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Arctic Ocean

Beaufort Sea

Baffin Bay

Greenland

Bering Sea

Canada

Edmonton

Calgary

Vancouver

Ottawa

Legend



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300 km

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Nuuk, Greenland

We embarked the Fridtjof Nansen in Greenland's lively capital, Nuuk, excited to begin our journey through the legendary Northwest Passage. After checking in and settling into our cabins, we joined the Expedition Leader and Hotel Manager for an introduction to the

voyage ahead. We then completed the mandatory safety drill, ensuring everyone was familiar with onboard procedures. As the lines were cast off, we sailed out of Nuuk with a sense of adventure and the Arctic ahead of us.



Evighedsfjorden, Greenland

We spent the day exploring the stunning Evighedsfjorden, also known as the Fjord of Eternity. Surrounded by towering mountains and cascading glaciers, we set out on Zodiac cruises to take in the dramatic scenery up close. The stillness of the water and the sheer

scale of the landscape made for a breathtaking experience. Along the way, we kept our eyes open for seals and seabirds in this remote and pristine corner of Greenland.



Sisimiut, Greenland

We arrived in Sisimiut, Greenland's second-largest town, where colorful houses meet dramatic coastal mountains. Guests chose from a variety of activities, including a guided hike offering panoramic views, a cultural walk through town, or a visit to the local museum.

Some of us enjoyed a moving Arctic Sound concert that gave insight into Greenlandic traditions through music. It was a day rich in culture, community, and connection to this vibrant Arctic settlement.





Disko Island

Ilulissat

Sisimiut

Evighedsfjorden /
Kangerlussuaq

Nuuk

Davis Strait

Legend



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Ilulissat, Greenland

In Ilulissat, we encountered one of Greenland's most iconic landscapes. Some of us visited the striking Icefjord Centre for a deeper understanding of the region's glacial history, while others took a boat trip among towering icebergs drifting silently through the

fjord. There was also time to wander through the town's lively streets and soak in the atmosphere of this northern hub. The scale and beauty of the ice left a lasting impression.



At Sea — Davis Strait

As we crossed the Davis Strait, the open sea offered a welcome chance to unwind and prepare for the adventures ahead. The Expedition Team delivered engaging lectures on Arctic history, wildlife, and the environment, deepening our appreciation for the

region. Out on deck, we kept watch for seabirds and marine life, with occasional sightings adding excitement to the day. It was a rewarding blend of learning, fresh air, and quiet moments at sea.



At Sea — Baffin Bay

We continued our journey westward across Baffin Bay, surrounded by vast stretches of open water and sky. The day offered more insightful lectures from the Expedition Team, covering topics from Arctic exploration to Inuit culture. Many of us spent time on deck, scanning

the horizon for whales, ice, and seabirds riding the wind. The sense of remoteness grew as we approached the Canadian Arctic, with the excitement of new landscapes just ahead.



Pond Inlet, Nunavut

Today we arrived in Pond Inlet, our first landing in Canada after clearing into Nunavut. Nestled against a backdrop of mountains and glaciers, this welcoming Inuit community gave us a warm introduction to life in the Canadian High Arctic. We were greeted with cultural

performances and had time to explore the town and connect with local residents. It was a meaningful day of exchange and insight into the traditions that shape this northern way of life.





Dundas Harbour, Devon Island

A veil of fog lingered over Dundas Harbour today, making a landing ashore unfeasible. Instead, we cruised along the shoreline with our Zodiacs, and taking in the quiet, moody landscape from the ship. The Expedition Team shared the history of the area, including its former

RCMP outpost and Inuit heritage. Though we stayed aboard, the setting offered a powerful sense of isolation and the raw beauty of the High Arctic.



Croker Bay, Devon Island

In the afternoon, we sailed into the serene Croker Bay and enjoyed a calm, restful time onboard. Guests took the opportunity to unwind and create postcards, reflecting on the day's experiences and the

stunning Arctic surroundings. The quiet atmosphere provided the perfect setting to connect with the landscape and capture memories in a personal way.



Ryder Inlet, Maxwell Bay

We arrived at Ryder Inlet in Maxwell Bay, surrounded by stunning Arctic wilderness. Our first polar bear was peacefully sleeping on a bed of flowers and moss, perfectly at ease on the tundra. Nearby, seals were seen swimming gracefully in the clear waters. During our

Zodiac cruise, wildlife remained at a respectful distance, though one curious seal occasionally surfaced close by. The breathtaking scenery and quiet moments made for a memorable day in the High Arctic.



Beechey Island

Our landing on Beechey Island was briefly interrupted by a curious polar bear approaching the shore. We returned to the ship and waited patiently as the bear explored the area before moving on. Once it was safe, we resumed a short landing to visit the graves of

Franklin Expedition members, a poignant reminder of Arctic exploration's challenges. The encounter brought the history and wildness of this remote place vividly to life.





Beechey Island / Iluvialuit

Ryder Inlet / Kangiqliniq

Prince Leopold
Island / Akpaqarvik

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Prince Leopold Island

As evening fell, we sailed past Prince Leopold Island, home to a stunning bird cliff teeming with life. The towering cliffs provided a dramatic backdrop as we watched seabirds wheel and dive overhead.

