

MS Roald Amundsen

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And Here We Go!

And here we are! In the vibrant and bountiful capital of Greenland, ready to embark on the Roald Amundsen. The ship greeted us with a very friendly crew, everyone was smiling, and the ship itself is

gorgeous. Many of us had already travelled with HX before, and everyone was ready for an Arctic adventure.







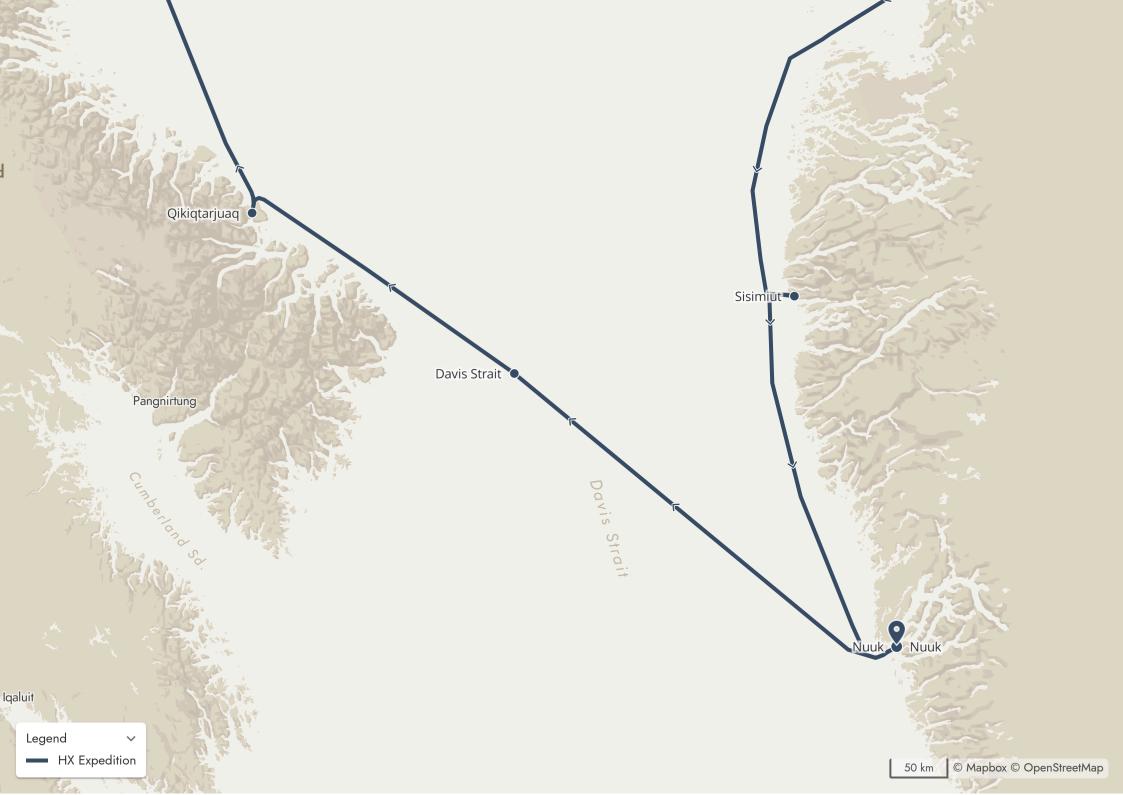
At Sea

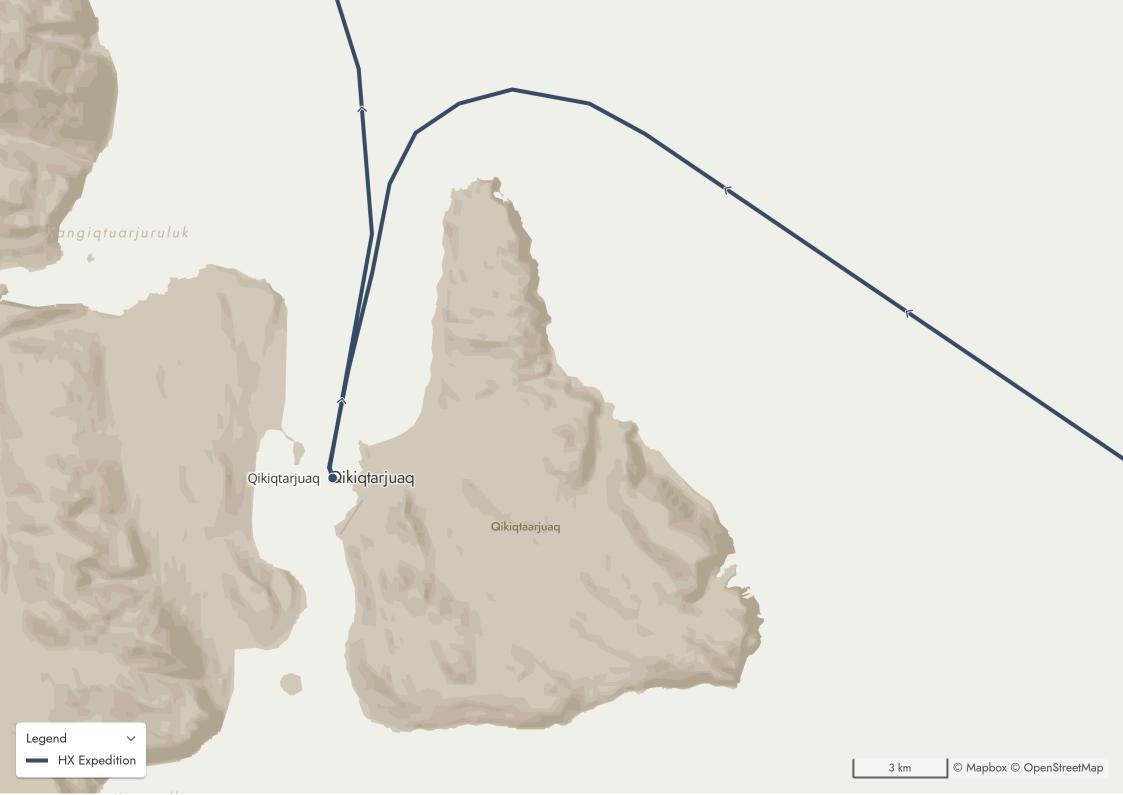
Today it was all about introductions: We had an introductory session about the life on board, about the science center and the educational program, the heads of the departments were presented to us at the

Captain's Welcome, and we received our expedition muck boots. The expedition team and the crew are preparing us for the adventures to come.









A Day for Culture

