



MS Fridtjof Nansen

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Legend

HX Expedition

Nome

Guests joined the ship today in the historic town of Nome, where traces of the Gold Rush era still linger. The Expedition Team welcomed everyone aboard under clear skies and amid crisp Arctic

air. As we sailed into the Bering Sea, seabirds followed in our wake and the coastline slowly faded behind us. Excitement was high as we set course for the remote wilderness ahead.



Bering Sea

We settled into life on board, meeting our hosts in the restaurant, the Expedition Team, the Housekeeping Teams, and our fellow travellers.

We picked up our new blue expedition jackets and heard about the plans for our trip and the adventures ahead.





St. Matthew Island

Bering Sea Wilderness

St Matthew Island

We started before dawn this morning, witnessing the sunrise as we learned about local sites, including the walrus colony and a shipwreck. We cruised by spectacular rock formations on our way to

land at this incredible, remote place, and then found ourselves climbing the hillside and discovering the flower-strewn tundra.



Saint Paul

It was fascinating to explore this seldom-visited village on St Paul Island, and to witness the Northern fur seals defending their territory

as they raise their young during the short time they come ashore for breeding each year.



St. Paul

At Sea - Alaska Peninsula

Alaska Maritime National
Wildlife Refuge

Dutch Harbor

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50 km

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Arriving in Dutch Harbor

An afternoon of smooth sailing along the rugged coastline of the Alaskan Peninsula offered stunning views of volcanic peaks and seabird-covered cliffs. An early arrival into the biggest fishing port in the USA meant that it was possible to head out for a night on the town in Dutch Harbor to the famous Norwegian Rats Saloon. We shared

the dock with some of the vessels made famous by the television show *The Deadliest Catch*, which shows the sometimes-perilous conditions faced by crab fishermen in the region. We have been lucky with the weather so far, though, and the sun sets over calm seas again tonight.



Dutch Harbor

We had the chance to stretch our legs today. Some guests explored Bunker Hill on an excursion, others joined the Expedition Team for a challenging hike, and many enjoyed a leisurely stroll through town.

Wherever we went, there was the chance to see bald eagles, and one even took a rest on our ship. Sea otters were also spotted playing down by the shore.

