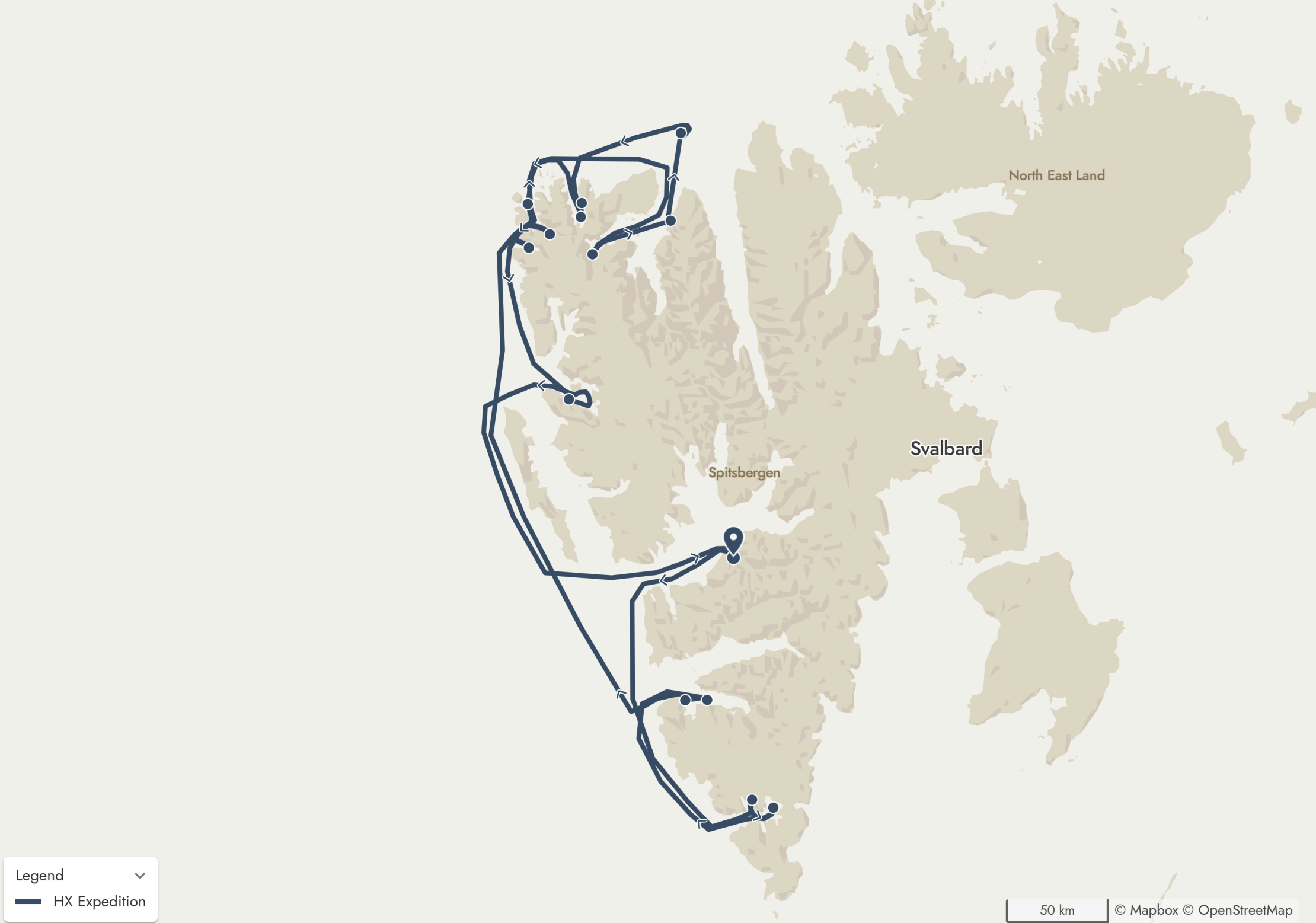


Svalbard in Summer: Under the Midnight Sun

2025.08.24 - 2025.08.31



Embarkation Day

Embarkation day in Longyearbyen begins with guests arriving and settling in, taking time to explore the town's surroundings or visit local museums before boarding MS Fram. The afternoon program includes collecting expedition jackets in the Science Center and boots in the Lecture Hall, both essential for upcoming shore landings. All guests

attend a mandatory safety drill in the Explorer Lounge, ensuring everyone is familiar with onboard procedures. Throughout the day, information about the cruise, daily program, and services is available via the HX app and cabin TV.



Burgerbukta & Brepollen

We attended expedition briefings and explored Fram's science program, which encouraged participation in onboard research. Our first polar bear sighting was a thrilling moment that led to the cancellation of the Burgerbukta landing, yet it made the experience worthwhile. Instead, a zodiac cruise in Brepollen was organized,

marking our first time on the water during this expedition. Although the kayak adventure and landings were canceled, we remained engaged with workshops on geology and wildlife, including an informative lecture on polar bears by Jenna, making the most of our time amidst Svalbard's stunning environment.



