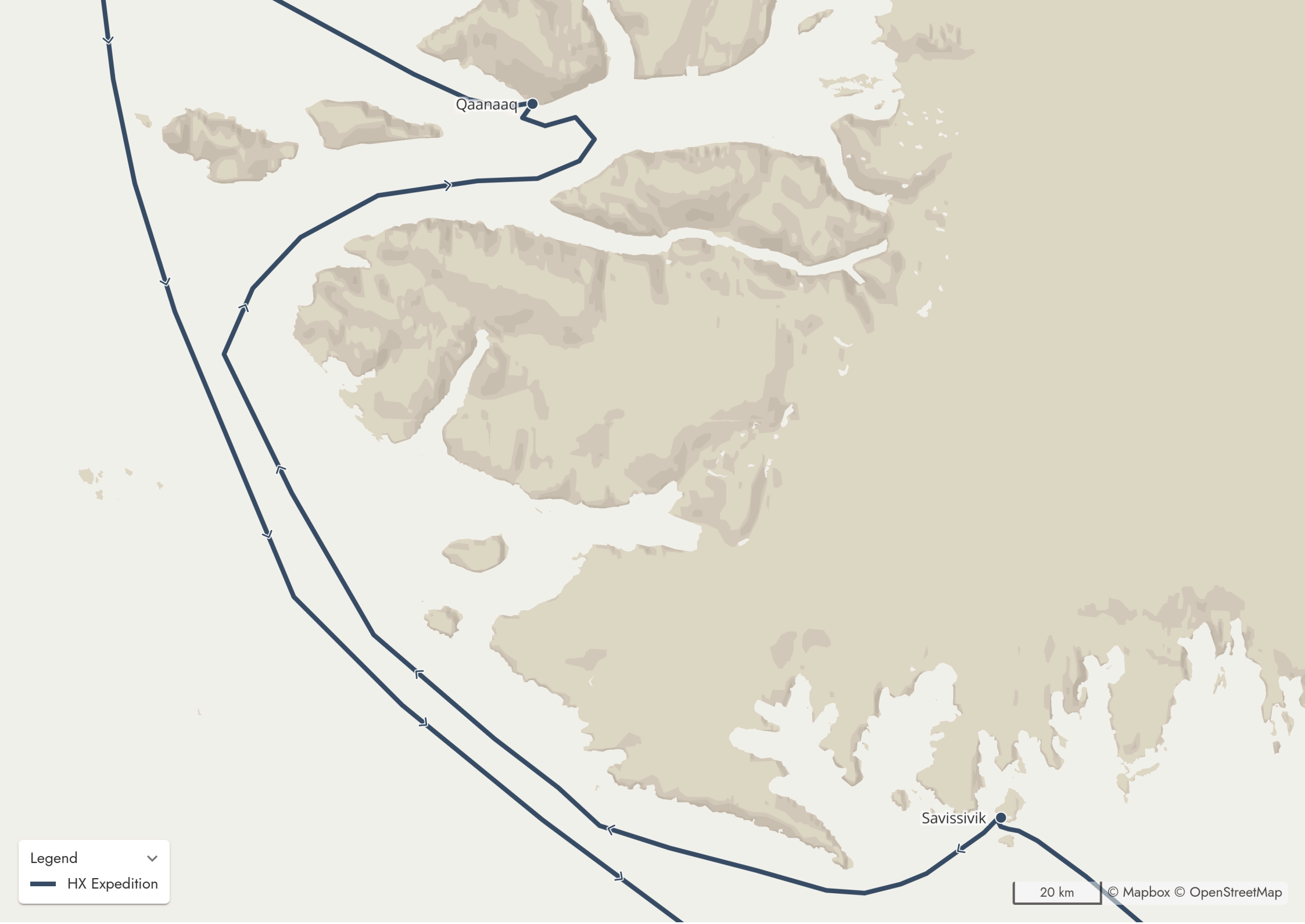
Others took time to visit the local museum, browse handmade crafts or stroll the quiet streets framed by breath-taking Arctic scenery. With crisp air, bright skies, and a calm sea, our time in Qaanaaq was both peaceful and enriching, another memorable chapter in our journey through Greenland's mythical northern lands.