Today was our first landing, which happened to be a charming Inuit community visit at Qikiqtarjuaq, in the Canadian Arctic. We went to see a cultural presentation, where we all witnessed the ritual where Inuit elders light fire on a rock with seal blubber, which they used for many practical purposes in the cold Arctic. From there we were able to walk onto a hill with a cairn, although only symbolic, did give us an

atmosphere of the explorers using these cairns in the Arctic to leave messages about their expeditions. And the landscape? Truly genuine to this area. We continued with the visit of the Latino Njord on board, the ruler of the Arctic seas, who baptized us in a more than memorable icy ceremony.





A Rocky Day

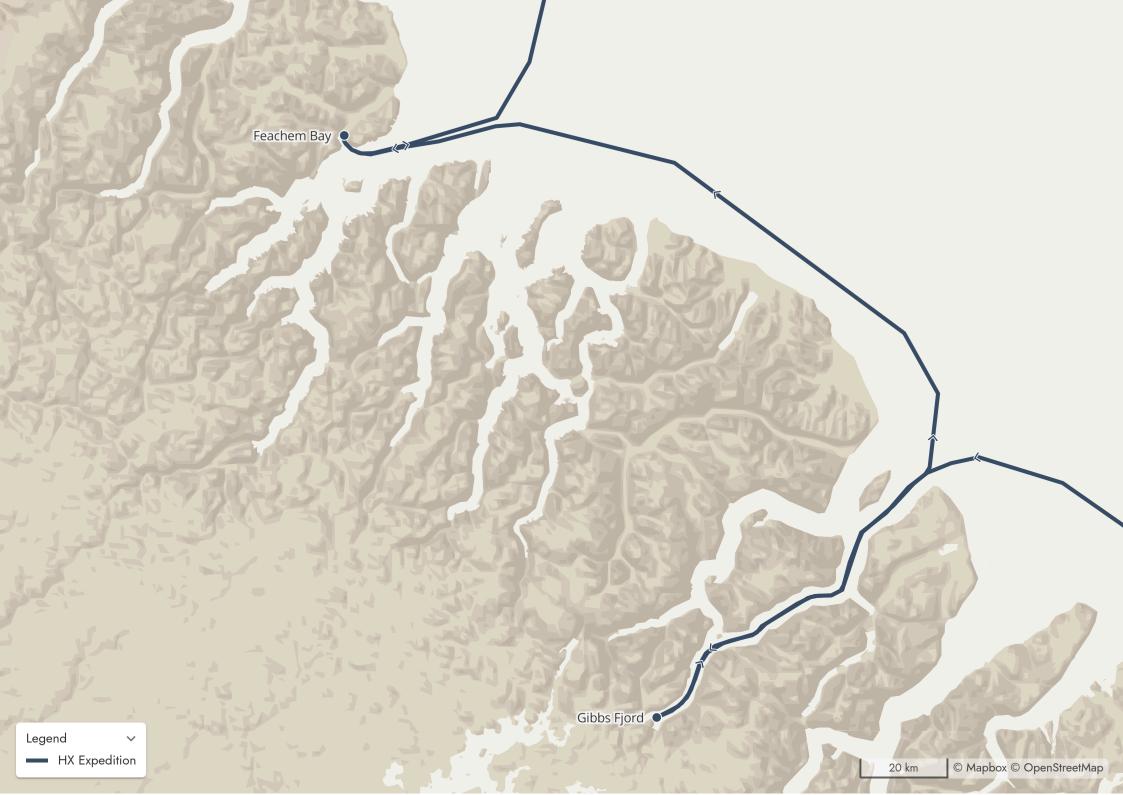
First expedition day! Our morning granted us a wonderful navigation through the Gibbs fjord, where the shape of the bare rocky mountains alone, without a single sign of vegetation, looked like a

