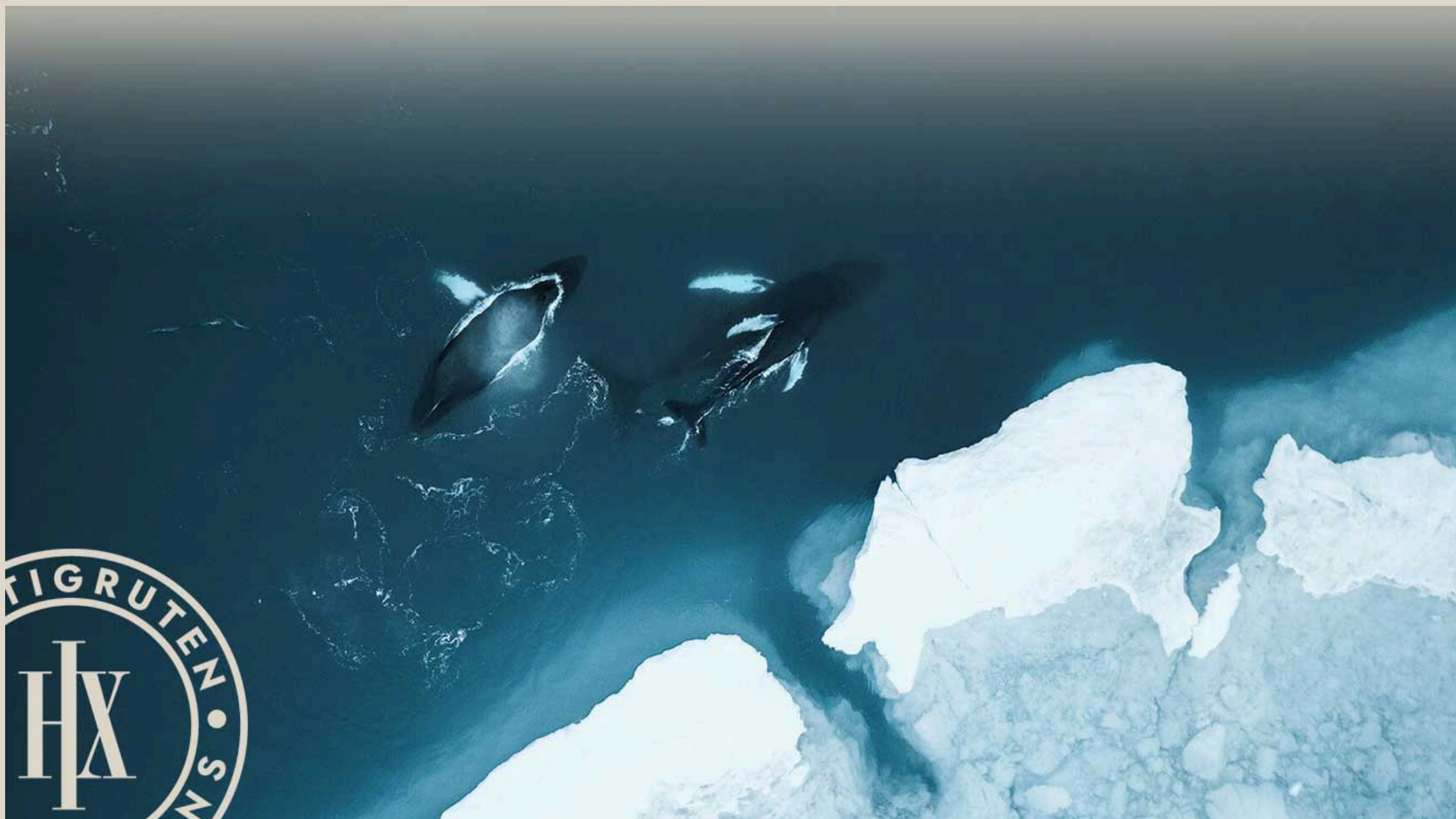




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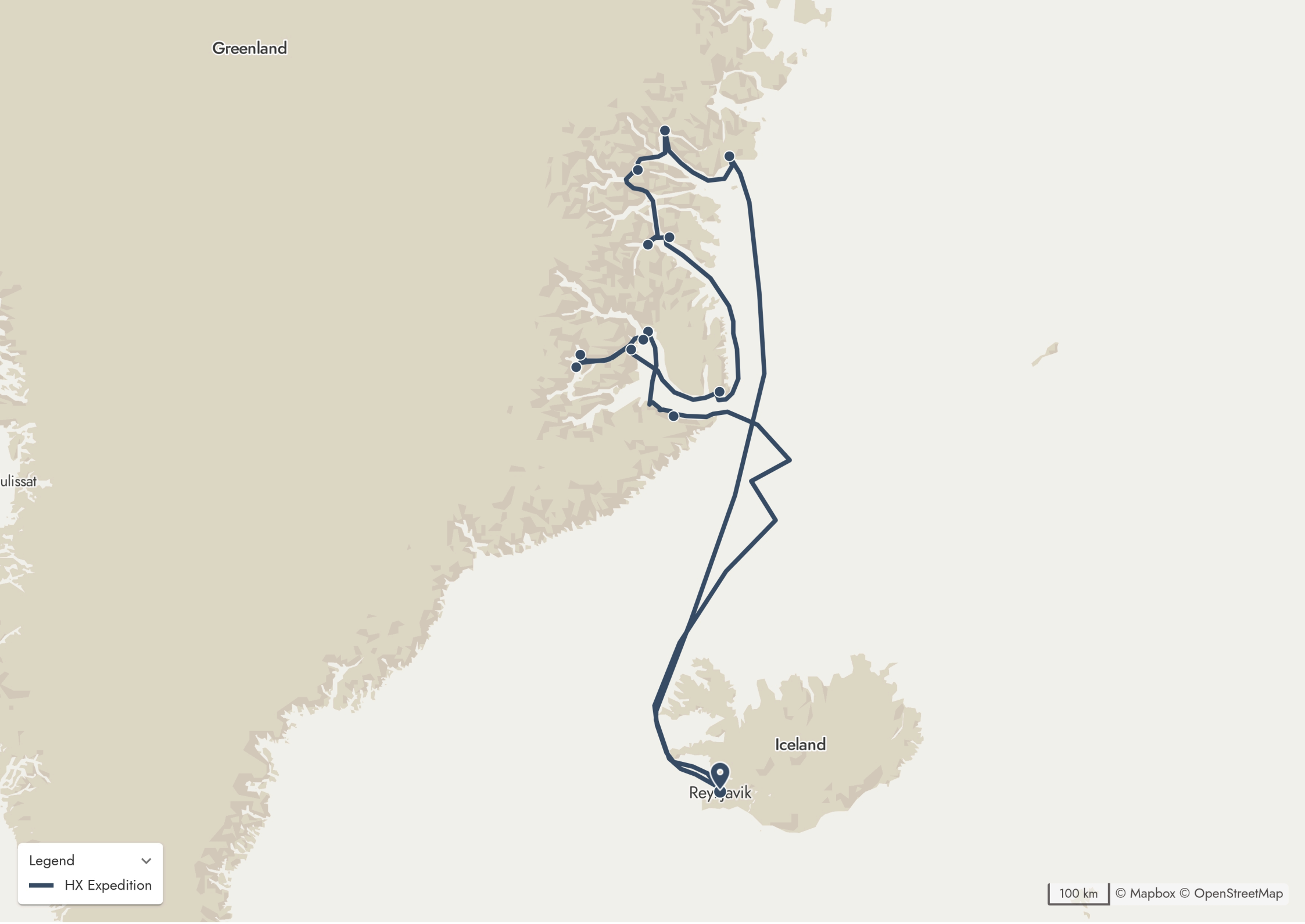
Reykjavik