Qaanaaq, also known as Thule.



Community visit in Qaanaaq.



Qaanaaq

Savissivik

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20 km © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

## Day 8 – Sea Ice Landing at 78° North

Today we made a memorable landing on the sea ice at 78° North, a true High Arctic experience. Under cloudy skies and some windy conditions, guests stepped out onto the frozen ocean, an unforgettable moment.

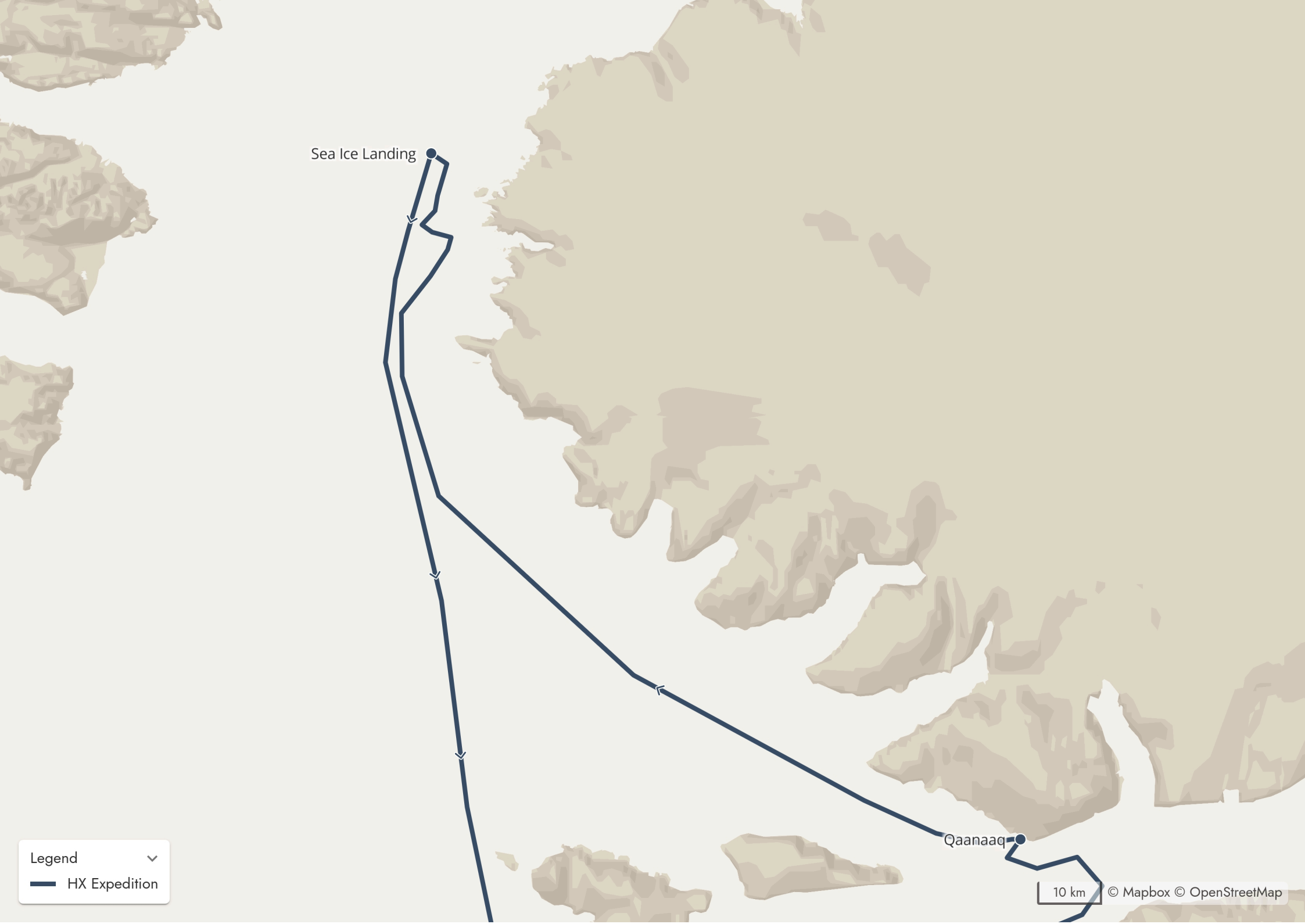
While on the ice, we spotted long-tailed skuas gliding overhead and caught glimpses of the elusive ivory gull, a special treat for bird enthusiasts. It was a quiet, powerful encounter with the far north at its most pristine.



