

MS Spitsbergen

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### Day - Embarkation in Reykjavik

It was a mix of rain and sunshine today in Iceland's beautiful capital. Guests started to embark Spitsbergen just shortly after 3pm. We also handed out the complimentary expedition jackets and rubber boots for for the voyage. Just after 8pm, we departed the pier and headed

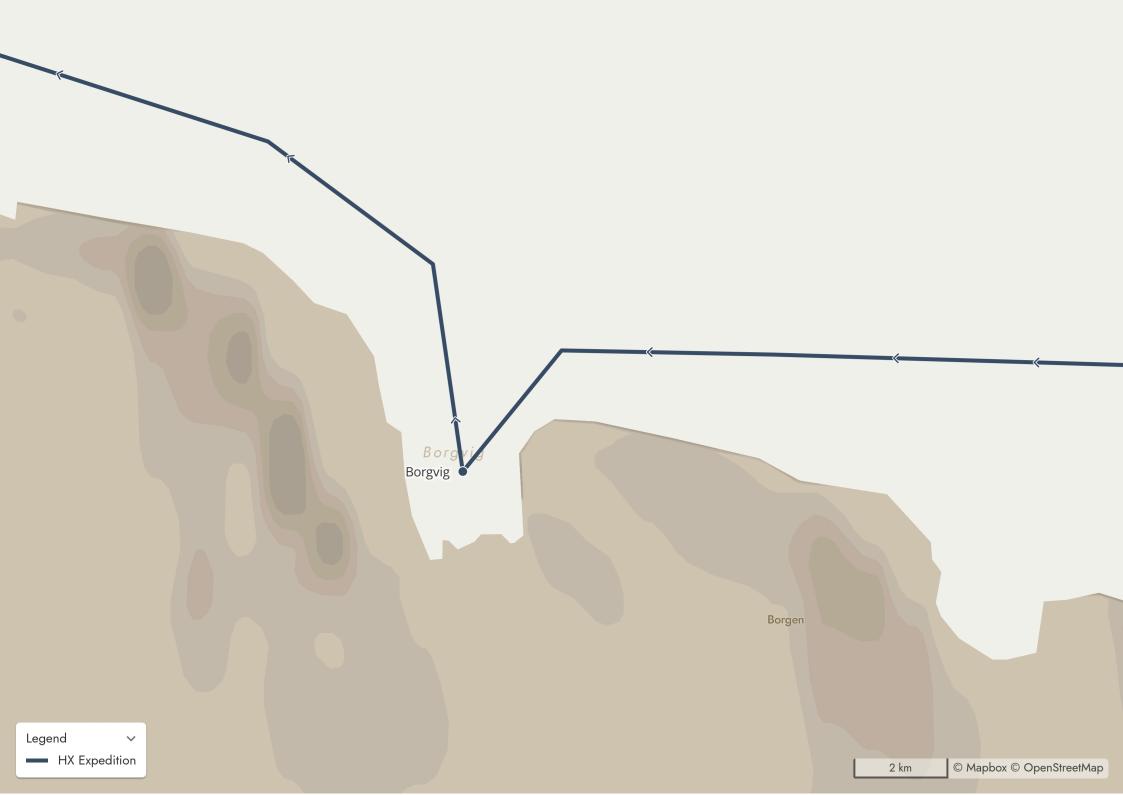
out to open sea which proved to be a little bit bumpy. Later that evening we got the message that some incredible northern lights (aurora borealis) where spotted as we were sailing off the west coast of Iceland.