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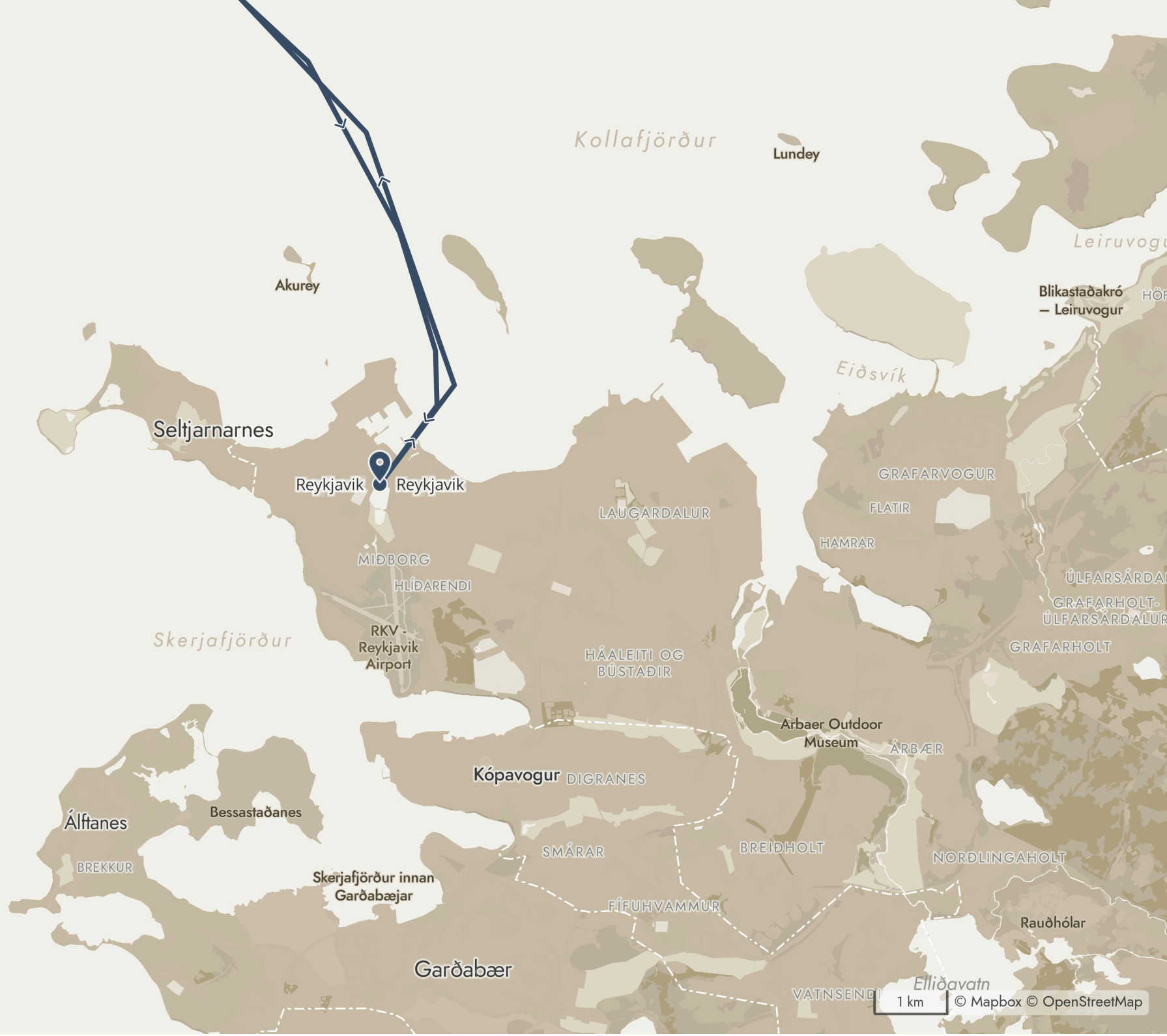
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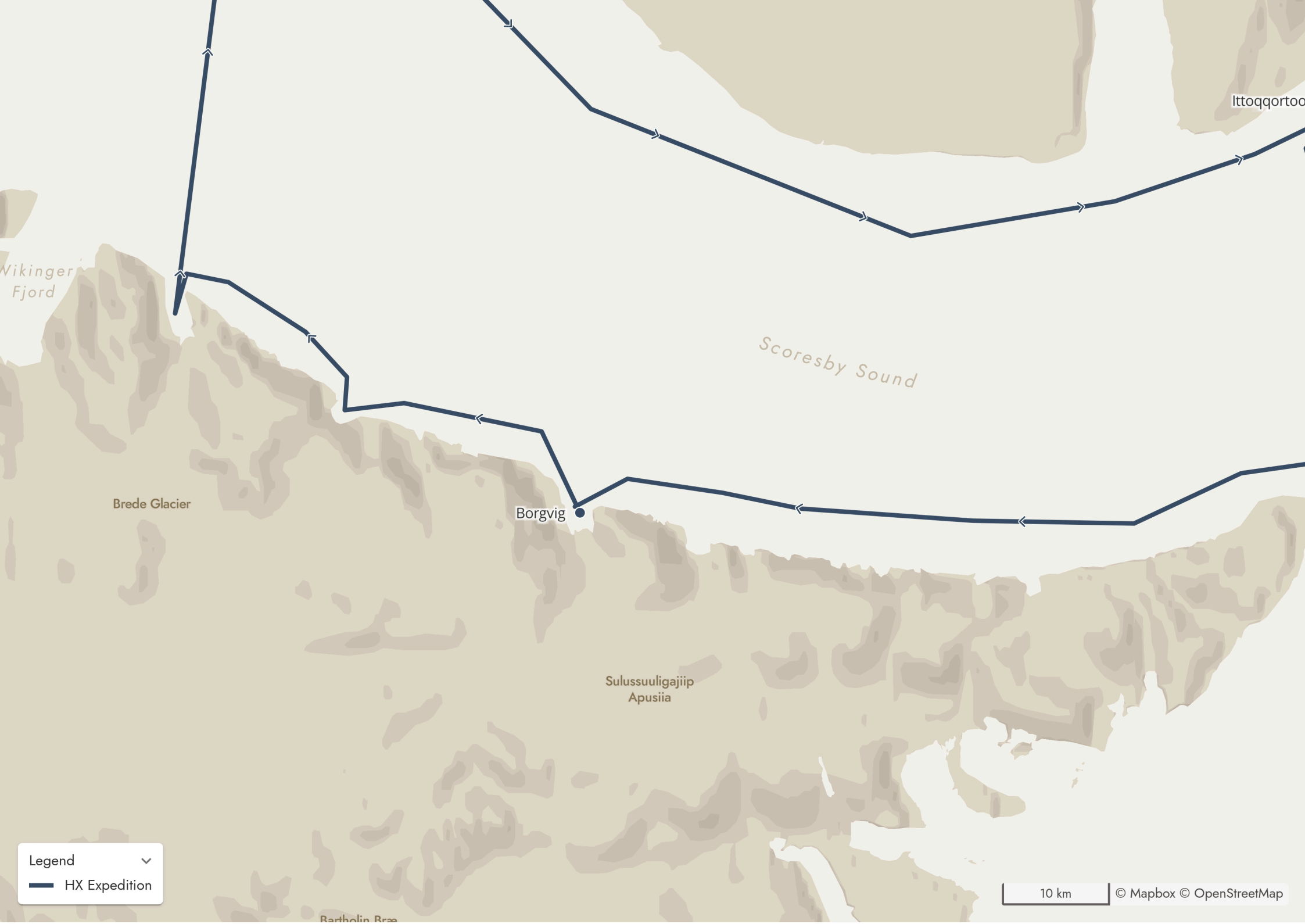
Day 1 - Embarkation in Reykjavik