Sea ice landing!



Our most northerly position at 78.34 N and 73.19 W.



Sea Ice Landing

Qaanaaq

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10 km

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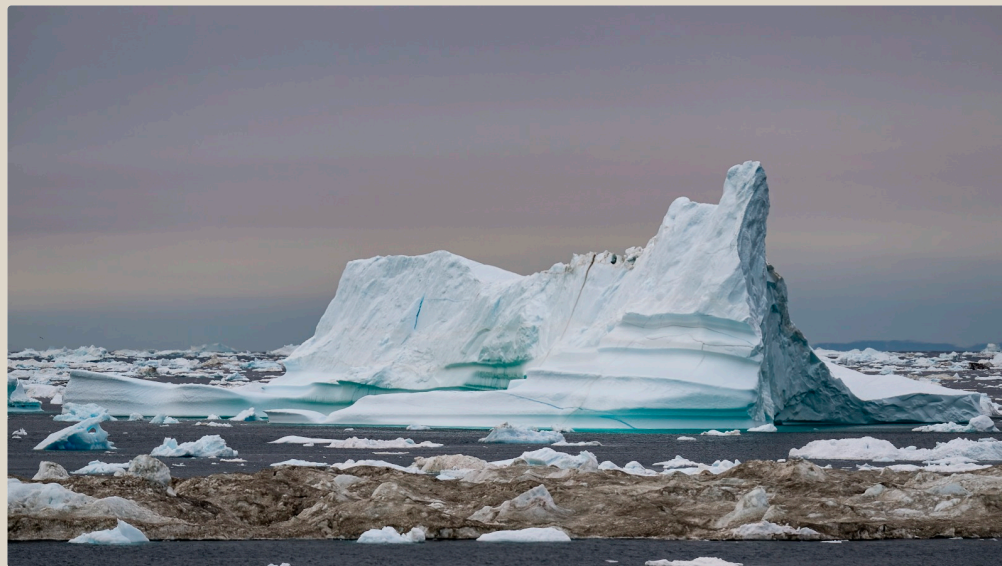
## Day 9 – At Sea, Heading South

After days of high-latitude exploration, we spent day 9 at sea, cruising southward along Greenland's northwest coast. The open ocean gave us time to relax, reflect, and take in the vastness of the Arctic landscape.

Guests enjoyed presentations from the Expedition Team, time on deck scanning for wildlife, and the comfort of the ship's lounges and amenities. Conversations flowed easily as we looked back on our journey so far and looked ahead to the final days of the expedition.



Kittiwake on ice



Iceberg surrounded by drift ice



Sea Ice Landing

Qaanaaq

Savissivik

At Sea

At Sea

Uummannaq

At Sea - Vaigat Strait

Zodiac Cruising - Ataa Strait

Mila's Cove

Ilulissat

Qeqertarsuaq

Greenland

Baffin Bay

Legend



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100 km

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## Day 10 — At Sea, Vaigat Strait

Today we continued south through the Vaigat Strait, navigating between the mountainous coastlines of Disko Island and mainland Greenland. The scenery was dramatic, with steep cliffs, drifting icebergs, and occasional glimpses of glaciers reaching down to the sea.

Guests spent time out on deck enjoying the ever-changing views and scanning the waters for wildlife. The Expedition Team offered informal briefings and were on hand to interpret the landscape as we sailed through one of Greenland's most geologically dynamic regions.