sublime dream. On the afternoon, the expedition team took us out on our first zodiac excursion, and we ventured to the very end of the fjord. It was such a great experience!









A Unique Atmosphere

We explored such a beautiful fjord, and as we went to the landing site, we walked up to a moraine and it was such a bountiful sight on both sides of the moraine, it was breathtaking. On our way we bumped into some mushrooms and flowers, which are very unique in the Arctic, since only a handful of species grow up there compared to other regions. The whole atmosphere felt tremendously unique.





A Day to Reflect

This sea day was a very good instance to lay back and reflect on the wonderful two days we have had on board. We had lectures from the cultural ambassadors, our historians, some scientists, and we realized that the knowledge the expedition teams will continue to share with us

will be invaluable to deeply connect with the Arctic in a way that makes this experience much more genuine than we may have thought. Others also pampered ourselves in the Wellness Center, while some also enjoyed the landscape from the sauna.







Gone with the Wind...

Dundas was indeed a very special day. From our landing site we were able to see some icebergs floating around, and the landing site had a very particular geography. The main attraction of the place was the

former post of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the whole house which was literally blown away by the stormy winds of the Arctic.







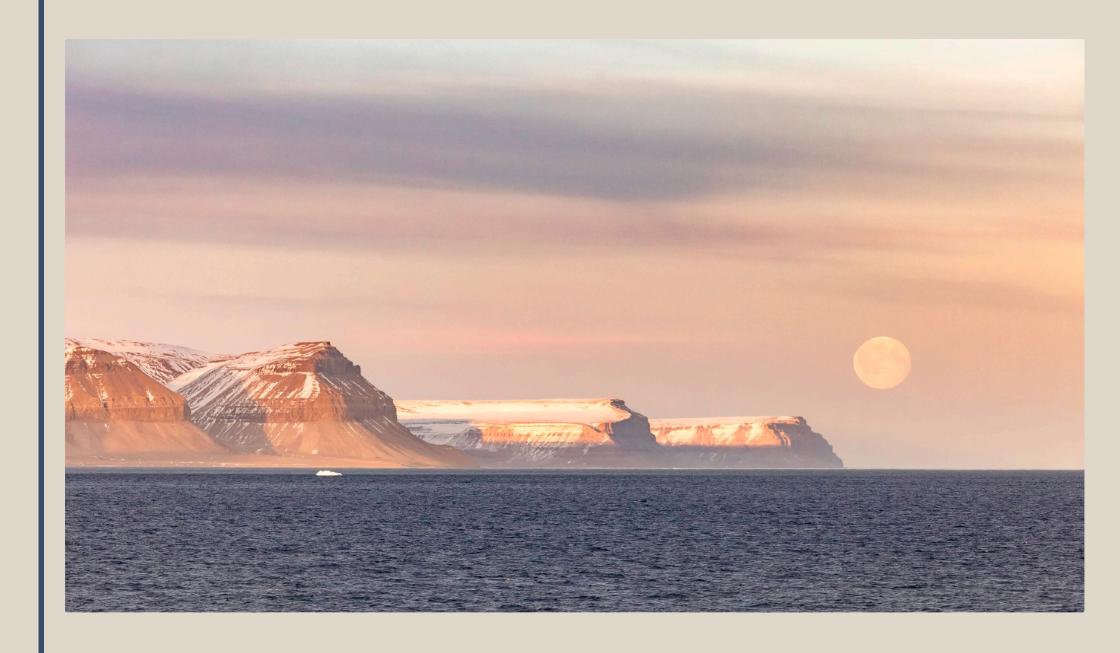
THE Graves

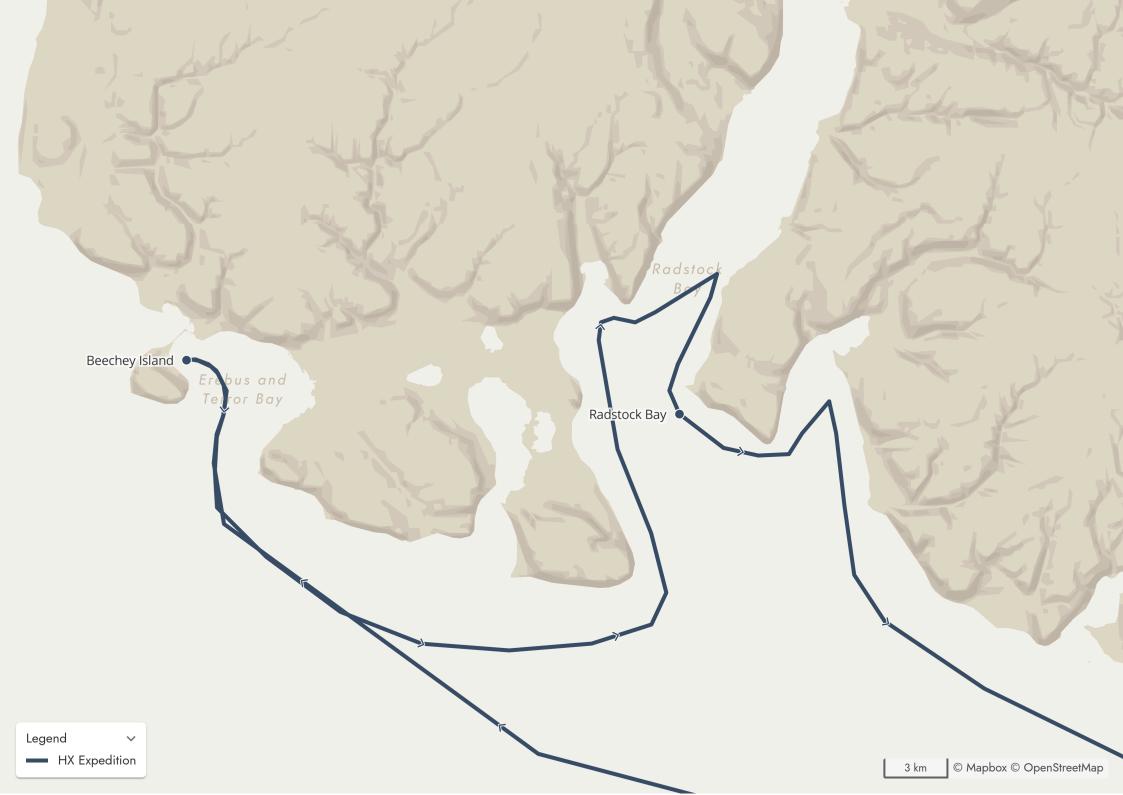
We entered the Lancaster Sound during the night and the ship positioned the ship for a landing at the most sought-after landing in the Arctic if you are into history: Beechy Island. The sunrise was absolutely stunning, and the weather could not have been better.

Once on land, we walked within the perimeter set by the polar bear guards, as Chuck and Luciano explained the history behind the very graves left by the men of the Lost Franklin Expedition, before heading south, where their fate was sealed.









Radstock Bay

After lunch we sailed into Radstock Bay, and in the sparkling sunshine we spent the afternoon on deck looking for wildlife. Although not a

polar bear, we did spot something just as white - a pod of belugas, swimming along the shoreline.







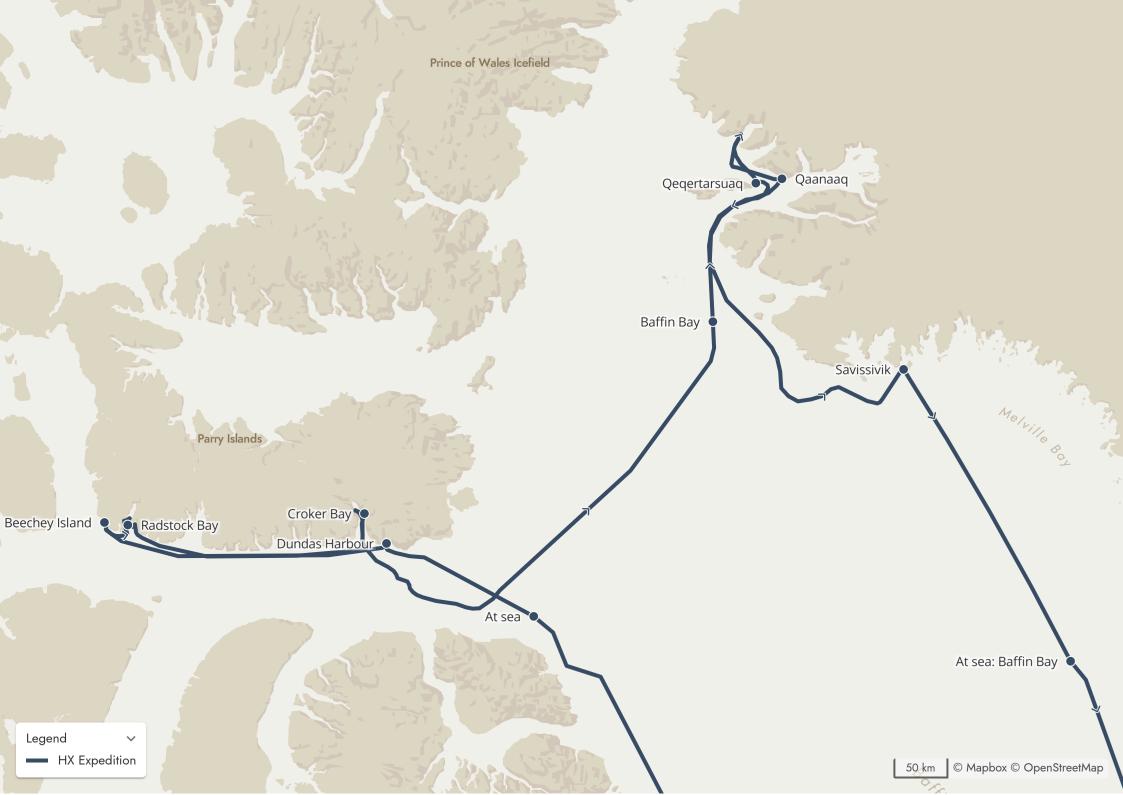
Our first glacier!