#### Day 3 - Borgvig

The sight of land was a welcome delight for many who had been feeling the waves of the Denmark Strait the previous day. It was still quite foggy when we turned into the fjord and started to scout the southern side of the fjord. Later on in the day we entered the small bay with a calving glacier called Borgvig. There were quite a few

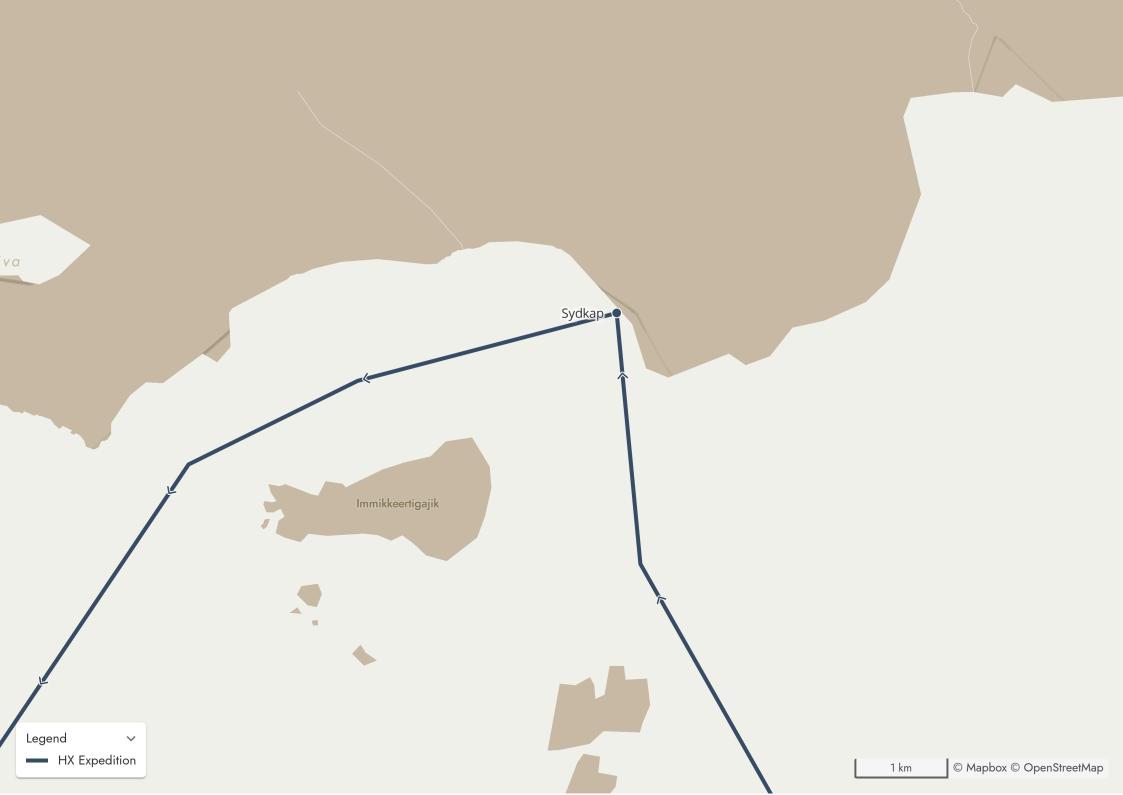
icebergs and a lot of smaller pieces of ice in the bay. We spotted the first bear far away on a ridge above the way, and shortly after spotted a polar bear on the ice in the bay. We kept our position and the bear on the ice started to approach the ship. After some time the bear was right next to the ship, displaying typical curiosity of a juvenile.











# Day 4 - Sydkap

For our morning landing we decided to do guided walks at different difficulty levels. For those on the hard walk, they went out the farthest

doing approximately 6km. All groups were able to observe Muskox at a good, safe distance.











## Day 4 - Iceberg Zodiac Cruise

In the afternoon we repositioned the ship slightly out in the bay where all the large icebergs were concentrated. We launched our zodiacs and did some scenic cruising for around 60 mins. We observed

