

## MS SPITSBERGEN

11 - 20 of August, 2025



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HX Expedition

## Day 1 - Embarkation in Reykjavík

In the afternoon, we boarded the MS Spitsbergen, filled with excitement for the journey ahead to Greenland. After checking in at Reception, we attended the mandatory safety drill, ensuring we were prepared for the days to come. Following dinner, we cast off from

Reykjavík, heading north towards Greenland. Winds and light rain accompanied our departure, but the dramatic Icelandic landscape still offered a spectacular send-off. Later in the evening, part of the group collected their expedition jackets and boots—key gear for the adventures awaiting us.





Nøkkedal  
Ittoqqortoormiit

At Sea - Denmark Strait

At Sea

Iceland

Reykjavik  
Reykjavik

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## Day 2: At Sea — Preparing for Adventure

Our first full day on board was all about getting ready for the adventures ahead. During the morning, we gathered for the essential AECO briefing, followed by the kayak briefing for those eager to paddle in the Arctic waters. A lecture on photography offered tips and inspiration for capturing the stunning landscapes and wildlife we hope to encounter. Later, we attended the hike briefing and received

an introduction to the Science Program, learning how we can contribute to ongoing research projects during our voyage. In the evening, we dressed up a little for the Captain's Welcome, where we met the ship's senior officers and toasted to the journey ahead. The day concluded with an overview of tomorrow's plans, leaving us eager to take our first steps—or paddles—in Greenland.





Scoresby Sound

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10 km

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## Day 3: Nøkkedal – A Grand Welcome to Greenland

Early this morning, Greenland came into view for the first time, as we approached from the south toward the entrance of Scoresby Sound. The distant cliffs were already a promise of the dramatic scenery awaiting us. As we sailed deeper into the Sound, enormous icebergs floated silently around us, each one a masterpiece of shape and light. Our course took us into the Hurry Fjord for our first landing of the voyage in Nøkkedal. After careful scouting, the Expedition Team went ashore to set up a wide and inviting landing site. We stretched our

legs while taking in sweeping views of the Nøkkedal Valley and the glaciers that crown the surrounding mountains. A group set off on the first hike of the trip, venturing further into this pristine Arctic landscape, while others joined the inaugural Science Boat to contribute to ongoing research.

It was a perfect beginning to our Greenlandic adventure—one that promised even more beauty and exploration in the days ahead.





Hannes Glacier

Bjorne Islands

Jytte Havn

Cruising to Qalikattooq

Legend  
HX Expedition

2 km

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## Day 4 - Jytte Havn (AM)

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This morning we woke up already surrounded by the dramatic scenery of the Bjørne Øer (Bear Islands). As we approached our landing site in Jytte Havn, low clouds and drifting fog partially covered the sharp peaks, creating a mysterious and almost otherworldly atmosphere. Right after breakfast, we stepped ashore for our morning adventure.

The wide landing site offered excellent views over the surrounding fjords and mountains, and as we walked further inland the immensity of the Scoresby Sound revealed itself. Some of us joined a guided exploration hike to gain a different perspective from higher ground,

while others roamed the at their own pace, soaking in the stillness and silence of the area.

As the hours passed, the fog began to lift and the sun finally broke through, transforming the atmosphere entirely. The change in light painted the mountains in warm tones and gave us a taste of summer in Greenland—with temperatures rising enough to make the day feel almost hot. It was a striking contrast to the morning's mysterious arrival, and a truly memorable way to continue our adventure in this remote corner of the Arctic.



## Day 4 - Small Boat Cruising in Qalikattooq (PM)

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In the afternoon, we moved just a few miles further north to explore the island of Qalikattooq by zodiac. This striking island is known for its towering peaks, some reaching almost 500 meters, creating a dramatic silhouette against the horizon. From the moment we set off, the conditions could not have been better—calm seas, excellent visibility, and just the right amount of breeze to make the ride refreshing.

As we cruised towards the island, we passed by sculpted icebergs drifting silently in the fjord, their surfaces glowing in shades of blue and white. The closer we approached, the more impressive the coastline became, with steep cliffs rising straight out of the water and

the rugged mountains above dominating the skyline. The sense of isolation and grandeur here was striking, a reminder of the raw beauty of Greenland's wilderness.