Beautiful iceberg!



Heading south through Vaigat Strait.



Uummannaq

At Sea - Vaigat Strait

Disko Island

Mila's Cove

Zodiac Cruising - Ataa Strait

Qeqertarsuaq

Ilulissat

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## Day 11 – Visit to Uummannaq

This afternoon we arrived at Uummannaq, beautifully set beneath its iconic heart-shaped mountain. The harbour was filled with dense ice, creating a dramatic and true Arctic welcome. Despite the challenging ice conditions, guests were able to go ashore and explore the colourful town. The atmosphere was peaceful, with time to stroll

through the settlement, visit the church or museum and take in the gorgeous views of the surrounding fjord and mountains.

The heavy ice in the bay reminded us of the power and unpredictability of the Arctic environment, a fitting backdrop for a memorable visit in the heart of Greenland.



A lot of ice in the harbour!



Uummannaq, a beautiful village!

## Day 12 – Zodiac Cruise in Ataa Strait

As the day started we set out on a zodiac cruise through Ataa Strait, surrounded by foggy, atmospheric conditions that gave the landscape a mysterious and quiet beauty. The low mist drifted between steep mountains, occasionally parting to reveal monolithic icebergs slowly looming from the grey.

The stillness of the fjord was striking, with only the soft sounds of water and ice breaking the silence. Though visibility was limited, the glimpses of towering ice formations made the experience all the more dramatic.



Zodiac Cruising in Ataa Strait.



Waterfall and iceberg.



Tasersuaq

Ritenbenk

Alluttoq Island

Ataa

Mila's Cove

Zodiac Cruising - Ataa Strait

Kangerluarsuk

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3 km

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## Day 12 – Nature Landing at Mila's Cove & Polar Plunge

In the afternoon, we made a nature landing at Mila's Cove, a quiet and scenic spot surrounded by rugged cliffs and tranquil waters. The area offered space to stretch our legs and take in the wild, the unspoiled beauty of the Greenlandic coast.

For the adventurous, the conditions were perfect for a polar plunge, a

quick, icy dip into the Arctic waters, cheered on by fellow guests and crew. The cold was shocking, the smiles wide and the energy infectious.

It was a refreshing and fun way to end a day of contrasts, from the foggy mystery of the morning to the exhilaration of the Arctic sea.



Nature landing at Mila's Cove.



Greenlandic landscape!

## Day 13 – Visit to Qeqertarsuaq

Today we visited the charming town of Qeqertarsuaq, nestled on the southern coast of Disko Island and surrounded by dramatic volcanic landscapes. Guests set out on a scenic hike, enjoying views of basalt cliffs, lush tundra and the wide open sea. Along the way, we encountered local sled dogs resting in the summer sun, an iconic and

beloved part of Greenlandic culture.