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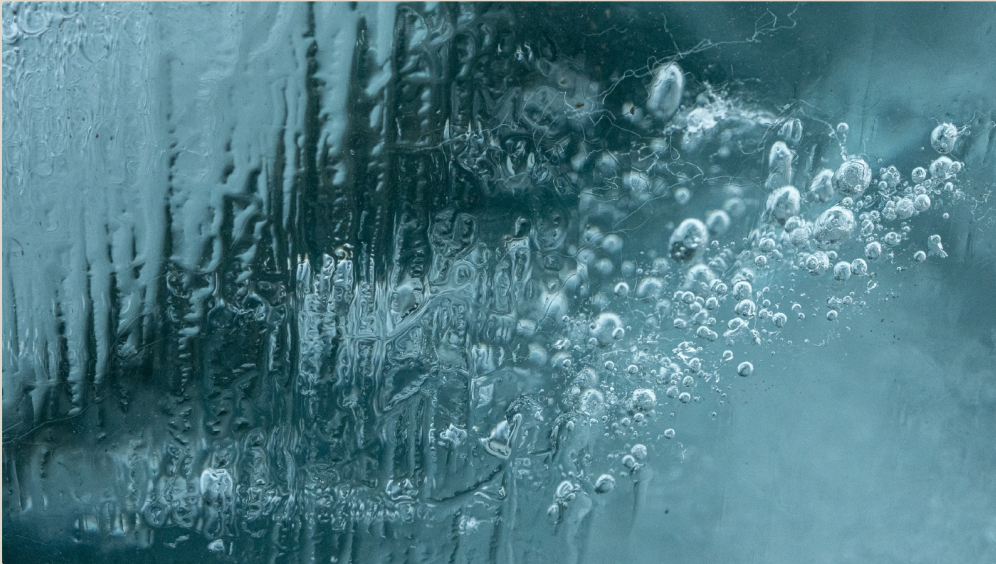
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Burgerbukta

Brepollen

10 km

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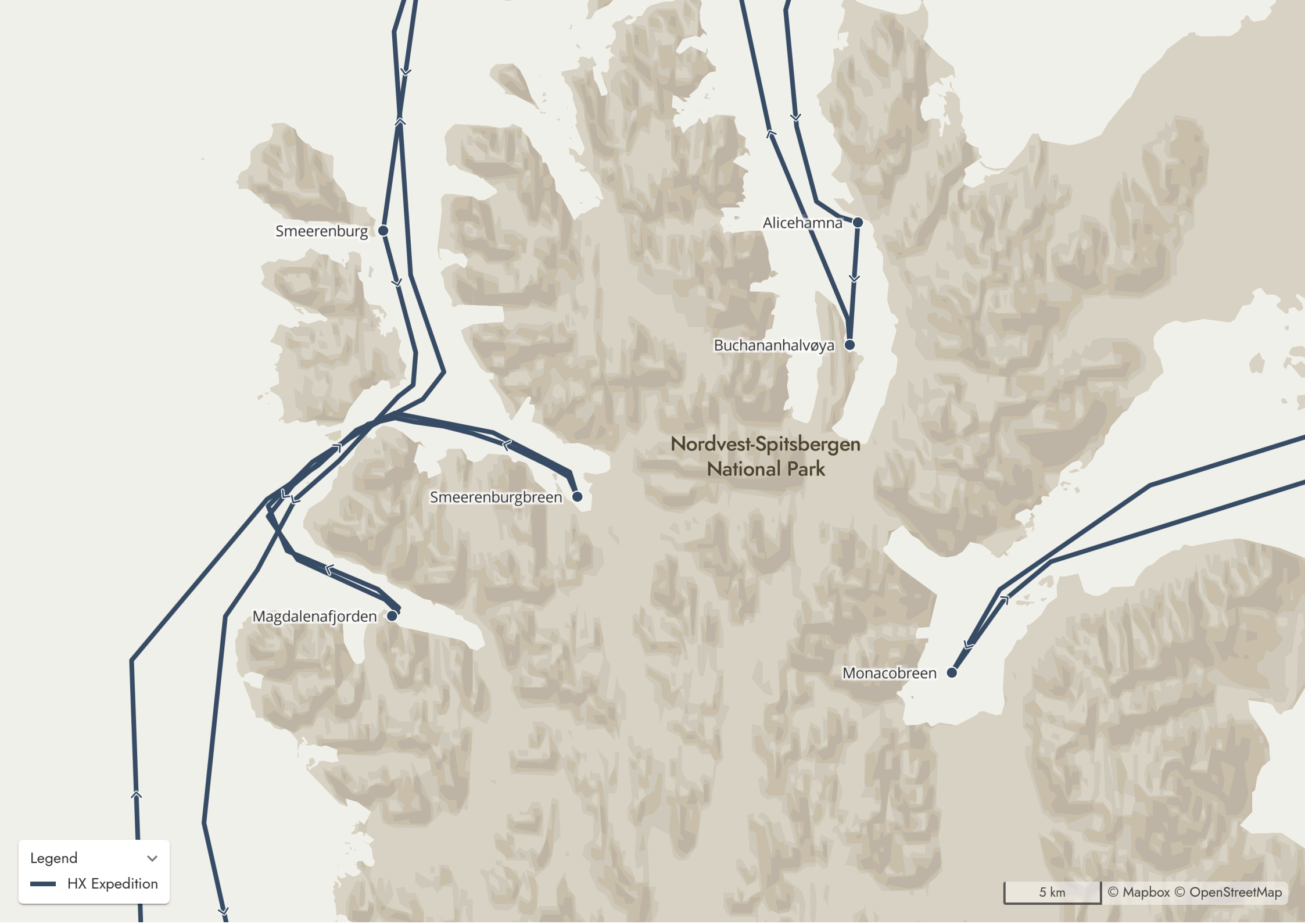
Bamsebu & Calypsobryen