Along the way, we slowed down to take in the details: the patterns in the ice, the sound of birds flying overhead, and the occasional splash of water against the zodiacs. Many of us spent time quietly absorbing the views, while others were busy photographing the ever-changing light and shapes of this extraordinary landscape.

It was a remarkable cruising experience that gave us a new perspective on the Bjørne Øer. And yet, as we returned to the ship, there was a feeling that the day still held more in store for us.



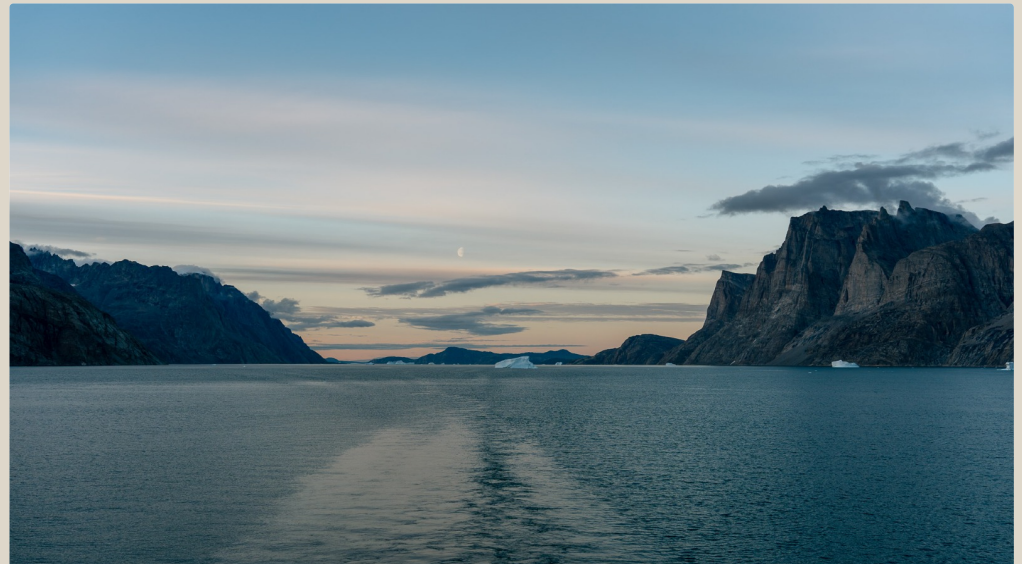


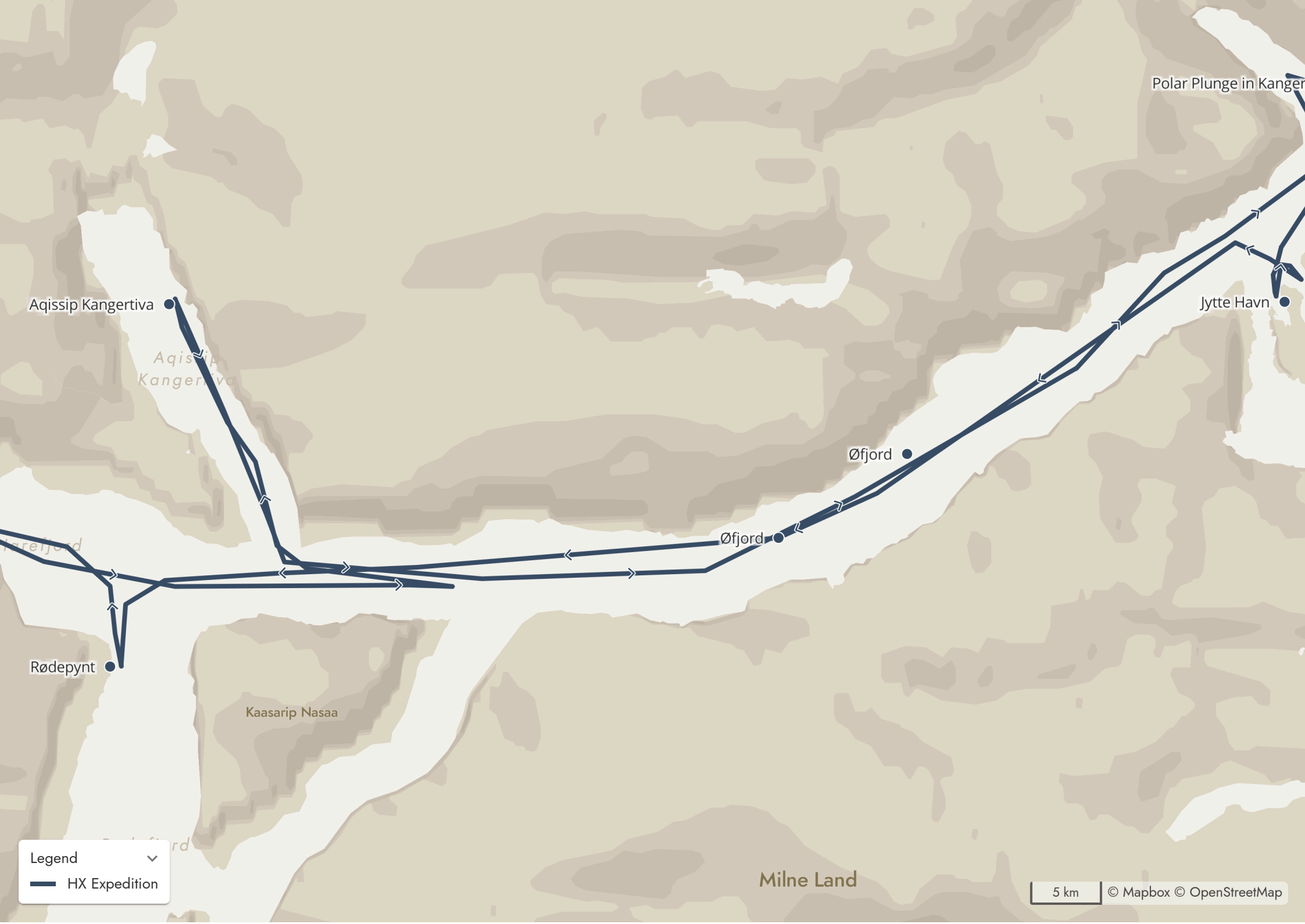


## Day 4 - Øfjord (Evening)

In the evening we continued our journey, sailing further south into the magnificent Øfjord. The light was simply breathtaking, casting golden tones on the mountains and icebergs that lined our passage. Long shadows stretched across the water and the calm conditions made it easy to enjoy the scenery from the outer decks, where many of us gathered to take in the atmosphere.

On board, the mood was warm and reflective with conversations drifting between the day's adventures and the landscapes sliding by outside, while others simply stood quietly, soaking in the beauty of Greenland at its finest. It was one of those evenings where time seemed to slow down, allowing us to fully appreciate the privilege of being in such a remote and stunning corner of the world.





Polar Plunge in Kanger

Jytte Havn

Øfjord

Øfjord

Aqissip Kangertiva

Aqissip  
Kangeriva

Kaasarip Nasaa

Milne Land

Rødepynt

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— HX Expedition

5 km

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## Day 5 - Rødepynt (AM)

