



MS Roald Amundsen

2025.07.08 - 2025.07.24



Embarkation Day!

Welcome aboard the MS Roald Amundsen! After exploring Nome, guests enjoyed a bite to eat and attended a safety briefing before either heading back into town or exploring the ship and meeting the

Expedition Team. With a 10 pm sail away, everyone settled into their cabins for the night as we set course into the Bering Sea - the journey had officially begun!



A Day at Sea

Guests welcomed the day with a hot breakfast before becoming more acquainted with the ship. A day at sea provided plenty of time to explore everything the Science Center has to offer. Throughout the

day, guests had opportunities to chat with the Expedition Team and attend talks preparing them for the adventures ahead.



Outsmarting the Wind

Windy, overcast weather initially threatened our landing, but we found shelter from the wind on the south side of the island, and conditions improved throughout the visit. Two beached whales at the

landing site were a surprising sight, and guests enjoyed photographing the whales, strolling along the beach, and searching for the McKay's Bunting - a bird unique to this area.



Fur Seals and Birds!

We received a warm welcome from the small, remote community of St. Paul. Despite overcast skies, the sun peeked out occasionally, and we avoided any rain. A traditional dance offered a glimpse into the local culture and history, while the seal blind and bird rock provided

special opportunities for nature viewing. As we departed, we felt grateful to the people of St. Paul for sharing their beautiful home with us!



Rest & Reset

A day at sea included lectures and activities with the Expedition Team, as well as time on deck watching for wildlife or enjoying a hot tub soak. A surprise visit from a pod of orcas gave guests the chance to

capture some photos! After exploring on land, this day of rest was a welcome pause before the upcoming days of zodiac cruising.





Unalaska

Dutch Harbor welcomed us with mild weather and spots of sun. We bused between points of interest, exploring the rich history of this important outpost. The Unangan (Aleutian) people called this place home for thousands of years before the arrival of outsiders. The Museum of the Aleutians tells their story, while the WWII Museum &

Visitor Center documents the important impact the war had on this area. Bald eagles were the natural stars of the day throughout town. This is a working town full of fishing boats, crab pots, and hard-working people with friendly smiles.



Lost in Time

With the last remaining residents having departed over 50 years ago, guests roamed through the ruins of abandoned buildings and machinery, echoing the story of the once-vibrant settlement of Unga.

Under the watchful eyes of some formerly domestic cattle left behind, we soaked in the beautiful views and enjoyed another day of warm and (mostly) dry weather.