Today, our guests embarked in the Icelandic capital, Reykjavik. The process began just after 3 pm, allowing guests to come on board and quickly check in before having the opportunity to grab a small bite to eat. We also distributed the complimentary HX jackets, as well as the

boots that would be used for the landings in Greenland. Later that evening, we left the pier and headed out towards the open sea for our crossing.







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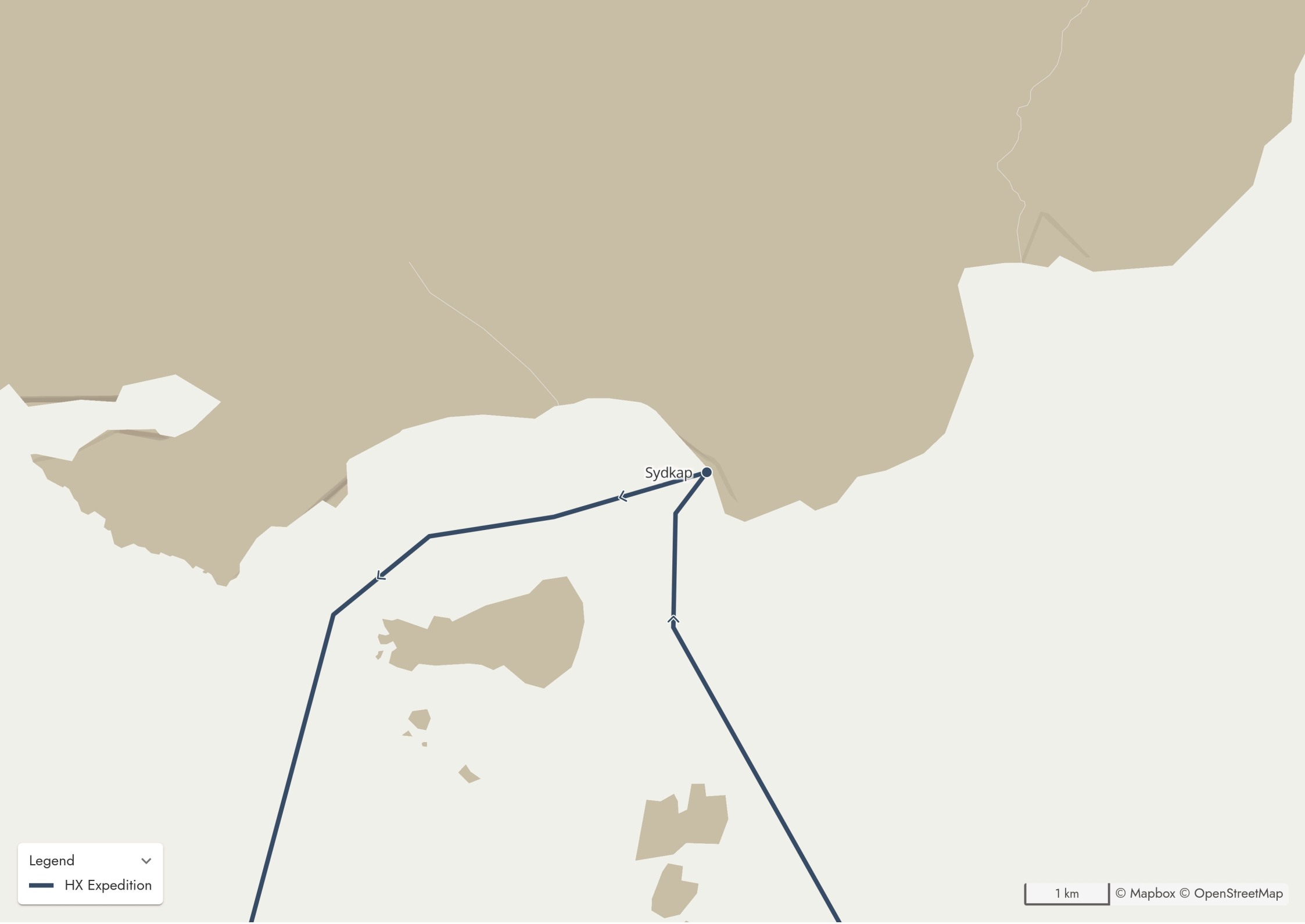
Day 3 - Borgvig

By the morning, the sea conditions had worsened substantially, as we were still several hours from the entrance of Scoresbysund. Most of the onboard programme had to be cancelled, and guests were advised to remain in their cabins until lunchtime. Around noon, as we gradually made our way into the entrance of the sound, the

conditions improved rapidly. We cruised along the southern coast of the sound and were fortunate to come across a polar bear, which we observed until it entered the water and swam off. We also held our Arctic Circle ceremony out on deck.