Croker Bay left us all in awe, since we saw our first glacier of the voyage. The sun was shining bright and the skies were clear. The crew lowered the boats and the expedition team took us as close to the glacier as safety allowed, and we were able to enjoy the different

shades of blue the glacier had for us, plus some beautiful text-book sedimentary rock formations in the background. And just like we thought the day could not improve, a polar bear surprised us from the distance, and we were able to see it from the ship.







A Day with the Waves

We had a wonderful sea day today. We had seen so much during these days, that it was necessary to make a pause. We enjoyed the peace of the ocean and we caught up with some lectures that allowed us to understand what we were experiencing far more.

Qegertarsuaq, Greenland - Sep 11, 2025

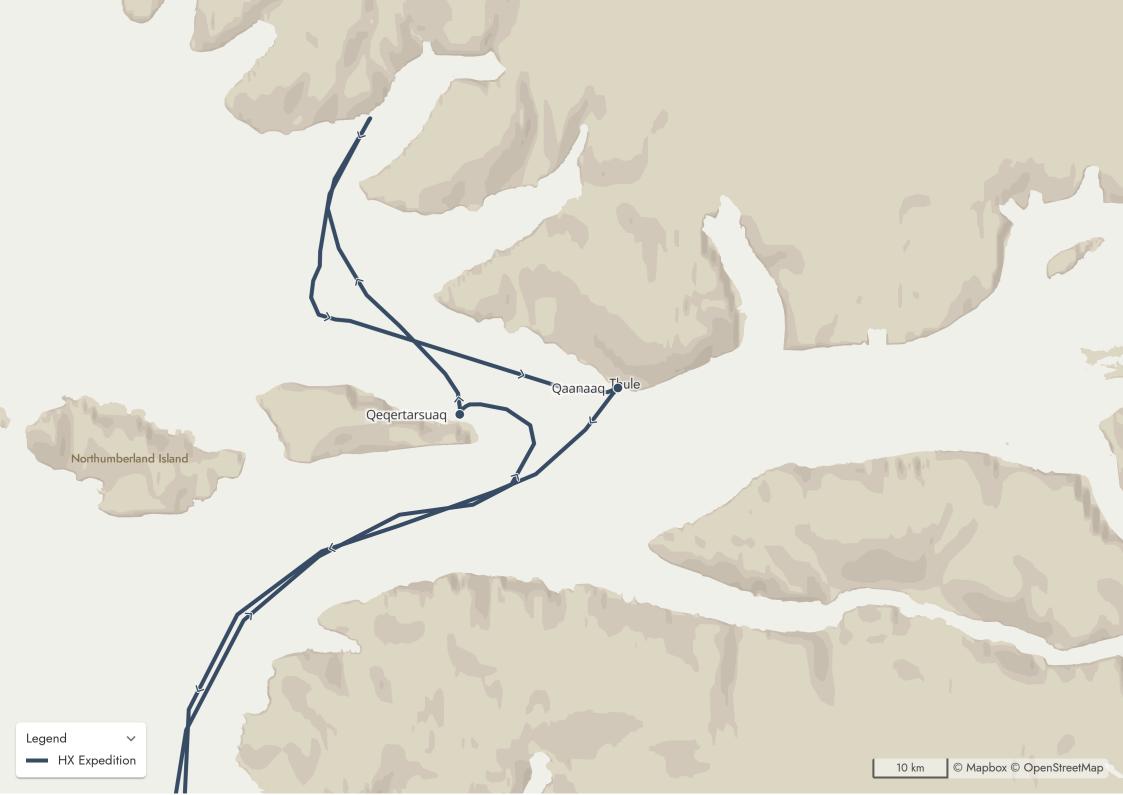
Herbert Island

This gorgeous island is located in one of the most gorgeous scenarios of the voyage. We visited a semi-abandoned fishing and hunting village, and the landscape around it was otherworldly. Right in front across the bay we had a wonderful view of an icecap with several

glaciers flowing down from it. There were some gigantic icebergs as well, which had broken off this icecap, adding a much more polar feel to the landing. We also saw some archeological sites, particularly the one form the Thule culture before heading back to the ship.