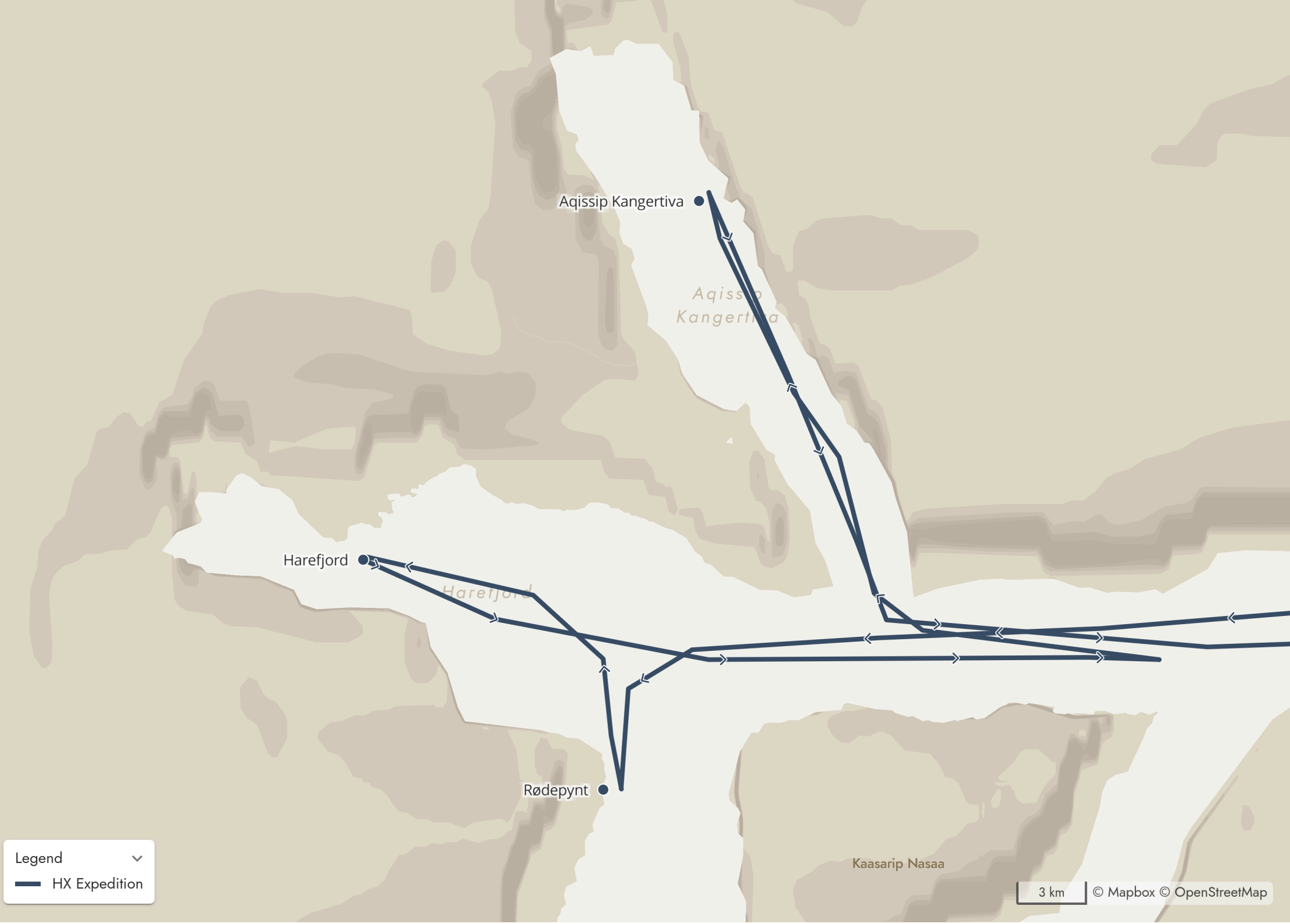
Our morning brought us into the Rødefjord for a landing at a place aptly named Rødepynt — “Red Point.” Its name comes from the striking red sandstone conglomerates that dominate the landscape, making this one of the most unique and colorful places in the Scoresby Sound. After breakfast we went ashore on a red sandy beach, where the first views already set the tone for a remarkable landing.

A short walk uphill brought us next to a pair of dramatic conglomerate pinnacles, their rugged shapes standing as silent sentinels over the

fjord. Some of us also ventured closer to the canyons carved into the red rock, having the chance to peek inside and admire their impressive formations. From the higher ground the views were truly breathtaking: the deep colors of the sandstone contrasted beautifully with the blue water of the Rødefjord, dotted with drifting icebergs. Below us, our MS Spitsbergen lay calmly at anchor, perfectly framed by this dramatic Arctic setting. As the morning went on, the skies cleared and the temperature rose, giving us one more reason to linger and take in the beauty of this extraordinary place.