Sydkap

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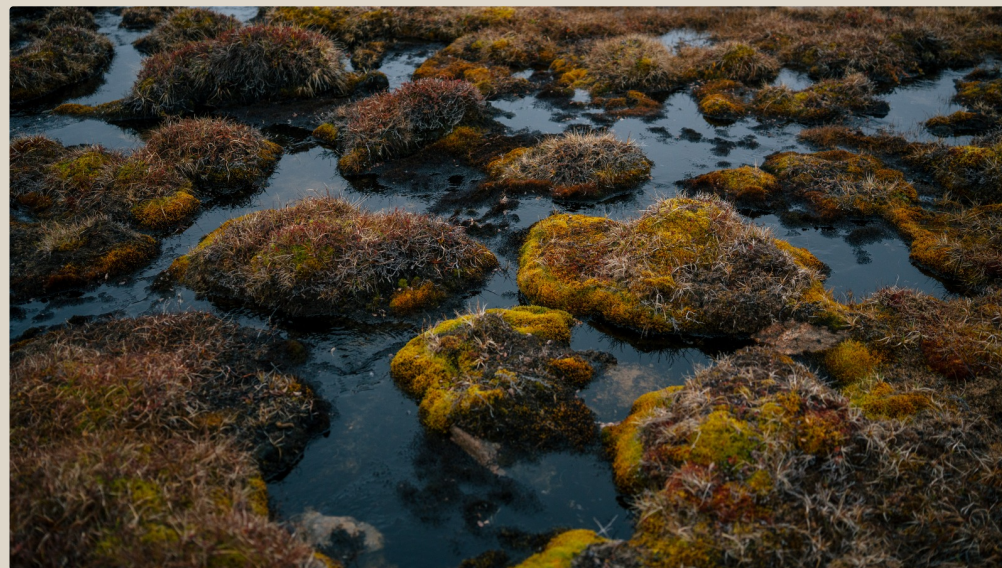
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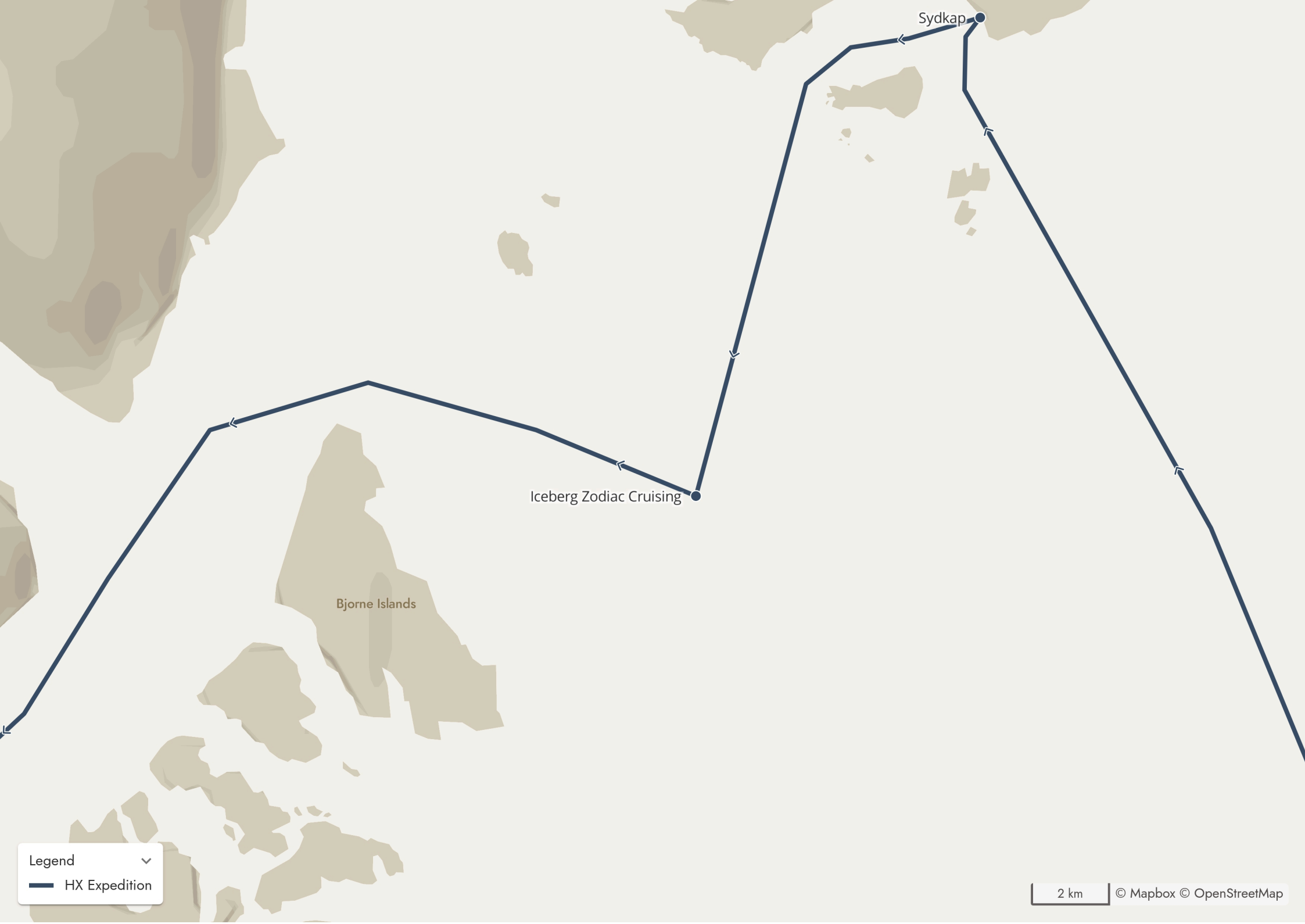
Day 4 - Sydkap

The conditions were calm and mild for our first landing in Greenland. Guests joined different walking groups to explore the tundra and try to spot wildlife. A musk ox was present, but quite far off in the distance. Numerous musk ox remains and bones were scattered across the landscape. Those who took a longer, more challenging

walk were rewarded with a sighting of a snowy owl—a rare bird, with only around 500 breeding pairs in Greenland. There was still plenty more to see, even though much of the vegetation had disappeared. Meanwhile, our first group of kayakers explored the bay, surrounded by huge icebergs.