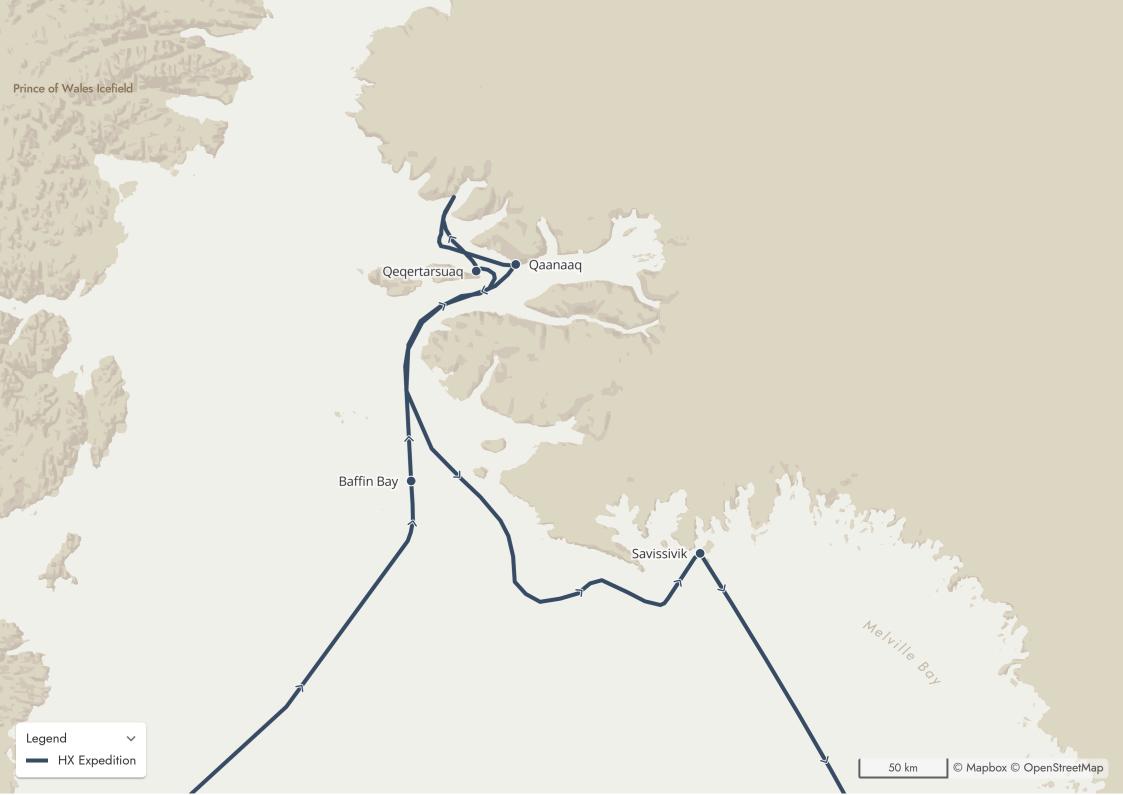
More Inuit Culture!

This place was one we will remember forever. The community visit was the most genuine experience so far during this voyage. There were local Inuit fully dressed in their traditional clothing, they performed a cultural show full of music, singing, drumming and

dancing, we were able to see the dogs they use for sledging, and many of them even came on board for lunch. What a soul-enriching experience!