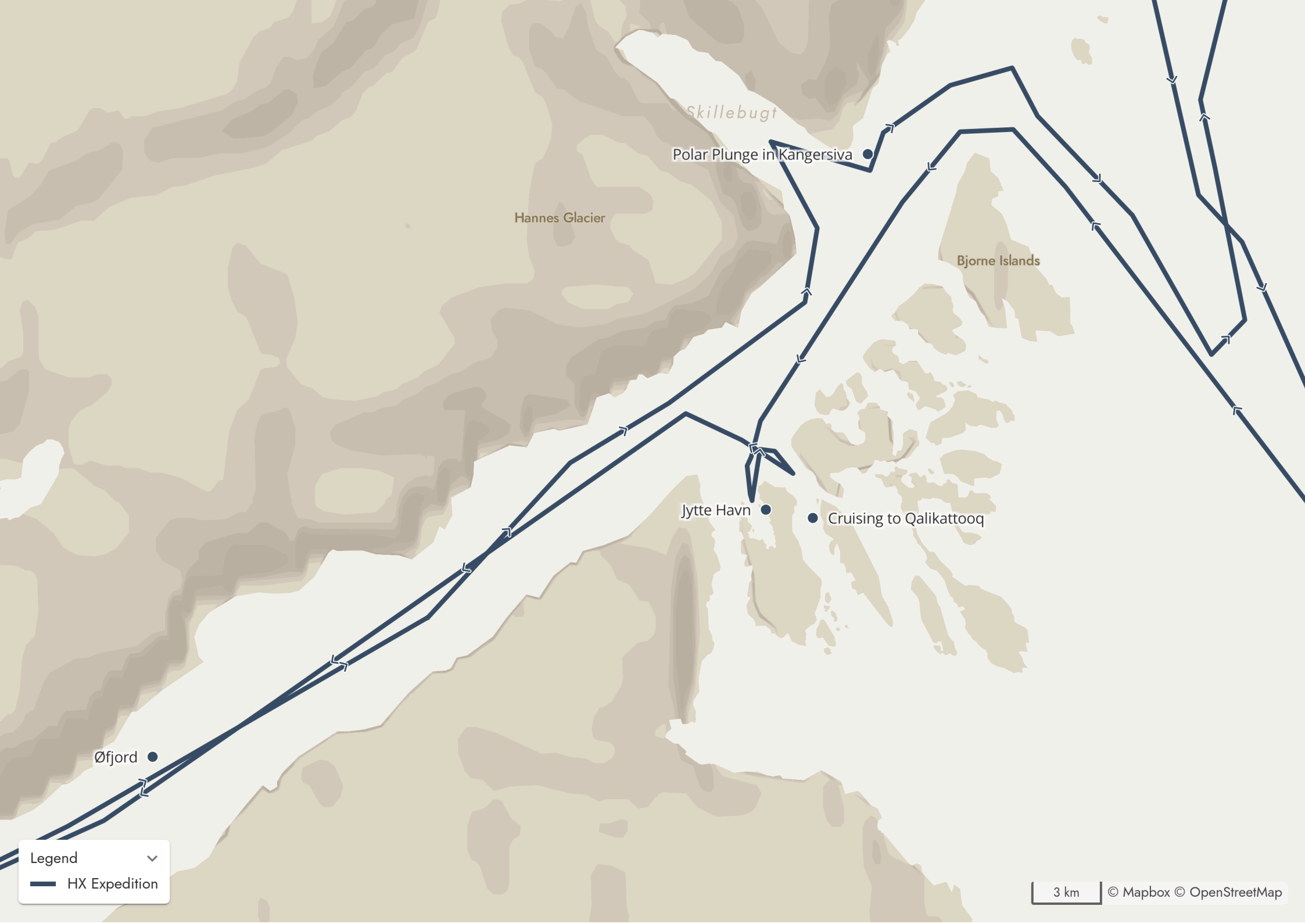


## Day 5 - Small Boat Cruising in Harefjord (PM)

In the afternoon we entered Harefjord for our second zodiac cruising of the trip. Our route took us in the direction of the Eielson Glacier, which we admired from a distance while navigating through brash ice scattered across the fjord. At first, the conditions were calm and allowed us to enjoy the scenery quietly, but soon the katabatic winds began to sweep down from the mountains. Far from stopping us, they

added a sense of excitement and adventure to our time on the water. We also took the opportunity to cruise around the massive icebergs that floated near the ship. Their shapes and sizes were extraordinary, some towering above us, painted in a palette of deep blues and pure whites. Surrounded by ice and wind in this striking landscape, it was a memorable way to close our day in Harefjord.