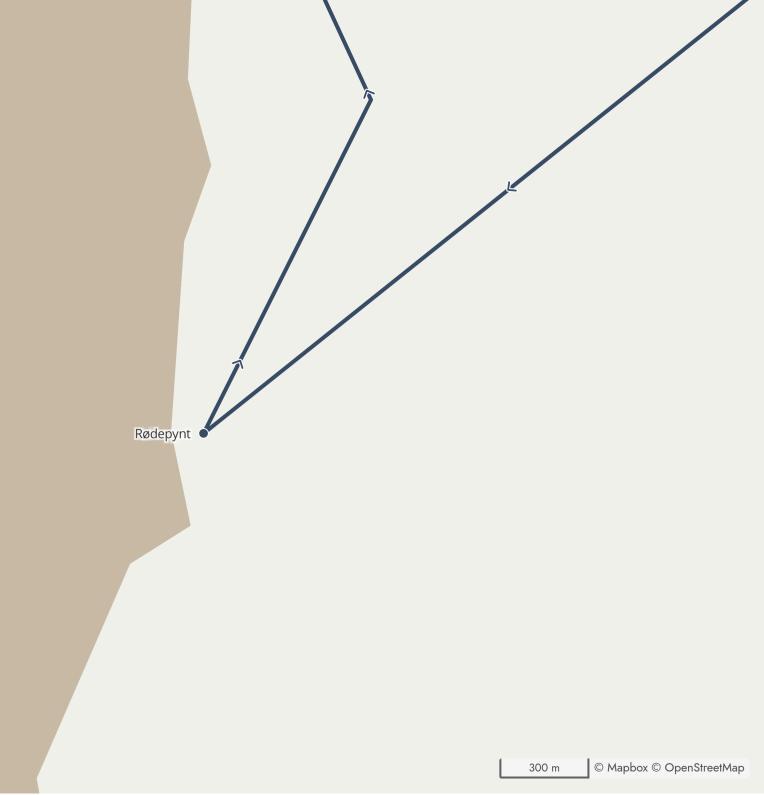
quite a lot of calving action from the larger of the icebergs. Some even had the chance to see a ringed seal by one of the smaller icebergs.











## Day 5 - Rødepynt

Our first of two landings today took place at a beautiful location just outside of Harefjord. It was like walking on the planet Mars, with the red sandstone being the prominent geological feature of the area. Guests could roam along the coastline and up to a nice rock

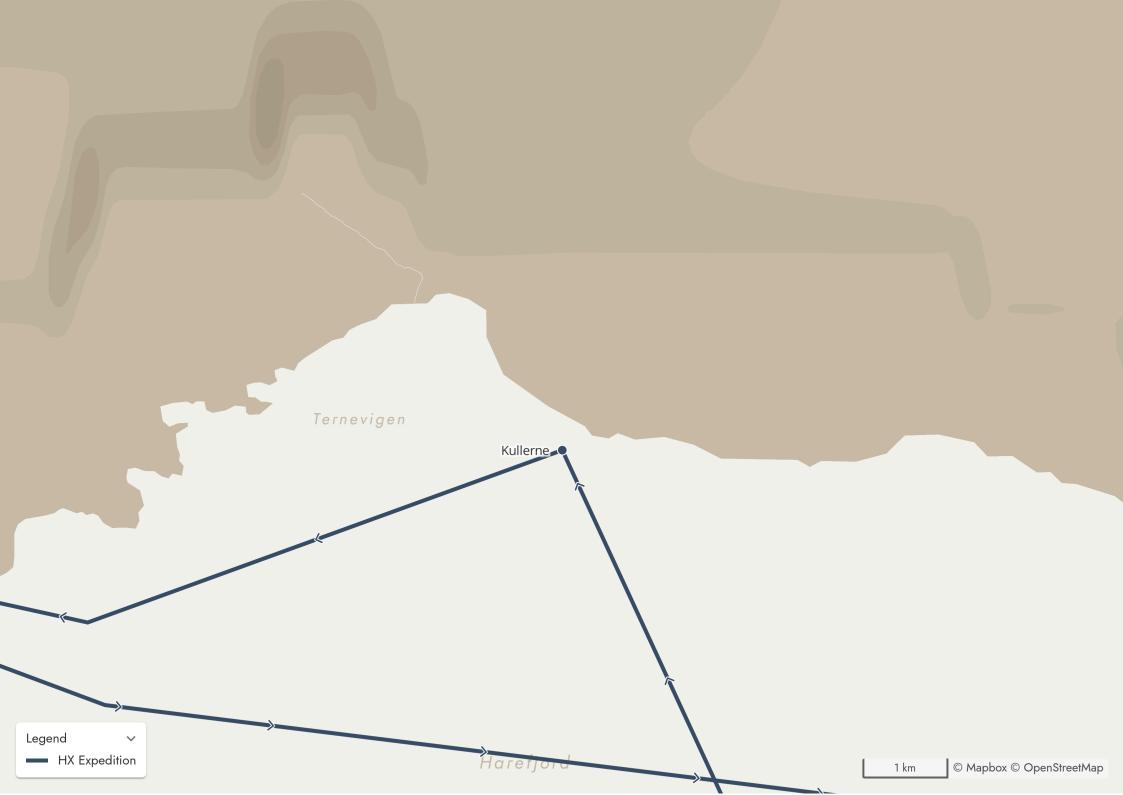
formation and viewpoint on one end, and also a small canyon at the other end. An arctic fox was also spotted by some during the course of the landing.