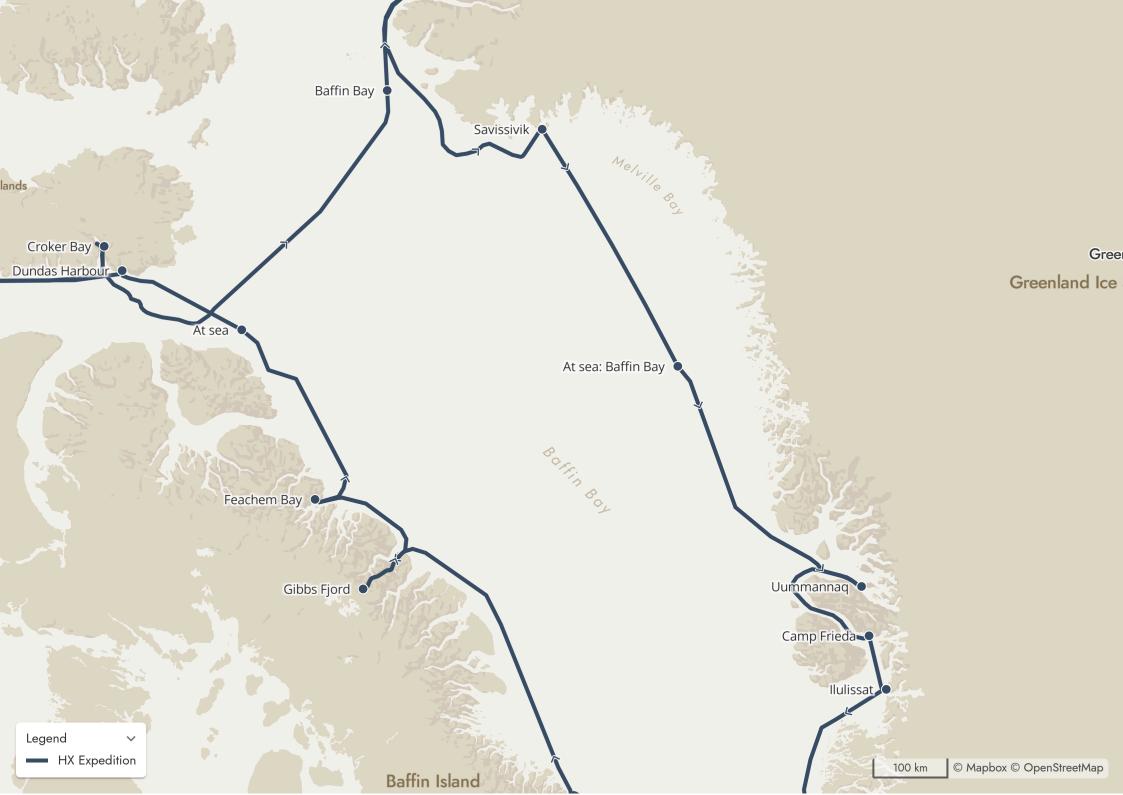
Those Bergs!

Today felt just like a dream. We lowered our zodiacs and the expedition team took us on a floating excursion in a bay that was filled with icebergs. The shapes of the ice were unbelievable! And

even the reflection on the water was so pristine... once every couple of minutes we were able to see a perfect reflection of the icebergs and of ourselves as the excursion went on. Unforgettable!







At sea: Baffin Bay, Greenland - Sep 14, 2025

A Day to Relax

Once again, we had a sea day to relax and recover strengths. The last couple of days have been so enriching and full of wonders, that it was necessary to make a pause. The weather was also very nice and

we enjoyed the peace of the ocean. We caught up with some lecture, and the knowledge of the expedition team continued to bond us with our Arctic adventure.

Uummannaq, Greenland - Sep 15, 2025

Charming Greenland

Arrived at Uummannaq early morning, the iconic heart-shaped mountain rising sharply behind the town—a breathtaking sight on approach. Disembarked via Zodiac. Explored the charming settlement with its colorful houses perched on rocky terrain. Visited the local museum, home to the famous 500-year-old Qilakitsoq mummies, offering a powerful glimpse into Greenland's ancient past. Some

guests joined a guided nature walk through the village and up to a viewpoint overlooking the fjord. Some went all the way to Santa's hut during guided hike. Locals welcomed us with warm smiles, drum dance performance and stories of life in the High Arctic. Departed late afternoon under golden sunlight reflecting off the ice-strewn bay. A truly memorable stop.





Oh dear Frieda...

Frieda Camp was absolutely fantastic. The landing site greeted us with a breathtaking sunrise, whose warm colours blended perfectly with the deep blue of the huge icebergs in the water. At the landing site there were many pieces of transparent ice in many shapes, which made it much more special. The walk was full of Arctic flora, and the mountainous landscape was a sight to remember for good.