Skillebugt

Polar Plunge in Kangersiva

Hannes Glacier


Bjerne Islands

Jytte Havn

Cruising to Qalikattooq

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## Day 6 - Terrasepynt in Aqissip Kangertiva

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Early in the morning we sailed into the fjord known as Aqissip Kangertiva in Greenlandic. Our plan was to land at a place called Terrasepynt, but the strong winds in the area made it unsafe to go ashore. While we could not step on land as planned, the sheer scale of the fjord around us was already worth the visit, with dramatic views unfolding on both sides of the ship.

In true expedition spirit, we adapted to the conditions and turned back into the Øfjord, keeping our eyes open for a more sheltered location. The search for a better spot carried a sense of anticipation—proof that in these remote landscapes, nature always has the final word, and part of the adventure lies in adjusting to what it offers.

## Day 6 - Sailing along Øfjord (PM)

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During the rest of the day we continued sailing along the Øfjord, but the conditions did not improve. On the contrary, the wind strengthened, reaching speeds of up to 20 m/s, making any landing or cruising impossible. Still, the scenery more than compensated for the challenge—glaciers spilling into the fjord and towering icebergs drifting past the ship created a dramatic backdrop as we pressed on.

Even without setting foot ashore, it was a memorable experience to witness such raw Arctic power, a reminder that in these remote places the weather dictates the rhythm of the day. Guests and crew alike kept the hope alive that conditions might shift, but for this time, we embraced the fjord from the ship, watching the wild beauty of Greenland unfold outside our windows.

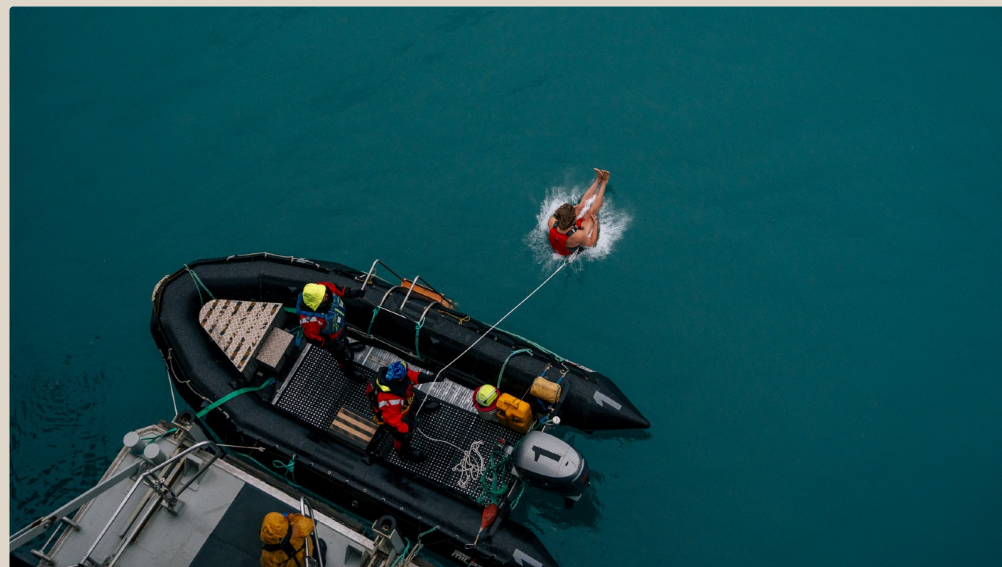




## Day 6 - Polar Plunge (Evening)

Finally, in the evening, as we reached the entrance of the Kangersiva Fjord, conditions began to improve. Rather than a boat cruising, a new idea came to life: a Polar Plunge straight from the ship's tender pit. After the Crew and Expedition Team carefully prepared and secured the area, guests began to step forward, one by one, for the plunge. With water temperatures around 6°C, the shock was

immediate—but so were the smiles and cheers from fellow adventurers watching from the decks. Even those who stayed dry shared in the festive atmosphere, applauding every jump. It was an unexpected yet exhilarating way to close a day shaped by the Arctic's changing moods—proof that adventure often finds its own path.





Legend

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5 km

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## Day 7 - Sydkap (AM)

This morning we landed at Sydkap under a beautiful sunny sky, with calm conditions that made the approach especially enjoyable. Once ashore, we were greeted by the wide open views of Scoresby Sound, with icebergs scattered across the fjord and dramatic mountains in the distance. The landing site offered plenty of space to walk and take in the vastness of the Greenlandic landscape, a moment to truly appreciate the silence and remoteness of the region.