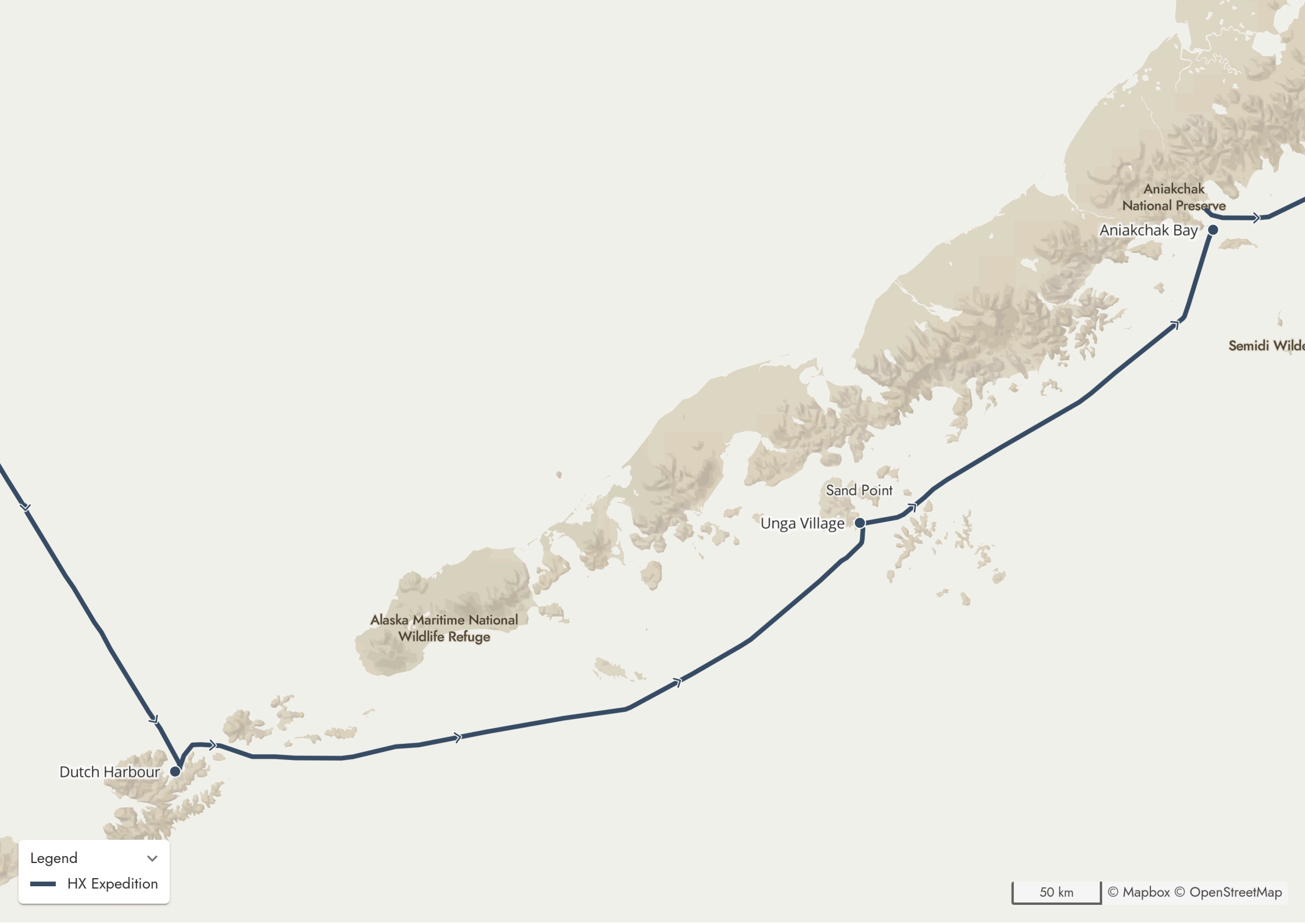


As the Weather Turns

With overcast skies, guests set out into the bay to explore and search for wildlife. Throughout the day, the weather turned windy and wet, with zodiacs splashing through the waves. Sea otters and harbour

seals were spotted, giving guests an up-close taste of “authentic” Alaska weather. Many faces returning to the ship were soggy but smiling.





Dutch Harbour

Alaska Maritime National
Wildlife Refuge

Unga Village

Sand Point

Aniakchak Bay

Aniakchak
National Preserve

Semidi Wildlife Refuge

Legend

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50 km

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Morning in Katmai

As we set out to start the day in Katmai National Park and Preserve, morning rain clouds and fog threatened to dampen the mood, but the bears did not disappoint! Zodiacs scurried through the nooks and

crannies of Geographic Harbor, spotting active bears as well as foxes and bald eagles. Guests returned to the ship for lunch before continuing their afternoon explorations.



A Hidden Surprise!

The day in Katmai continued with an afternoon outing in the neighbouring bay. We anchored deep in the back of Kinac Bay, where the bears kept up the show with multiple sightings around the

area. Through a narrow passage at the rear of the bay, the Zodiacs emerged into Hidden Harbor, unveiling more shoreline to explore. All in all, it was a great finish to a busy day filled with plenty to see!



Alaska's "Emerald Isle"

Known for its lush green landscape, Kodiak Island is the largest island in Alaska. On the last of three days dedicated to bear watching, our midmorning start was met with continued good weather. While the

famous Kodiak bears remained hidden in the vibrant scenery, Zodiac cruises were rich with sightings of bald eagles, harbour seals, red foxes, deer, and sea otters.



Gulf of Alaska

As we left the bears behind, we set out for a day at sea across the Gulf of Alaska, bound for Icy Bay. The day was filled with lectures,

activities, deck watches, and a cultural dance performance by Norma and her "Ravens."



Katmai National Park

Kinak Bay

Geographic Harbour

Kodiak

Uyak Bay, Kodiak Island

Kodiak Island

Legend



HX Expedition

10 km

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Ice on the Water

After a day of rest and activities at sea, the morning sun greeted us - and Icy Bay was everything we hoped for. We anchored deep within the bay, and conditions were perfect for Zodiacs and kayaks to weave

through floating ice, offering close-up views of glaciers, waterfalls, and resting seals. Spirits were high as we returned to the ship with warm memories of our icy adventure.



Welcome to Sitka

Whales and sunshine greeted us before our afternoon arrival in Sitka. Excursion buses departed from the dock to explore local wildlife by boat, snorkel, hike, kayak - and more! The oldest national park in

Alaska did not disappoint, showcasing intricately carved totems that reflect the culture of local clans. Sitka is also the historic site of the official transfer of Alaska from Russia to the United States in 1867.





Whitehorse

Icy Bay

Gulf of Alaska

Juneau

Sitka

Wrangell, United States

Misty Fjords

Ketchikan

Kitsault

Legend



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50 km

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Wrangell, United States - Jul 21, 2025

312.4 km

Welcome to Wrangell

Another beautiful, sunny, and warm morning greeted us in Wrangell. Guests spent the day on excursions, exploring the region's natural wonders and learning about the rich culture of the native Tlingit

people. Wrangell's quaint main street offered opportunities to grab a cup of coffee, enjoy a local lunch, and shop for souvenirs - including the area's unique red garnets.

Misty Fjords - Jul 22, 2025

264.2 km

Mystical Misty Fjords

Some low early morning clouds gave way to another day of beautiful sunshine. Zodiacs weaved through narrow passages, marvelling at a dramatic landscape carved by glaciers. Granite cliffs, waterfalls, and

lush green forests reflected in the glassy water like a mirror - as if straight from a postcard.

At Sea - Jul 23, 2025

The Final Stretch

On our final sea day before reaching Vancouver, we had one last chance to visit the observation deck and reflect on our journey. Presentations included a science recap, a look into the future of

Alaska and nature conservation, and a fun quiz—all capped off with a farewell from the crew and Oscar's amazing video, highlighting the adventures we shared.



Vancouver, Canada - Jul 24, 2025

A sunny end to an unforgettable journey!

Carrying many memories of new places and faces, we disembarked with new friendships and said our goodbyes before heading our

separate ways. Until we meet again! ...



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