Standing in Awe

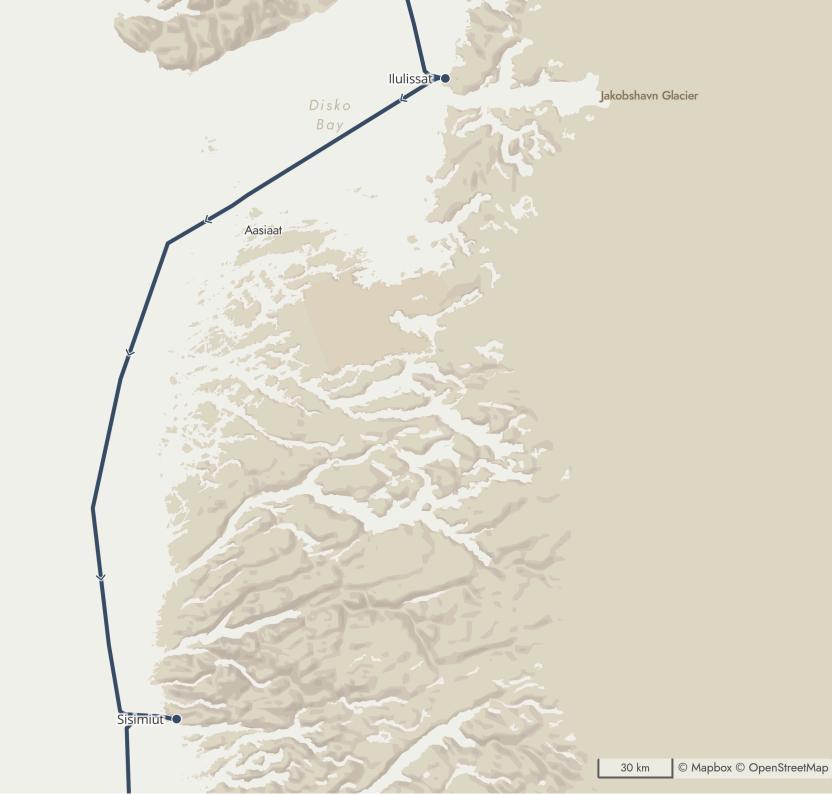
A day visit to the town of Ilulissat! We were treated to a breathtaking experience in the heart of Greenland's stunning Disko Bay. Known for its dramatic ice fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Ilulissat offered us the chance to witness colossal icebergs drifting silently through the water. We strolled through the charming town, visit the

local museum to learn about famed explorer Knud Rasmussen, and enjoy Greenlandic cuisine in cozy cafes. Many also took short hikes to the Sermermiut Valley for panoramic views of the glacier-filled landscape, making this brief stop an unforgettable Arctic adventure.









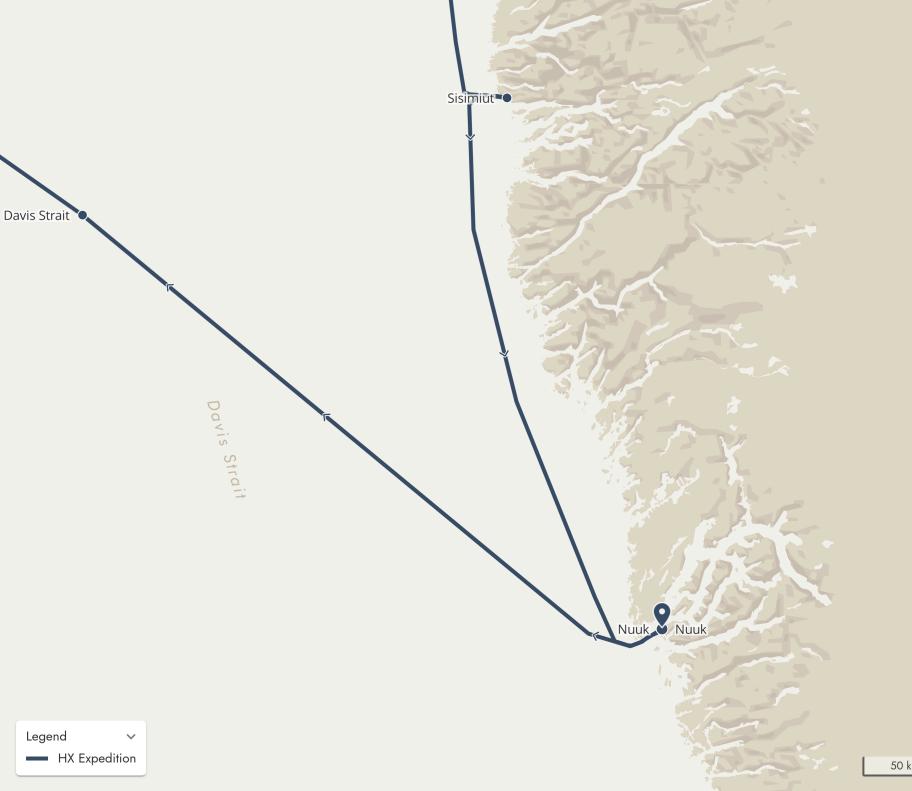
Last Excursions

The town, nestled between rugged mountains and icy waters, greeted us with colorful houses and warm smiles. Visited the Sisimiut Museum —well-preserved peat houses and exhibits on Inuit culture gave insight into life above the Arctic Circle. Locals were friendly; a few

passengers tried dried fish offered at the harbor stalls. Some ventured on a short hike above town—crisp air and sweeping views of the fjord below made it well worth the effort. Departed in the afternoon, icebergs drifting silently on the horizon as we sailed northward.









Until Next Time

And so, our Arctic journey in Baffin Bay comes to an end. So many unbelievable days, incredible zodiac navigations, memorably authentic cultural experiences and all the service on board was

absolutely wonderful. Now it is time to head back home and bathe in the moments of this adventure that will remain in our hearts for good.