Sydkap

Iceberg Zodiac Cruising

Bjorne Islands

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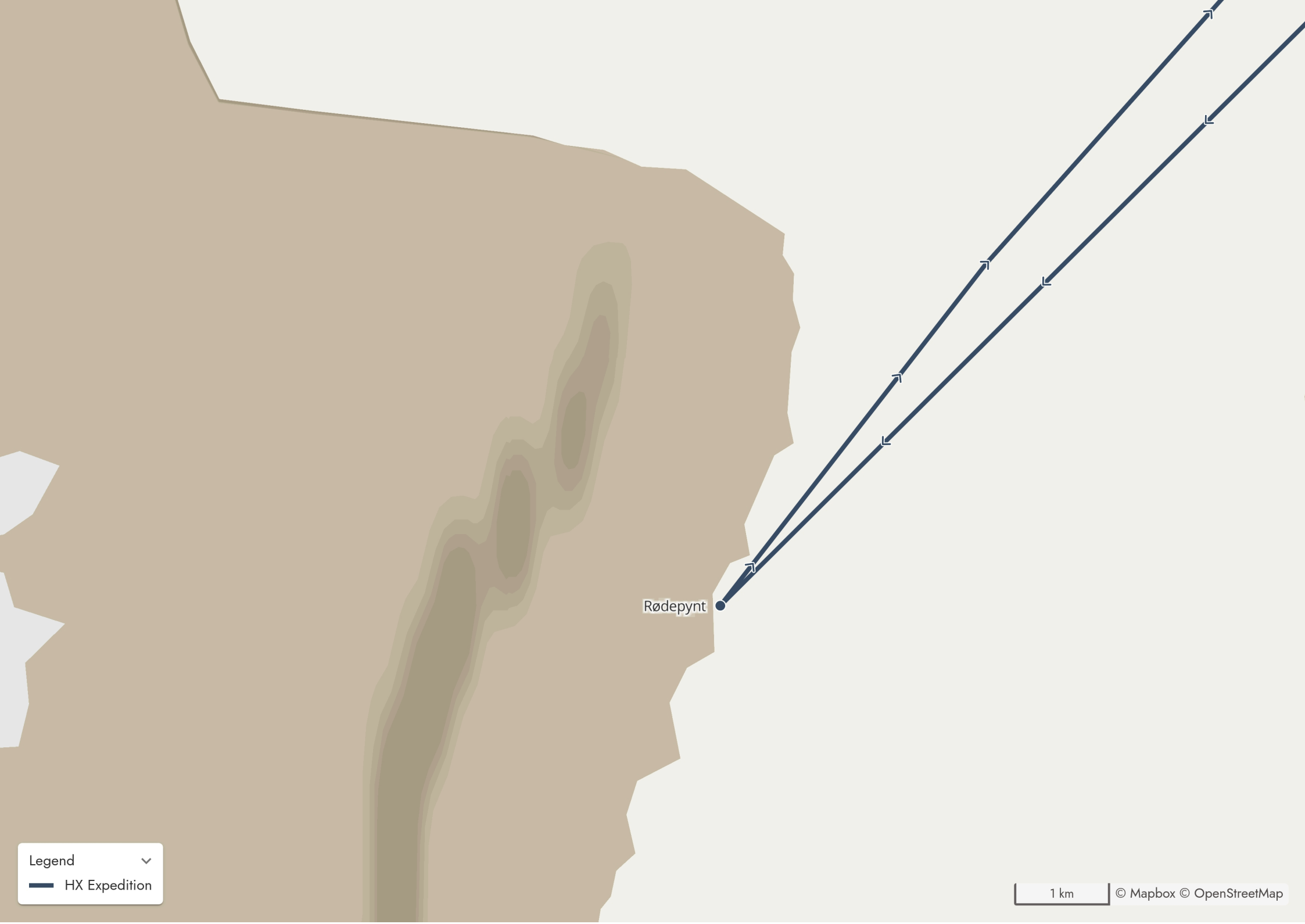
Day 4 - Iceberg Zodiac Cruising

In the afternoon, the ship sailed out into the open bay, not far from our morning landing site. The waters were calm, and surrounded by many large icebergs, we decided to get a bit closer in our zodiacs.

We set out on a cruise lasting approximately an hour. Some of us were fortunate enough to witness a few of the larger icebergs calving pieces of ice into the water.







Rødepynt

Legend

— HX Expedition

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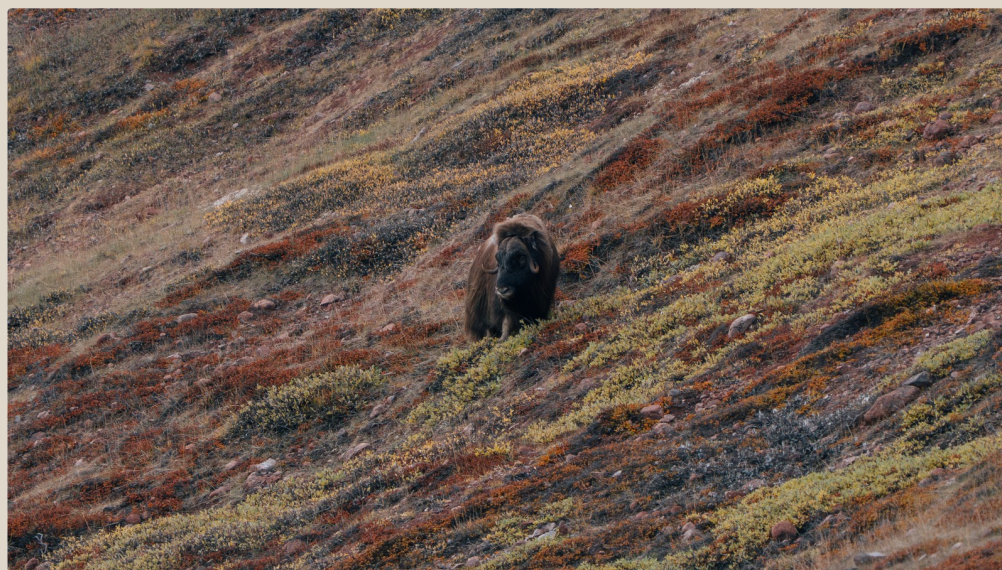
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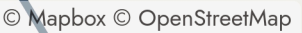
Day 5 - Rødepynt

During the night, we sailed through the narrow passage of Øfjord to reach further west inside Scoresbysund and prepare for a morning landing at an incredible location called Rødepynt (Red Point). The

name comes from the red sandstone mountains and red sandy beaches. Aside from the fascinating geology, we also enjoyed sightings of falcons as well as our first musk ox encounter.