Adding to the excitement of the morning, we had another opportunity for a Polar Plunge—this time with the stunning backdrop of Sydkap. Some dare to brave the icy waters, while cheers and laughter carried across the landing site. With the sun shining down, it was the perfect mix of challenge, fun, and shared adventure.

A calm and memorable morning with breathtaking scenery in our Greenlandic journey.





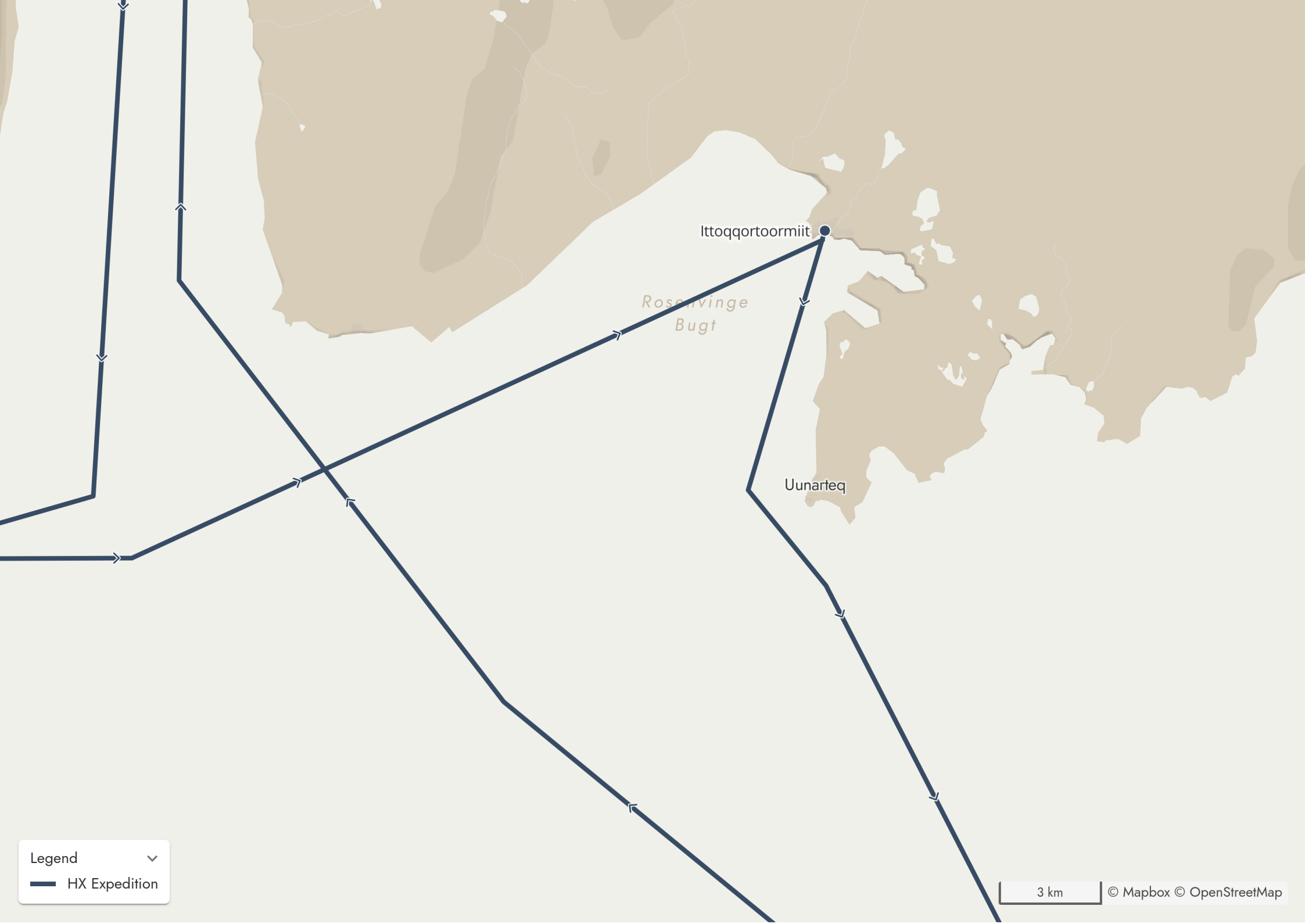
## Day 7- Scoresby Sound (PM)