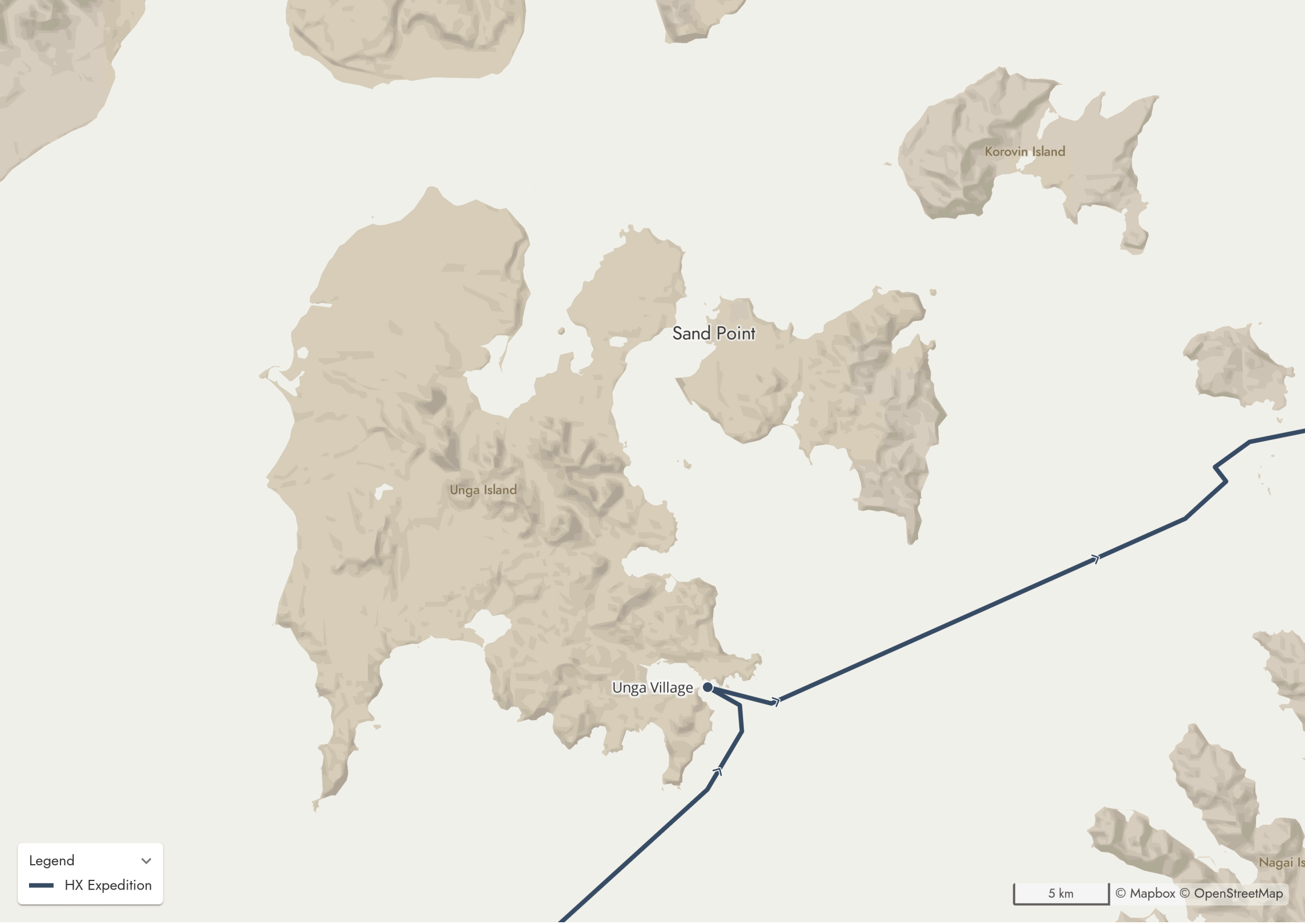


Unga Village

The hauntingly atmospheric ruins of Unga Village set the stage for today's landing, offering a glimpse into a once-thriving community now reclaimed by nature. To our surprise, a small herd of cattle appeared on the distant hillside, adding an unexpected touch of life

to the abandoned settlement. We explored scenic viewpoints overlooking the windswept coastline and spent time observing the rich birdlife that thrives on the remote and rarely visited Unga Island.





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Sand Point

Unga Island

Unga Village

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5 km

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Cruising Geographic Harbor

Today brought the unforgettable opportunity to observe some of the brown bears that inhabit this wild corner of Alaska. We watched as they fished for salmon in the river, lounged along the grassy banks, and even playfully wrestled with one another. After a day filled with

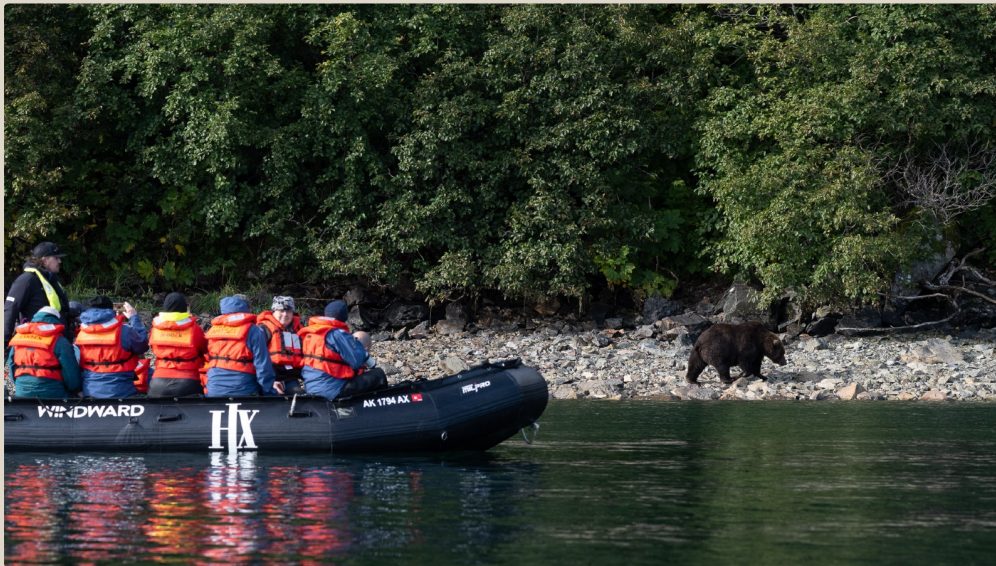
incredible wildlife encounters and breathtaking scenery, we sailed out of Geographic Harbor beneath a spectacular sunset that lit the sky in gold and crimson.