### Day 5 - Kullerne

This was one of our exploration landings on this voyage, having never actually landed in this area. We scouted and landed at a nice beach that led up to a nice view of some musk ox out in the distance. We also had a flagged route where guests could walk into the gorge

along the stream and straight up to a small waterfall. Later on that evening we ship cruised further into Harefjord and came up close to the glacier front in the bay.











## Day 6 - Eielson Glacier

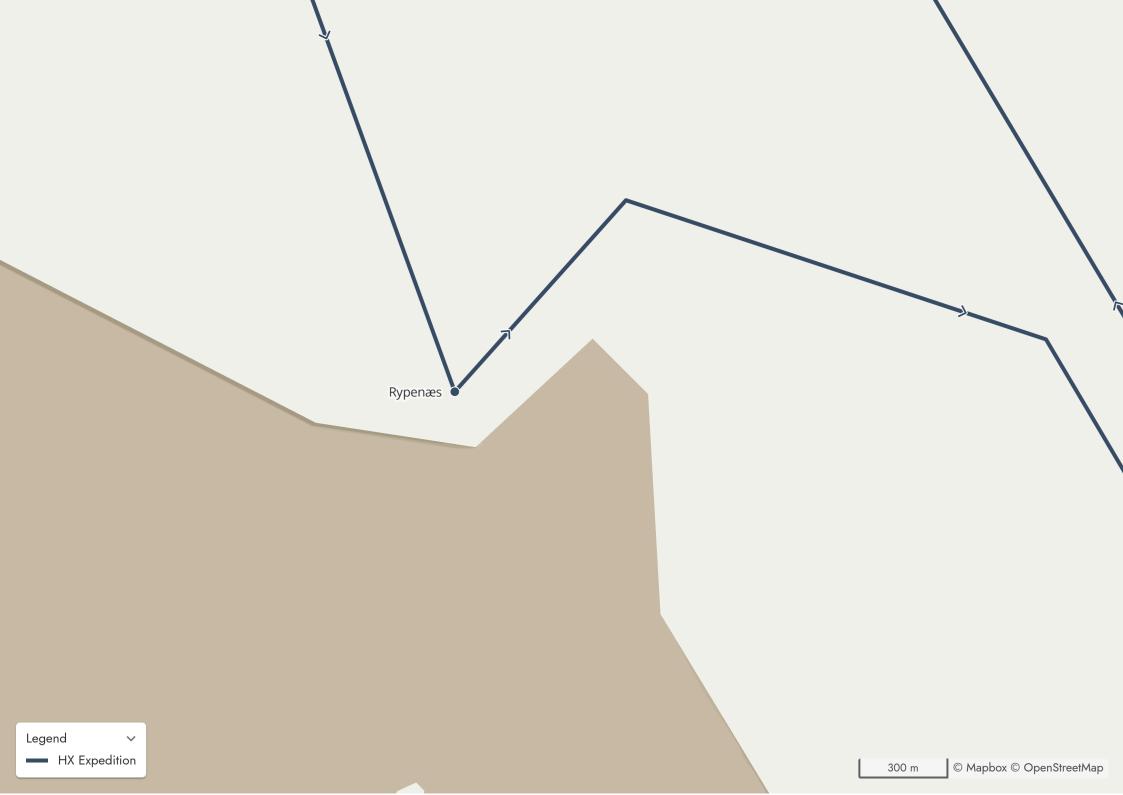
This morning we had a beautiful zodiac cruise in front of the Eielson Glacier in Rypefjord. We circled around some impressive icebergs and even spotted a small ringed seal in the bay. We also admired the red sandstone formations in the rocks and the layering on the west side of the fjord.