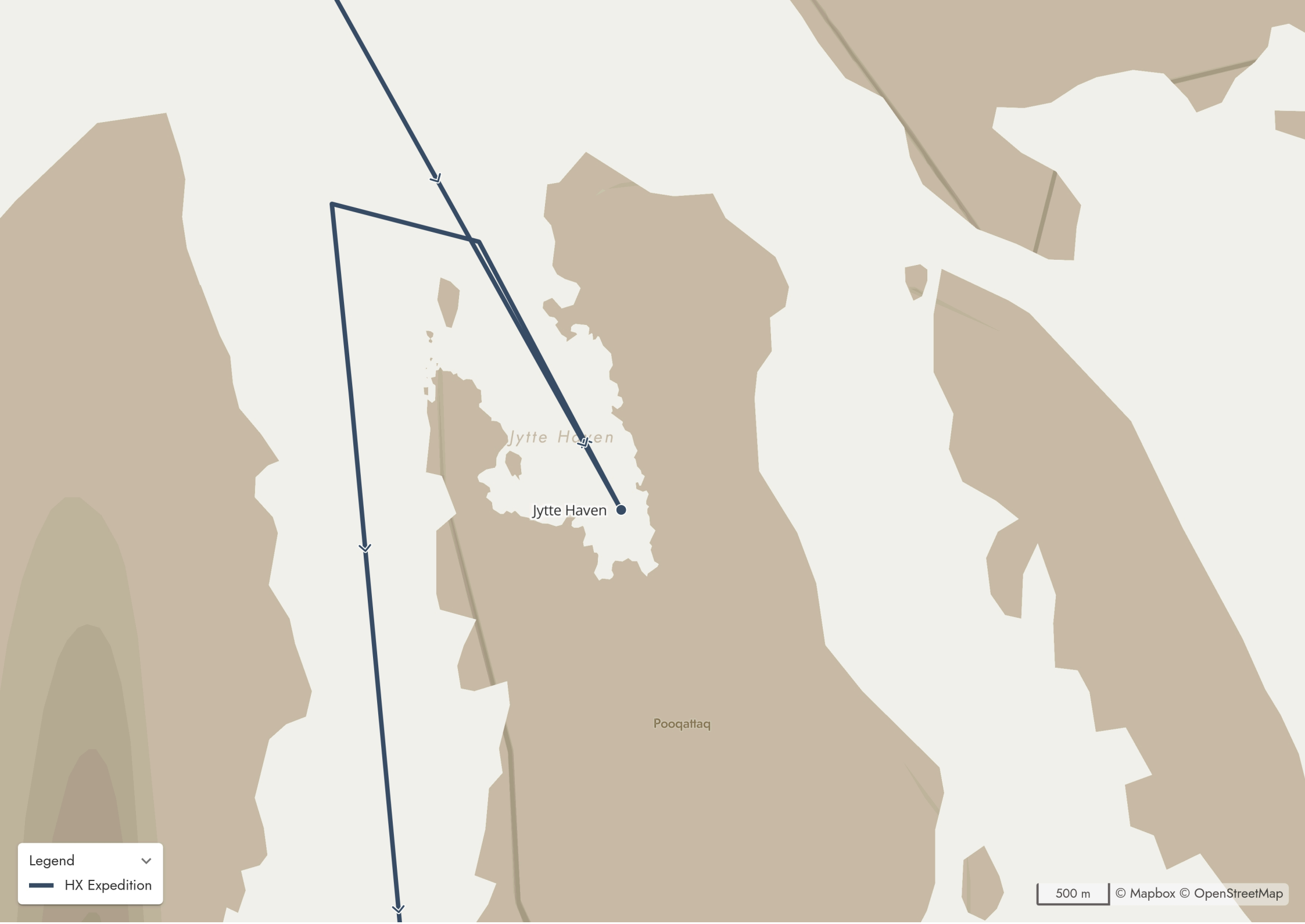
Day 5 - Rypenæs

Later in the afternoon, after sailing into Rypefjord, we had a landing on the west side of the fjord. Guests could choose between different walk levels, as well as a longer hike. Along the way, we encountered several musk oxen, observing them quietly from a safe distance but

close enough to see them clearly without the need for binoculars. Other wildlife spotted during the afternoon included Arctic hares, peregrine falcons, pink-footed geese, and more.







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500 m

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Day 6 - Jyttehaven

We landed on one of the Bear Islands, in a sheltered bay known as Jyttehaven. It was an open perimeter landing, with the opportunity to visit up to three accessible viewpoints overlooking the scenic bay, with its beautiful large icebergs, snow-capped mountains, and views of neighbouring islands. Many of us were thrilled to spot not just any

Arctic fox, but a rare blue morph, which comprises only around 3% of the total fox population.

Later that afternoon, as we sailed to our destination for the following day, we stopped the ship, opened the tender pit, and gave those who wished the chance to take a polar plunge.





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Ittoqqortoormiit

Rosenvinge
Fugt

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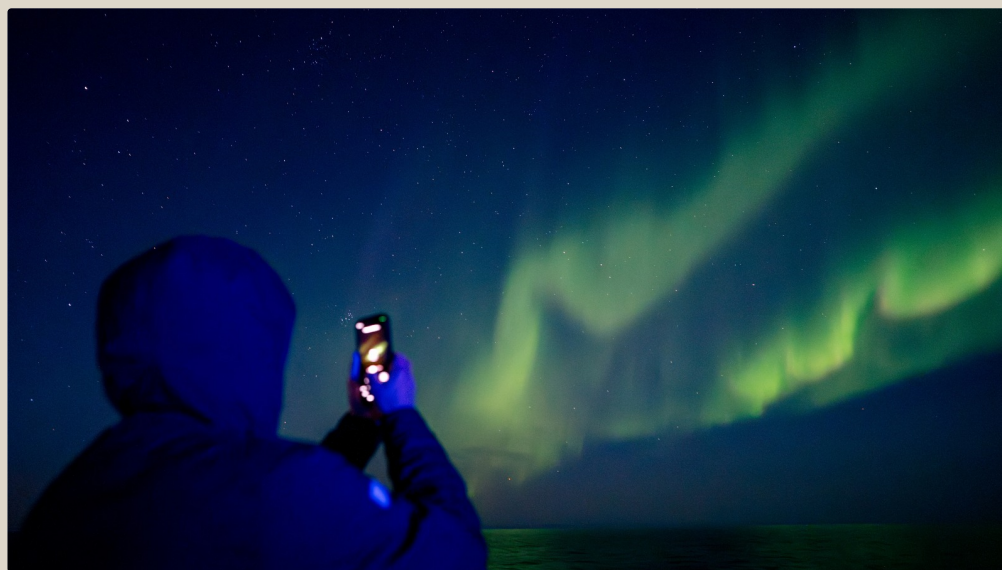
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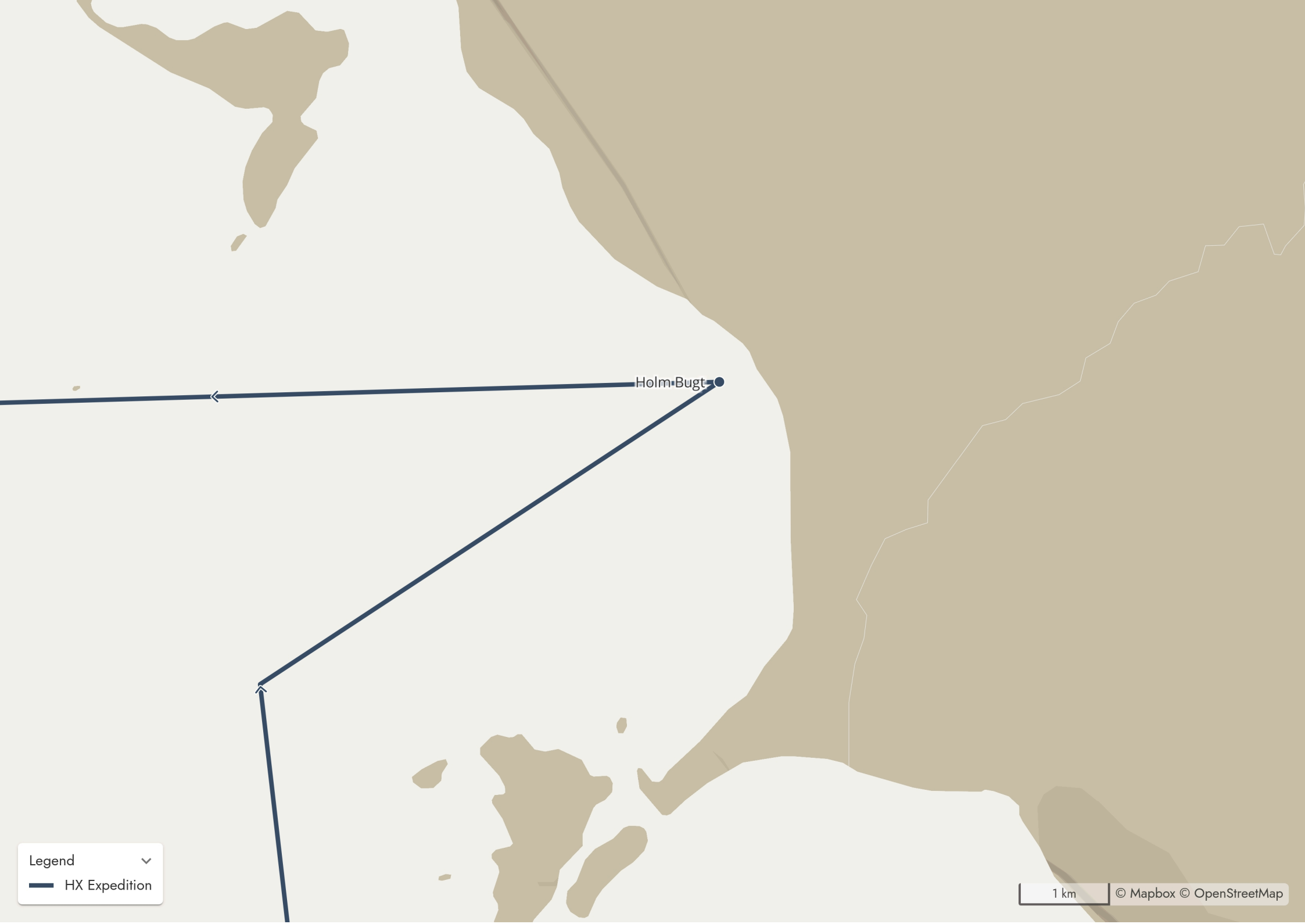
Day 7 - Ittoqqortoormiit