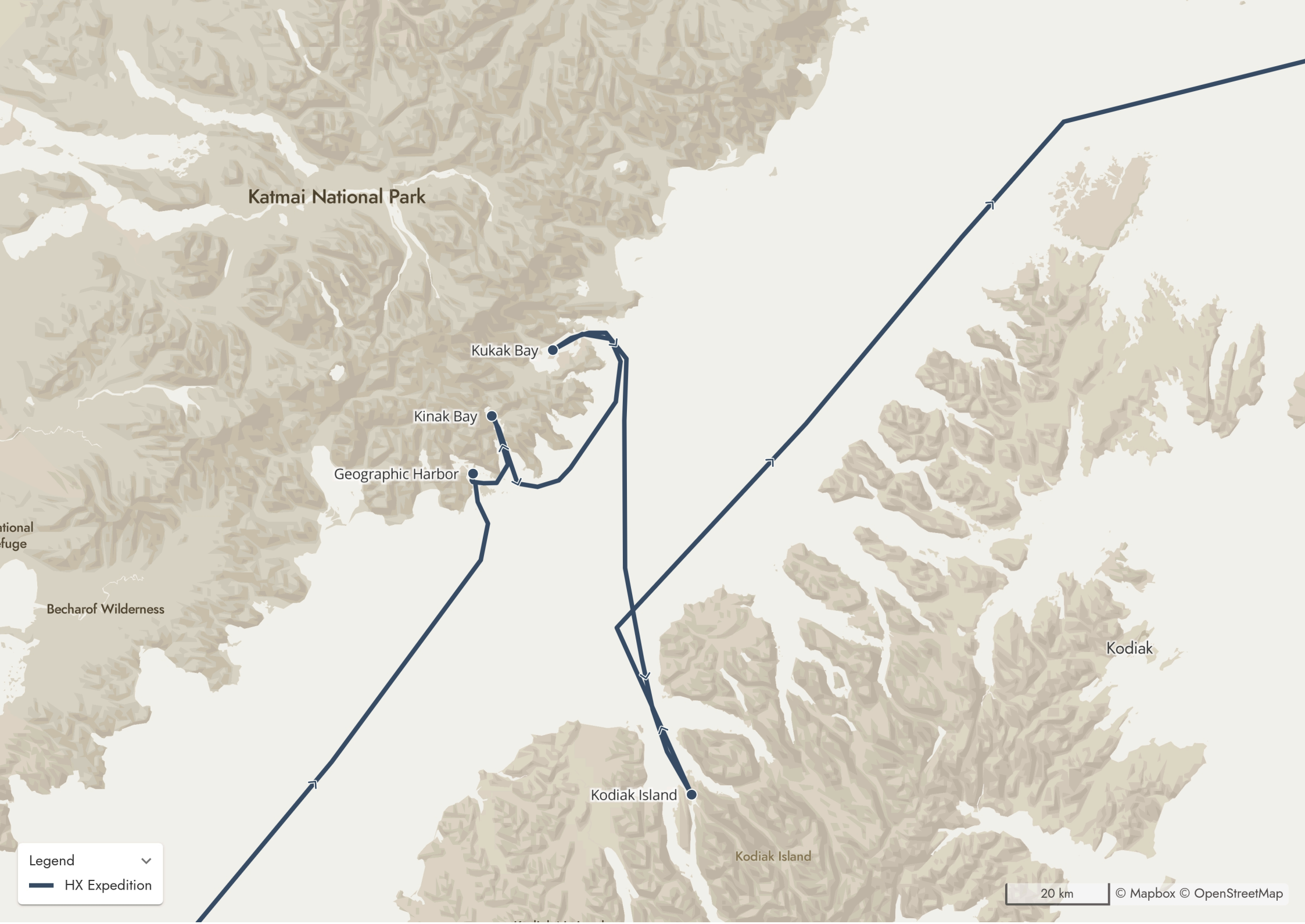


Kinak Bay

The discoveries continued this morning as we woke up amid the stunning surroundings of Kinak Bay. Even before we set out on our small boats to cruise the region, several brown bears were already

visible along the shoreline, offering a thrilling start to the day. Calm waters and soft light made for an unforgettable morning immersed in the wild heart of Katmai.