In the afternoon we continued our journey deeper into Scoresby Sound, blessed with excellent weather and calm seas. The sunlight lit up the fjord, casting a warm glow on the towering mountains and highlighting the countless icebergs that surrounded us. Some were small and sculpted into curious shapes, while others rose like floating cathedrals of ice, dazzling in shades of blue and white. From the decks, the views were nothing short of spectacular. Guests

lingered outside, cameras in hand, or simply stood in silence, soaking in the immensity of the landscape. The calm atmosphere on board was matched by the grandeur of nature all around us—a moment to reflect, to admire, and to feel part of this extraordinary corner of the world.

It was a perfect Greenlandic afternoon, the kind of scenery that stays etched in memory long after the journey ends.





Ittoqqortoormiit

Rosenvinge  
Bugt

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3 km

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## Day 8 - Ittoqqortoormiit

Early in the morning we anchored in front of Ittoqqortoormiit, the colorful settlement standing out beautifully against the surrounding wilderness. After breakfast we went ashore with our zodiacs, landing near the small harbor where locals were ready to welcome us. Guided walks took us through the community, offering us an insight into daily life in this remote corner of Greenland. Some of our guests also joined a friendly football match with the local team, creating

smiles and laughter on both sides.

Before heading back to the ship, we gathered at the pier where a local drum and dance group performed traditional Greenlandic rhythms and songs. Children and adults alike took part, sharing with us a piece of their cultural heritage. It was a memorable visit, combining warmth, hospitality, and culture, before we lifted anchor and continued our journey out of Scoresby Sound.









Rødepynt

Øfjord

Øfjord

Scoresby Sound

Nøkkedal

Ittoqqortoormiit

At Sea - Denmark Strait

At Sea

Iceland

Reykjavik

Reykjavik

Legend



— HX Expedition

50 km

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## Day 9 - At Sea on the way to Iceland

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Our last day at sea found us on our way back to Iceland, blessed with calm seas and gentle navigation conditions. As the morning began, we gathered in the Science Center and lecture hall for a full program of activities. We learned more about the geopolitics of the Arctic, followed by an insightful session on seabird ecology that tied in well with many of the sightings from our voyage. Throughout the day, workshops were also offered, giving guests the chance to dive deeper into topics of interest or try their hand at new skills. Later on, we came together for a recap of the Citizen Science projects carried out during the trip, a great opportunity to look back

on the data collected and the contributions made to ongoing research. The afternoon allowed for some time on deck, enjoying the clear conditions and watching seabirds glide effortlessly alongside the ship.

As evening approached, we gathered once more for the Captain's farewell, raising a toast to the journey we had shared. The evening closed with the always-anticipated slideshow prepared by our onboard photographer, showcasing the many memorable moments of our expedition. It was a full and rewarding day at sea, and a fitting conclusion to our time together before reaching Iceland.







## Day 10 - Disembarkation in Reykjavik

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In the early morning hours we arrived in Iceland, where our journey together came to an end. The weather could not have been kinder: calm seas, clear skies, and a soft light that seemed to gently close this chapter of exploration. After breakfast, we began the process of disembarking, saying our farewells not only to the ship that had been our home, but also to the crew, the Expedition Team, and the fellow travelers who became companions throughout these days.

From the first glimpses of Greenland's massive cliffs and icebergs, to the unforgettable landings where we set foot in some of the most remote and dramatic places on Earth, each day had offered something new and remarkable. We braved the elements together, celebrated wildlife encounters, marveled at immense glaciers, and shared moments of awe at landscapes so unique that they will be

forever etched in our memories.

This was also a journey of connection — with nature, with the history of the Arctic, and with one another. Whether it was conversations on deck while watching the scenery glide past, laughter during shared meals, or the encouragement and cheer during our polar plunges, these moments wove a sense of community that is just as much a part of the experience as the places we visited.

Now, as we part ways and continue our travels, we carry with us stories of ice and wilderness, of quiet fjords and lively settlements, and of the resilience of life in the Arctic. It has been a true privilege to share this adventure together, and while the voyage may be ending, the memories and friendships born along the way will travel on with us.



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