Today we visited the only settlement in the area. With a population of around 350 people, it is the largest northern settlement on the east coast of Greenland. We began with a local dance performance upon arriving ashore. After that, guests were free to explore the town, visiting the hunters' workshop and museum. There was also some

wildlife to be seen, with many Arctic hares within the settlement. Later that afternoon, we departed Scoresbysund, heading out into the open sea and northbound for our next adventure in Northeast Greenland National Park. In the late evening, an announcement of northern lights (aurora) was made, which turned out to be spectacular!







Holm Bugt

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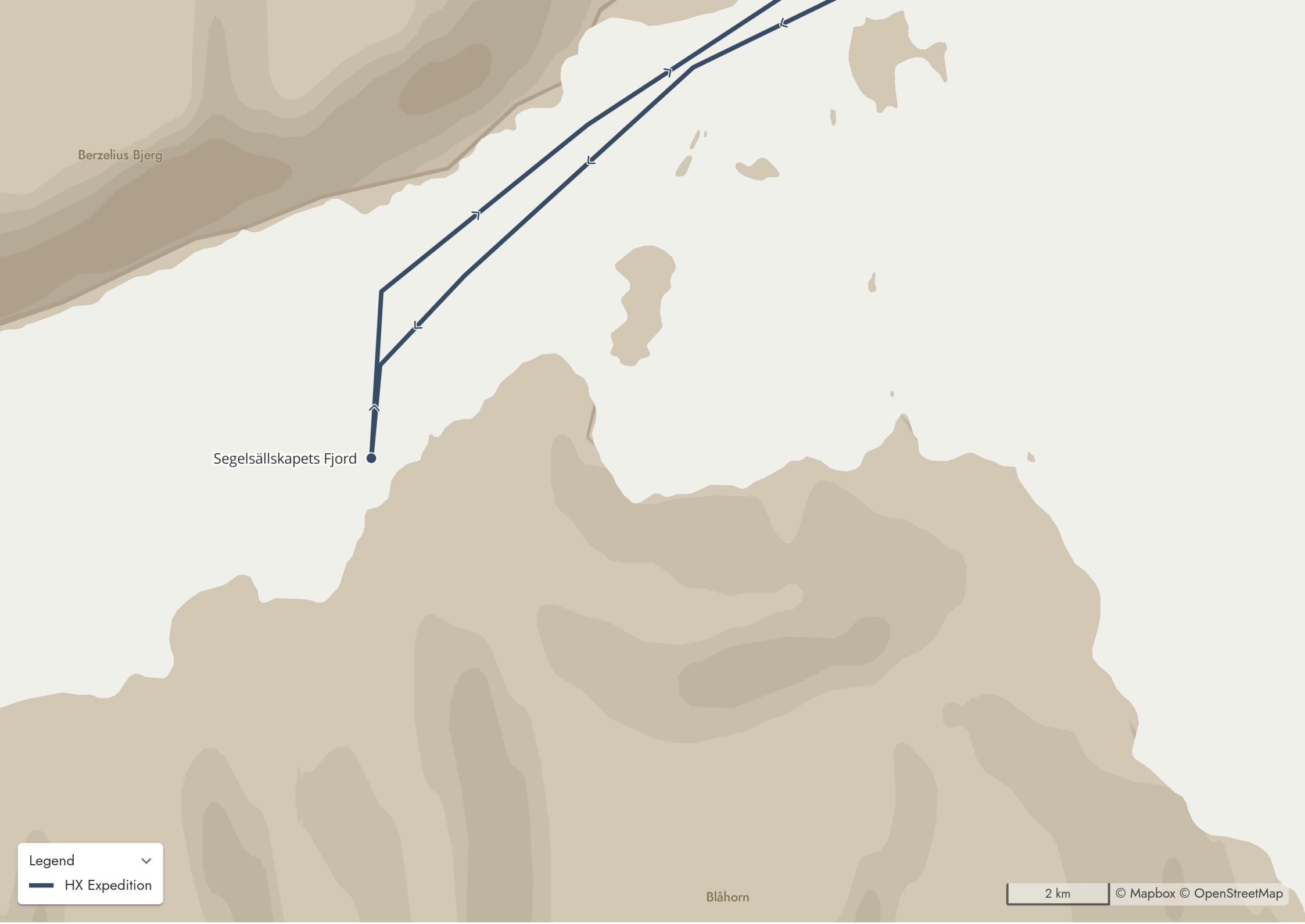
Day 8 - Holm Bugt

Our first landing in the national park greeted us with clear blue skies and bright sunshine. However, we could feel a definite drop in temperature, as it was noticeably colder than on previous days. In the

morning, we took guided walks across the frozen tundra, keeping a lookout for wildlife such as snowy owls and musk oxen, which are known to inhabit the area.