Katmai National Park

Kukak Bay

Kinak Bay

Geographic Harbor

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Kodiak Island

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20 km

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Kukak Bay

In the afternoon, we ventured into nearby Kukak Bay, where the rich coastal ecosystem offered more remarkable wildlife encounters. Birdlife was abundant, and keen eyes spotted a variety of marine

mammals. A special highlight for many was observing sea otters up close, floating serenely in the kelp or curiously watching our expedition boats from a safe distance.



Kodiak Island

Kodiak Island, with its lush forests and abundant wildlife, provided a striking backdrop for a full day of exploration. As we cruised along its scenic coastline, guests had the option to kayak through calm waters or join the Science Team to learn about plankton, the microscopic

organisms that form the foundation of the marine food web. It was a day that offered both adventure and insight into the vibrant ecosystems that thrive in this remote part of Alaska.



Gulf of Alaska

Today we sailed beneath moody blue skies, with three foot swells gently challenging our sea legs. In the morning, flocks of black-footed albatrosses and a solitary Laysan albatross glided gracefully by our

ship as we crossed the open waters. Guests were also given the unique opportunity to visit the ship's bridge, gaining a firsthand look at the heart of the vessel's operations and navigation.



Icy Bay

The spectacular glaciers of Icy Bay offered a strikingly different landscape from anything we have encountered so far on our expedition. Exploring the bay by expedition boat, we ventured deep

into its icy heart, gaining a true appreciation for the immense scale and raw power of this fragile, awe-inspiring environment.



Sitka

Today we arrived in Sitka, nestled deep within the Tongass National Forest. After a short tender to shore, we explored this charming town, soaking in its unique atmosphere. The heritage park, shaded by towering spruce trees, offered a peaceful refuge from the rain, with

the cries of distant gulls echoing in the air. Standing among the wooden totem poles, we were given a meaningful glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of the Lingít people.





Whitehorse

Icy Bay

Gulf of Alaska

Juneau

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Wrangell

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Wrangell

Under moody skies, we explored Wrangell and its surrounding areas. Our plans were briefly delayed as we assisted a fishing vessel in distress, showcasing the spirit of cooperation at sea. Whether visiting the local museum, wandering along the petroglyph-covered beach,

strolling through the forest, or taking part in one of the optional excursions, everyone found something memorable to enjoy on this eventful day.



Misty Fjords

Misty Fjords lived up to its name this morning as we sailed through this breathtaking wilderness shrouded in the gentle rain showers that nourish the lush greenery along the hillsides. As we emerged from the fjord, the sun broke through the clouds, casting a warm glow over

the landscape. We were fortunate to witness a large gathering of whales feeding nearby, a spectacular sight that added magic to our journey.



Seymour Narrows

The Inside Passage greeted us with beautiful sunshine and warm temperatures as we sailed between Vancouver Island and mainland Canada. Guests enjoyed the onboard program, including a lively quiz in the lounge on Deck 10. After passing through the narrow Seymour

Narrows, we were delighted to spot a playful Dall's porpoise approaching the ship. The day concluded with a captivating photographer's slideshow followed by the Captain's heartfelt farewell.





Vancouver

Our unforgettable journey comes to an end in Vancouver.

All of us aboard MS Fridtjof Nansen want to extend our deepest gratitude for choosing to explore this incredible part of the world with us. It has been a pleasure to share the beauty, wonder, and adventure

of this expedition together. We hope the memories you've made and the friendships you've formed will last a lifetime. Until we meet again, safe travels and fair winds from the entire crew. Thank you and farewell!





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