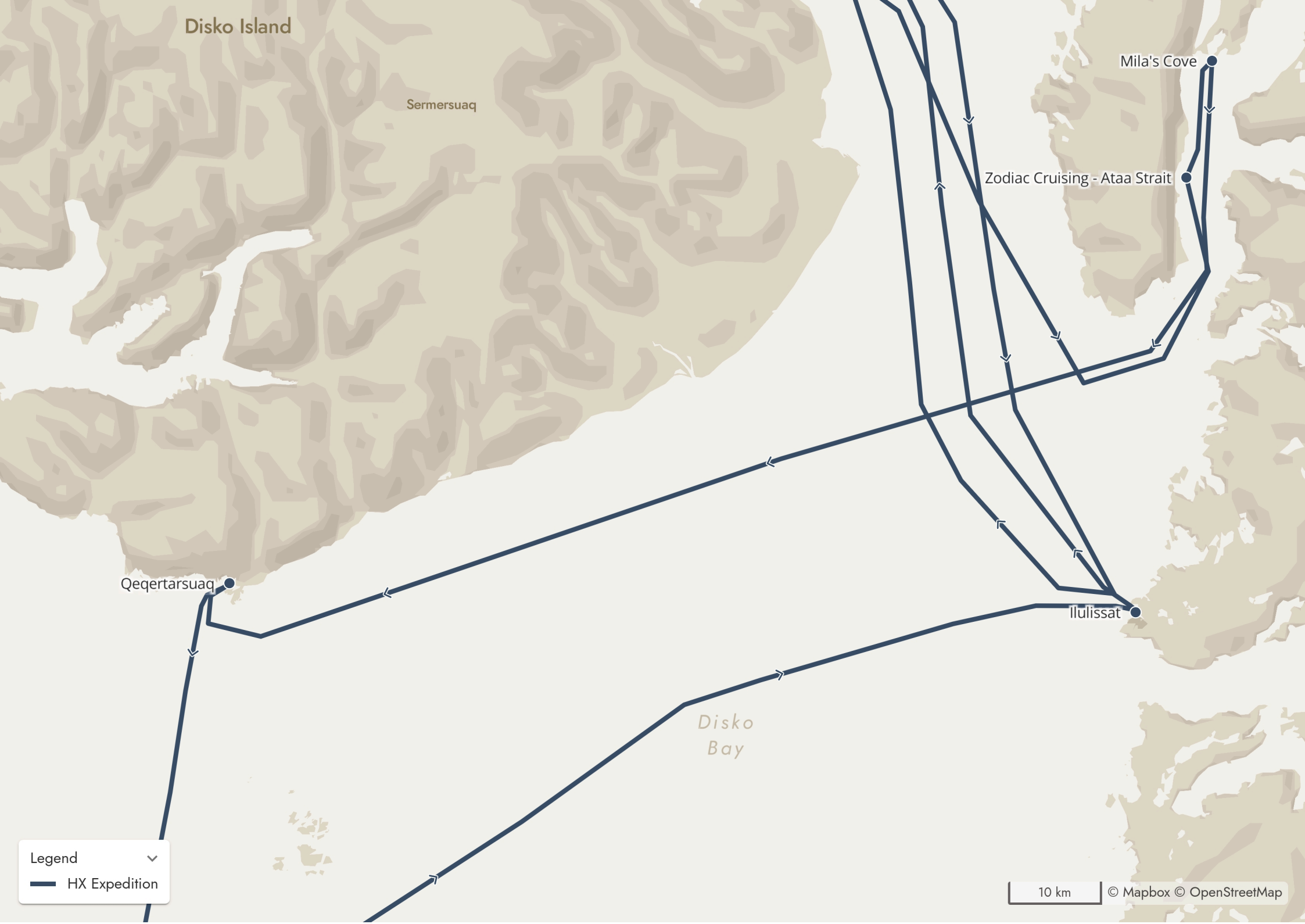
The town itself offered a warm welcome, with its colourful houses and peaceful atmosphere, making for a memorable final landing before we continue our journey south.



Idyllic village of Qeqertarsuaq.



The small harbour in Qeqertarsuaq.



Disko Island

Sermersuaq

Mila's Cove

Zodiac Cruising - Ataa Strait

Qeqertarsuaq

Ilulissat

Disko  
Bay

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10 km

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## Day 14 – Visit to Itilleq & Farewell Moments

On our final day, we visited the quaint, idyllic and welcoming settlement of Itilleq, beautifully placed among hills and fjords just north of the Arctic Circle.