Berzelius Bjerg

Segelsällskapetets Fjord

Blåhorn

Legend



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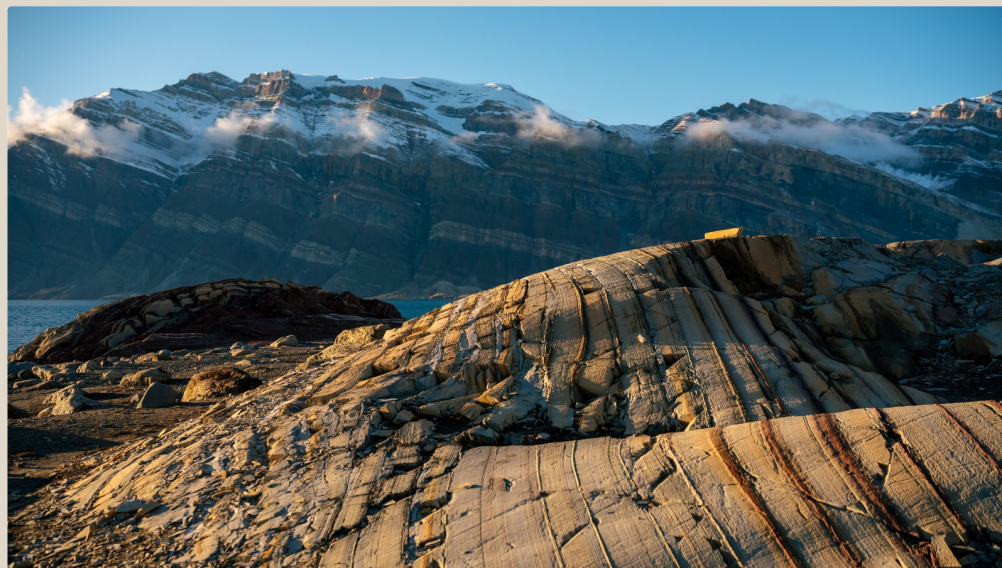
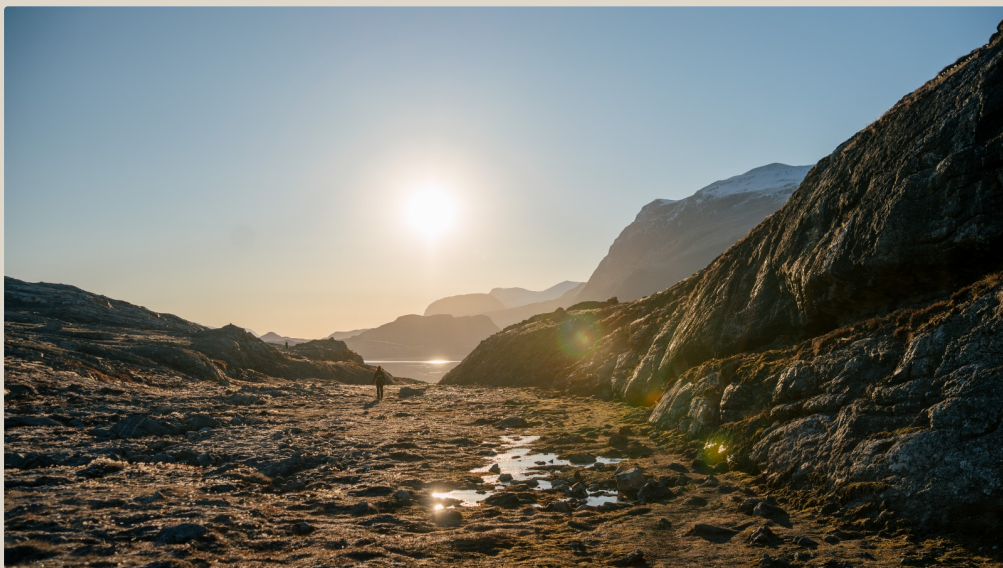
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Day 8 - Segelsällskapets Fjord

In the afternoon, we had another landing, which was a delight for anyone even remotely interested in geology. The mountains across the bay featured alternating layers of, among others, limestone, dolomite, mudrocks (shales and siltstones), and quartzite. We had a perimeter landing, where guests could explore the interesting rock formations

close to the landing site or head up to a scenic viewpoint overlooking the bay. Guests also had the option of taking another polar plunge, this time from the sandy beach. In the evening, we caught a glimpse of the beautiful Alpefjord before it got dark.







Devil's Castle

Chokoladebjerg

Lake Noa

Blomsterbugten

Blomsterbugt

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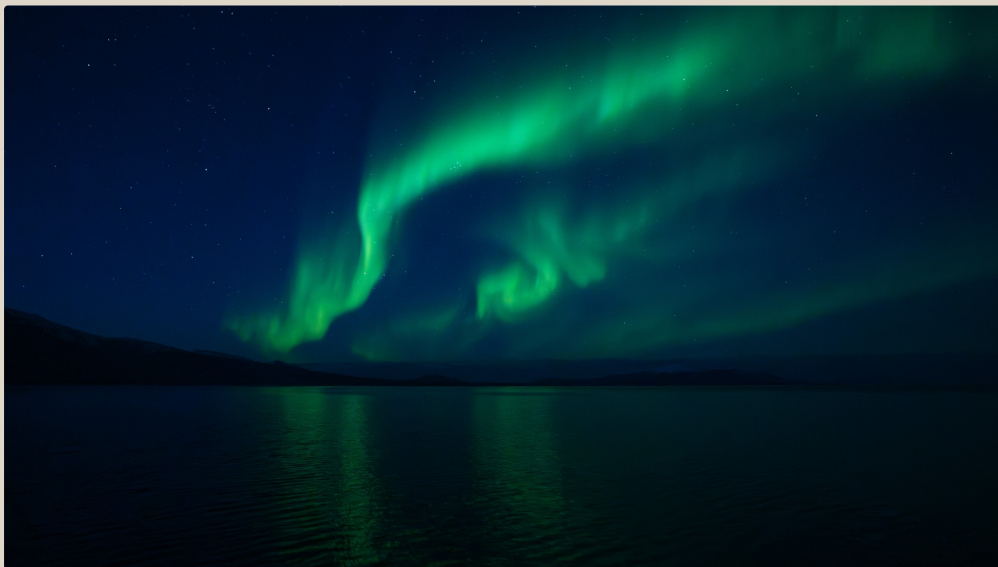
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Day 9 - Blomsterbugten

Today we landed at Blomsterbugten, a remote and scenic bay in Greenland's Northeast Greenland National Park. Stepping ashore from the expedition ship, we were greeted by a stark yet breathtaking landscape—rocky shores, colourful tundra, and towering mountains sculpted by glacial forces. This area, whose name means "Flower

Bay," often surprises visitors with bursts of Arctic wildflowers during the short summer, providing a delicate contrast to the raw wilderness. A group of hikers ventured far and were fortunate enough to see some Arctic hares and musk oxen, while many of us who remained closer to the landing site also spotted our first lemming.







Krumme Langsø

Waltershausen Glacier

Geologfjord

Nordfjord

Moskusoksefjord

Legend



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5 km

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Day 9 - Zodiac Cruising at Waltershausen Glacier

After our morning landing, we sailed through the narrow passage of Franz Joseph Fjord, which leads to Nordfjord and the stunning 11 km-wide glacier. We lowered our zodiacs into the water and enjoyed a

60-minute cruise, getting closer to the icebergs and the glacier front. We also kept a lookout for wildlife and were occasionally visited by a couple of curious ringed seals near the boats.





Myggbukta

Legend
HX Expedition

3 km

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Day 10 - Myggbukta

It was an incredible last landing here in East Greenland, and a sentimental one too for the crew, as it marked the end of the Arctic season. To commemorate the event, we decided to take a crew and passenger photo together on Deck 8. Later, we landed in Mosquito Bay (without any mosquitoes, luckily) and enjoyed a sunny final

landing and hike among the beautiful scenery and lemmings. We were also able to explore the large cabin that dominated the landing site. Later that evening, we exited the National Park area and headed south for our two-day sea crossing to Iceland.







Reykjavik, Iceland - Sep 22, 2025

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