Along the shoreline, a polar bear roamed quietly, adding to the magic of this Arctic twilight. It was a perfect close to a day filled with unforgettable wildlife encounters.



Bellot Strait and Fort Ross

Our day onboard included engaging lectures and art sessions that deepened our appreciation for the Arctic's natural and cultural heritage. In the evening, we cruised through the narrow Bellot Strait, where dramatic cliffs rose sharply on either side. Passing by Fort

Ross, we reflected on the rugged history of this remote outpost. The day offered a rich blend of learning and awe-inspiring landscapes that linger in the memory.



Pasley Bay

We landed at Pasley Bay to explore its rich cultural and archaeological sites, uncovering stories of the region's past inhabitants. The landscape offered a fascinating glimpse into Arctic history through well-preserved remnants. As we neared the end of our visit, a dense

fog rolled in unexpectedly, reducing visibility and prompting us to cut the landing short. Despite the early finish, the experience left a lasting impression of this remote and storied place.

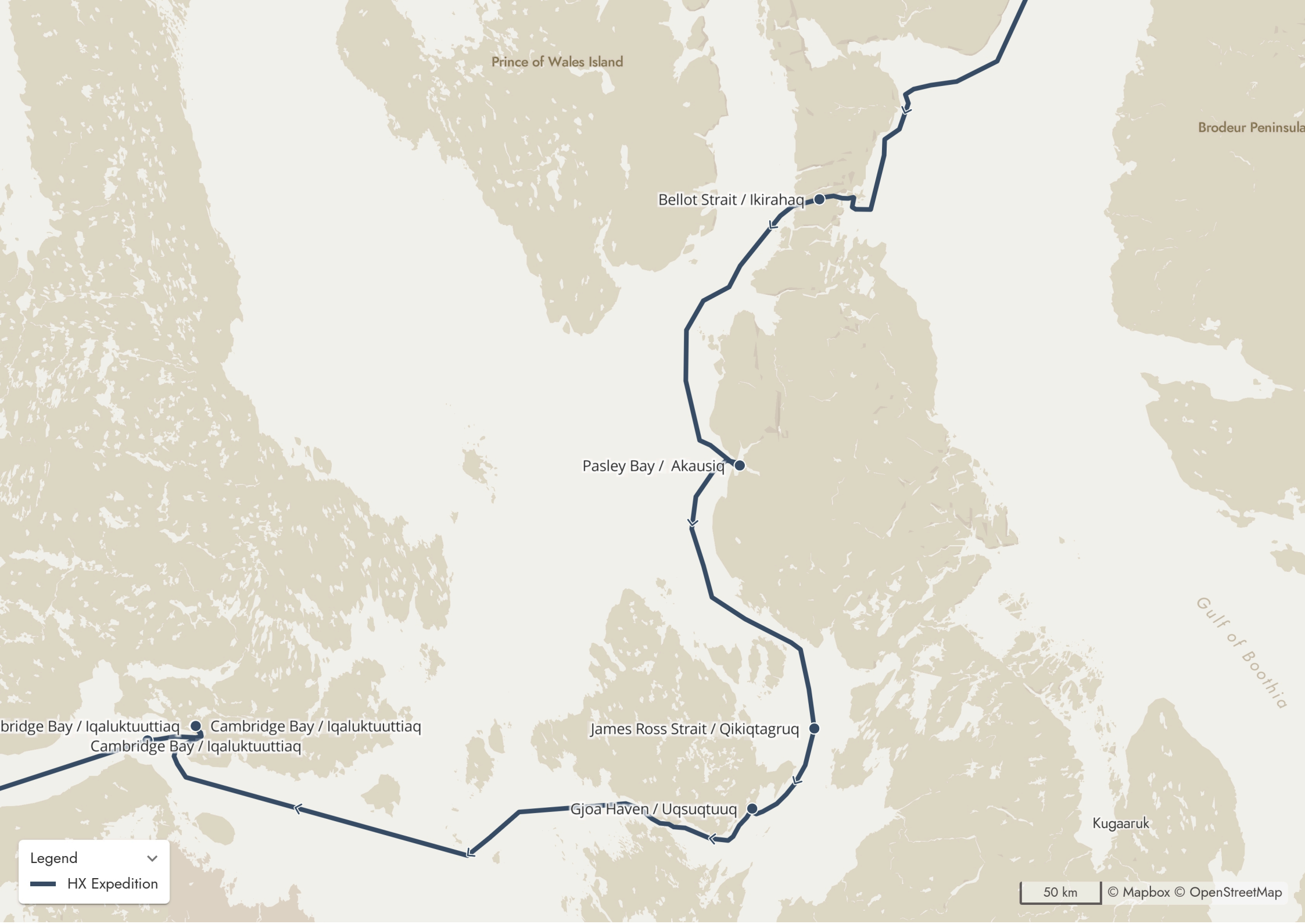


James Ross Strait

As evening settled, we sailed through the peaceful waters of James Ross Strait. The tranquil surroundings and soft Arctic light created a

serene atmosphere, perfect for reflecting on the day's adventures. It was a quiet moment amid the vastness of the Northwest Passage.