Guests were warmly greeted by the local community, and many

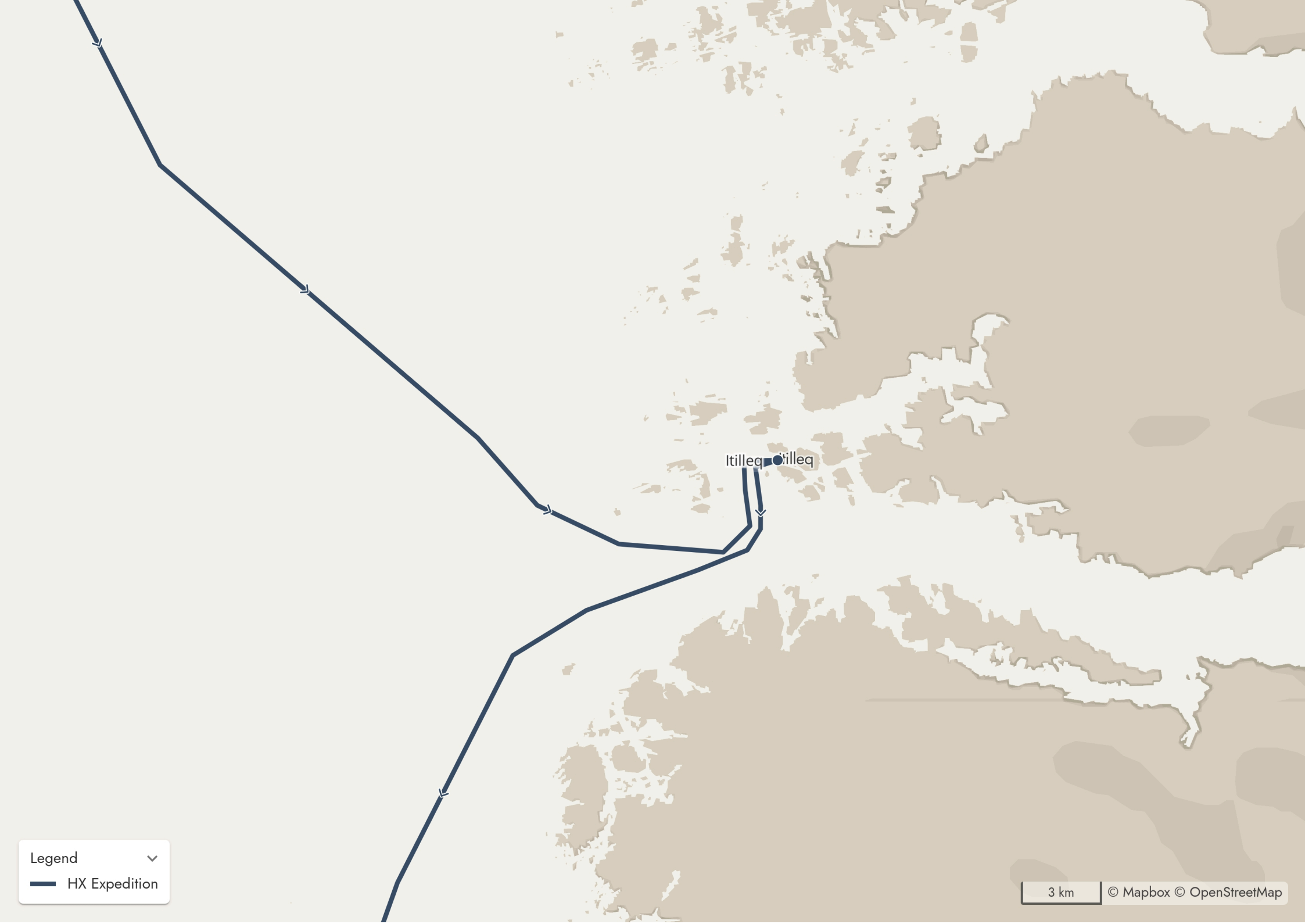
joined in the tradition of a friendly football match between visitors and residents, a light-hearted and joyful way to connect across cultures. Laughter, cheers, and a bit of friendly competition made it a highlight of the day.



A beautiful morning in Itilleq.



A friendly game of football!



Itilleq

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3 km

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Davis Strait

At Sea

Sisimiut

Itilleq

Sukkertoppen Ice Cap

Maniitsoq

Nuuk

Nuuk

Nuuk

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30 km

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## Disembarkation in Nuuk - Safe Travels!

This morning we arrived back in Nuuk, Greenland's vibrant capital, marking the end of our extraordinary expedition. As the ship docked, the Expedition Team bid farewell to guests, thanking everyone for

sharing this unforgettable journey through Greenland's mythical northern lands.

Expedition Grand Greenland – Mythical Lands of the North



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Your Expedition Team.



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