## Day 6 - Rypenæs

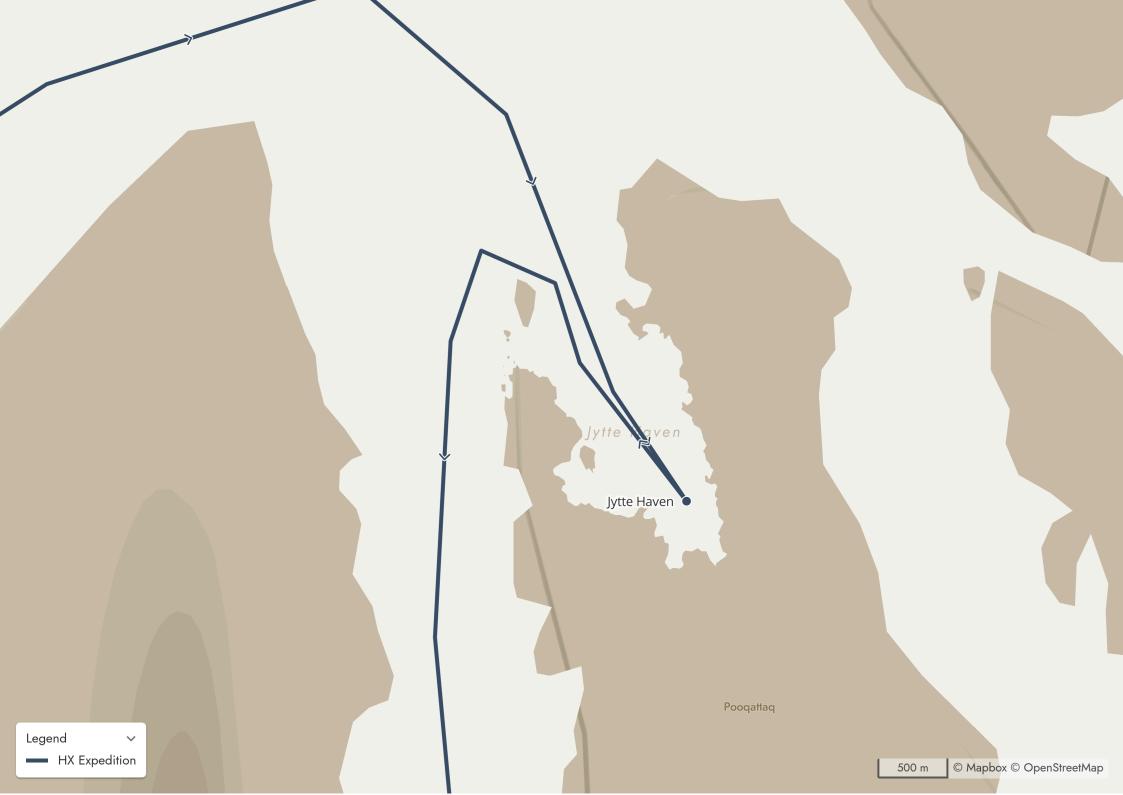
This was another exploration landing, given we had only landed on the other side of Rypefjord before. We located a flat but muddy landing site, especially when the tide started to go down. A gentle slope led up to a big, wide plateau from which guests could opt to walk a flagged route up to a nice, high view point from which a family of muskox could be observed.