We began with landings at Bamsebu and Calypsobyen, where we explored the Arctic terrain and witnessed the poignant remnants of whale hunting. Some joined a kayak adventure, enjoying fresh perspectives on the stunning surroundings, while a polar plunge offered a true test of resolve. In the afternoon, Fram brought us to

Calypsobyen, once an unfortunate coal mining site. Participants embarked on a science boat for research insights or tackled an extensive hike through Svalbard's distinctive landscape. Onboard, a lecture on Svalbard's history enhanced our understanding of this remote archipelago.







Smeerenburg

Alicehamna

Buchananhalvøya


Nordvest-Spitsbergen
National Park

Smeerenburgbreen

Magdalenafjorden

Monacobreen

Legend

 HX Expedition

5 km

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Smeerenburgreen & Magdalenafjorden

We started with a small boat cruise at Smeerenburgreen, taking in the impressive glacier scenery and Arctic surroundings. Afterward, we landed at Magdalenefjorden, exploring its landscape and historic sites as boat groups rotated ashore. Later, participants joined science boat trips and a kayak adventure, which offered fresh perspectives

from the water. A polar plunge provided an exhilarating challenge for many. Onboard, a lecture about glaciers expanded our understanding of these rivers of ice, while evening events like a charity auction and band night rounded out a memorable expedition day.





Monacobreen, Mushamna & Moffen

We enjoyed good weather throughout the day, which enhanced our Arctic exploration. The morning started with a zodiac cruise and kayak adventure at Monacobreen, offering stunning glacier views. Later, we landed at Mushamna, where some took an extensive hike over rugged terrain. Onboard activities included a lecture on bird

migration, explaining how birds navigate the Arctic, followed by a discovery session reviewing results from science boat excursions. The day balanced outdoor adventure with insightful learning, creating a memorable experience that deepened our connection with the Arctic's unique environment.





Moffen, Norway - Aug 28, 2025

Alicehamna, Norway - Aug 29, 2025

Alicehamna, Buchananhaløya & Smeerenburg

On August 29, our original landing at Alicehamna was canceled following wind and swell, which led the team to arrange a landing at Buchananhaløya instead. The afternoon landing at Smeerenburg was then called off as well due to gusty conditions with 50 knots reported. Adaptations in the schedule saw us immersed in onboard activities

throughout the day, as science lectures focused on ocean acoustics and discovery sessions reviewing the science boat findings. Wildlife watches and practical talks about voyage logistics rounded out the day with opportunities for learning and engagement for all participants.





● Smeerenburg, Norway - Aug 29, 2025

● Ny-Ålesund, Norway - Aug 30, 2025

Ny-Ålesund

On August 30, we experienced fabulous weather during our visit to Ny-Ålesund, making the guided walk with the Expedition Team especially enjoyable for everyone. Groups disembarked in a smooth sequence throughout the morning, and everyone returned on board before midday as planned. Scenic sailing in Kongsfjorden offered

stunning views of Kronebreen glacier, while onboard events included a science recap session, a Captain's farewell gathering, and a memorable voyage slideshow in the evening. The cooperative weather conditions enhanced both our time ashore and the panoramic moments during the day's navigation.





Disembarkation Day

Alongside in Longyearbyen, our time together on MS Fram drew to a close. Our early morning disembarkation ended a journey shaped by exploration, learning, and shared experiences in the unique wild Arctic environment of Svalbard. As we stepped ashore, we took with us memories of spectacular and diverse landscapes, wonderful

wildlife and friendships made with fellow travellers and crew. Whether our first or for some, a repeat voyage, despite the early morning departure, there was a sense of energy and inner joy and warmth amongst us all.





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