Prince of Wales Island

Brodeur Peninsula

Bellot Strait / Ikirahaq

Pasley Bay / Akausiq

Gulf of Boothia

Cambridge Bay / Iqaluktuuttiaq
Cambridge Bay / Iqaluktuuttiaq

James Ross Strait / Qikiqtagruq

Gjoa Haven / Uqsuqtuuq

Kugaaruk

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Gjoa Haven, Nunavut

We arrived at Gjoa Haven, a vibrant Inuit community with deep ties to Arctic exploration. Guests chose from a range of excursions to explore the surrounding landscape and culture. This was the site

where Roald Amundsen spent two winters during his Northwest Passage expedition.



At Sea en route to Cambridge Bay

As strong winds began to build, we spent the day at sea making our way toward Cambridge Bay. The ship's route was planned to arrive in

the evening, where the sheltered bay provided protection from the winds that swept through the night.



Cambridge Bay, Nunavut

We went ashore to explore Cambridge Bay, enjoying a tasting of local foods that showcased regional flavors. We strolled through town and visited the Arctic Research Centre to learn about ongoing scientific

work. Later, a cultural performance in the community hall offered insight into local traditions.



Maud Site - Cambridge Bay, Nunavut

We stayed in Cambridge Bay for a few extra hours, giving us the chance to visit the site where Amundsen's ship Maud, later owned by the Hudson's Bay Company, sank in the bay near the shore. A

birdwatching session took place nearby, offering a chance to observe local species in a quiet setting. The morning offered a meaningful connection to both natural and historical aspects of the region.



Ungahitak Island

In the afternoon, we made an opportunistic landing on Ungahitak Island, taking advantage of calm conditions to explore the shoreline. Guests had time to wander the landscape and take in the quiet,

rugged beauty of this remote spot. For those feeling bold, the chilly waters offered the perfect setting for a polar plunge.



Murray Island

We went ashore at Murray Island and visited a concentrated site of cultural remains offering insight into past human presence. The tundra landscape stretched in all directions, dotted with caribou antlers and

fresh polar bear tracks. Some guests joined a hike across the open terrain, while others took in the views from nearby ridges.





Hills

Amdansen Gulf

Ulukhaktok

Victoria Island

Murray Island / Mer

Cambridge Bay / Iqaluktuuttiaq

Cambridge Bay / Iqaluktuuttiaq

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Ulukhaktok, Northwest Territories

We visited the welcoming community of Ulukhaktok, where guests had the chance to explore the town and meet local residents. Throughout the day, we were greeted with warmth and hospitality. In

the evening, community members came aboard to share a cultural performance featuring traditional music and dance.



Polar Bear, Pancake Ice and Smoking Hills

We woke to the spectacular sight of a polar bear feeding on a seal on the ice at sunrise, a rare and unforgettable moment. Around the ship, beautiful pancake ice floes created a stunning Arctic scene. To

navigate safely, we adjusted our route further south, which gave us the chance to admire the unique landscape of the Smoking Hills as we sailed away from the ice.



Into the Beaufort Sea

We spent the day sailing through the Beaufort Sea, still within Canadian waters. Onboard, guests enjoyed lectures, art sessions, and time on deck watching for wildlife in the chilly northern air. In the

evening, we crossed into U.S. waters, marking our arrival in Alaskan territory as the journey continued westward.



Off Barrow, Alaska

We woke up near Barrow, Alaska, the northernmost point of the United States. Walruses and whales were spotted from deck as we sailed along the remote Arctic coast. Guests took the opportunity to

visit the bridge and learn more about navigation in these high-latitude waters. In the evening, we gathered for a lively auction in support of the HX Foundation, raising funds for important global initiatives.



Chukchi Sea

We spent the day sailing across the Chukchi Sea, with a full program of lectures and time to return our well-traveled muck boots. The atmosphere onboard was relaxed as the journey neared its end. In the

evening, The Rolling Waves, our talented ship's band, performed a lively set that brought everyone together for a fun night at sea.





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Bering Sea

We spent the day crossing the Bering Sea, slipping into tomorrow and then back into yesterday as we passed over the International Date Line. Guests joined the Captain's farewell and attended the final

presentation from the Expedition Team, which recapped the highlights of our voyage. Preparations continued throughout the day for our arrival and disembarkation.





Nome

We arrived in Nome, marking the successful completion of our expedition through the full length of the Northwest Passage. Guests disembarked after a journey that stretched from Greenland to Alaska, passing through remote wilderness, historic sites, and vibrant Arctic communities. During the voyage, guests also completed the challenge

of walking the equivalent of the Northwest Passage's 2400 kilometers. Together, they surpassed the goal with a total of 3681.28 kilometers walked on Deck 11. The whole crew of MS Fridtjof Nansen wishes everyone safe travels back home and looks forward to welcoming them onboard again soon.





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