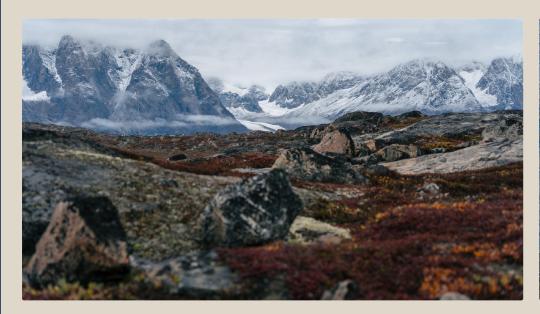




### Day 7 - Jyttehavn

We arrived at the beautiful Bear Islands (Bjørneøer) this morning. We had huge icebergs in the bay, making it a perfect spot for some kayaking. The rest of us landed in the bay referred to as Jyttehavn, where we marked a route up to 3 different viewpoints looking towards the stunning snowcapped mountains. Some lucky people also

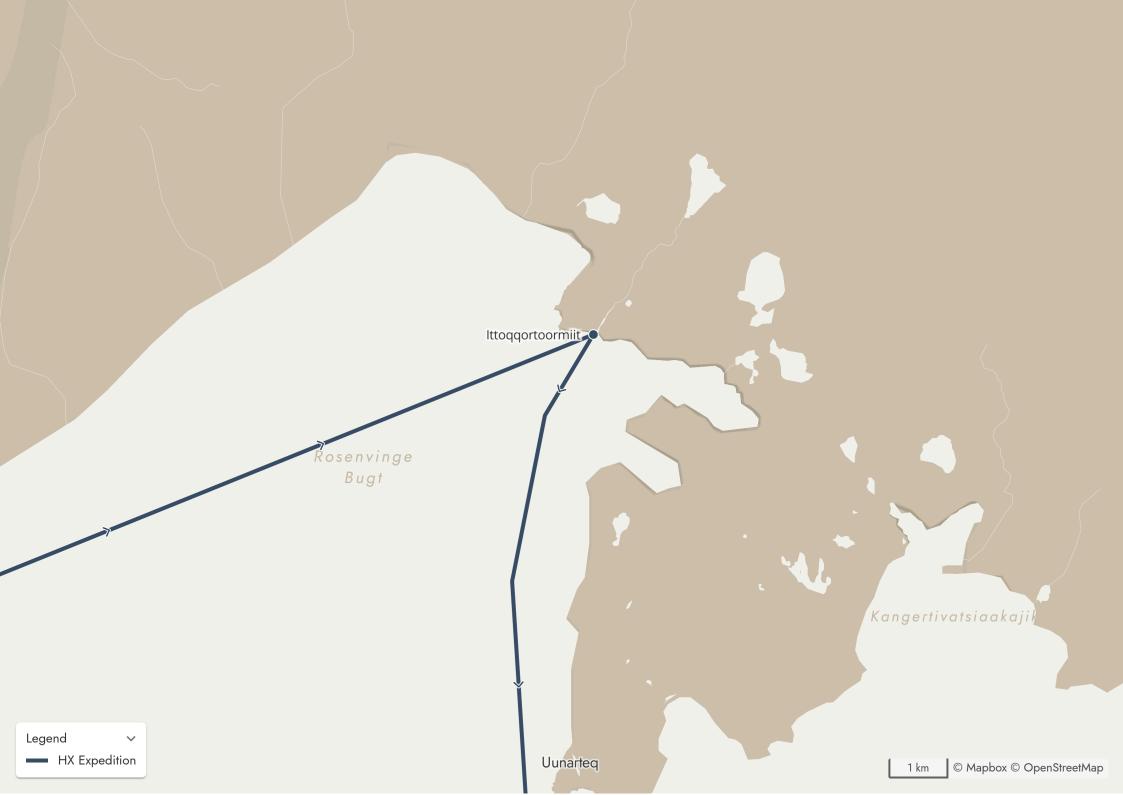
managed to see a very rare blue-morph arctic fox. Later that afternoon as we sailed through the calm bay full of massive icebergs, we decided to open the tenderpit and do a polar plunge from the ship. This proved very popular with over 20 guests and crew participating.











### Day 8 - Ittoqqortoormit

It was a rainy morning with some rough seas as we approached the town in the morning hours. Luckily the bay provided some much needed shelter from the wind and we were able to go ahead with the planned landing. Most of us ventured out into the rain to explore the

local town with its colourful houses, welcoming locals, and adorable working dogs (and puppies). Some of us managed to catch sight of some arctic hare. This was our last landing in Greenland before we headed out into open (and somewhat rough) seas.









