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MS Spitsbergen

Legend

HX Expedition

Vestfjorden

Leknes

Svolvær

Stokmarknes

Sortland

Hinnøya

Harsund

Narvik

Rohkunborri
nasjonalpark

Senja

Finnesnes

Trondenes

30 km

Kiruna

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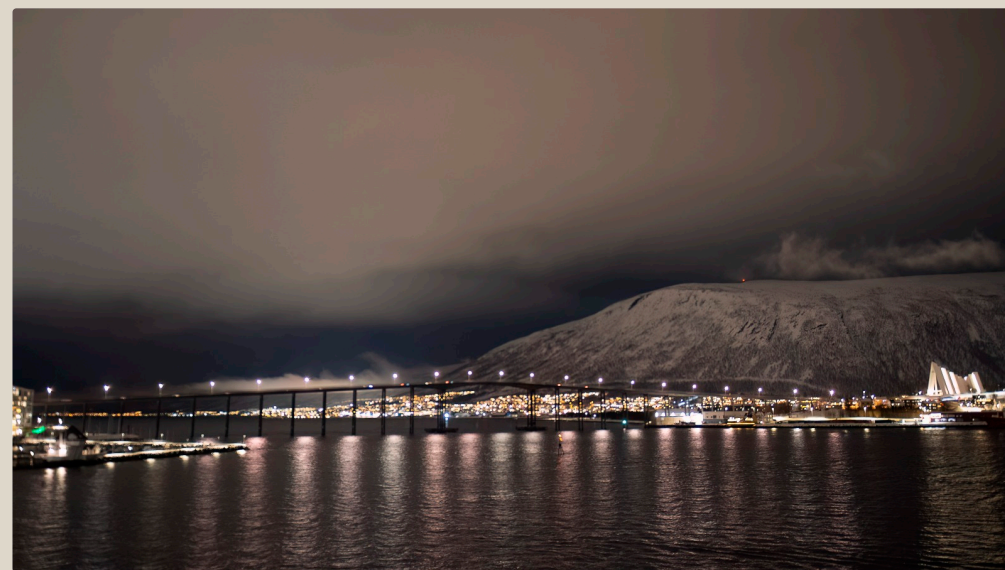
Day 1 - Embarkation in Tromsø

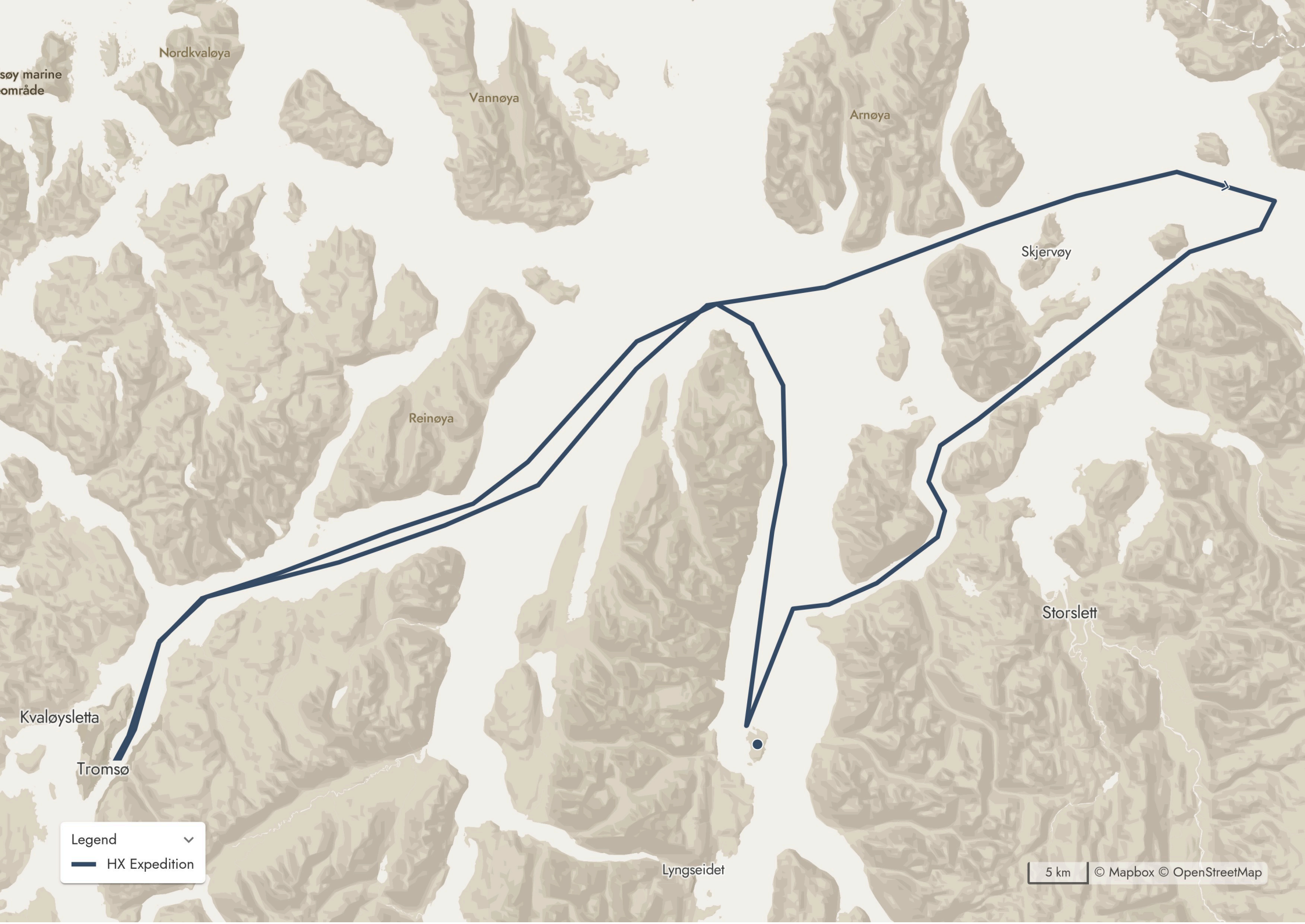
Our winter adventure in Norway began on this day in Tromsø, and our guests were greeted by calm conditions, no wind, and crisp winter temperatures. Throughout the afternoon, guests arrived at the harbour and boarded MS Spitsbergen, stepping on board ready to embark upon a brand-new journey into the Arctic season.

After the guests settled into their cabins and took some time to explore the ship, we gathered for dinner — our first shared meal on board — before attending the mandatory safety drill. With procedures completed and everyone familiar with the ship's routines,

we came together once more in the evening for the Captain's Welcome, where the ship's officers were introduced and a first toast was raised to the voyage ahead.

The evening continued with an information meeting, outlining life on board, daily operations, and what we can expect from this winter route through Norway. With practical details covered and excitement building, we set sail from Tromsø, leaving the city lights behind and headed north into the winter darkness. It was a calm and confident start to a new expedition.





søy marine
område

Nordkvaløya

Vannøya

Arnøya

Skjervøy

Reinøya

Storslett

Lyngseidet

Kvaløysletta

Tromsø

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Day 2 - Årøya

Our second day began with preparations on board. During the morning, our guests attended the mandatory kayak and snowshoe briefings, followed by the boat safety briefing, making sure everyone was ready for the activities ahead. At the same time, MS Spitsbergen sailed through the Nord-Troms region, offering beautiful winter scenery as mountains and coastline slowly passed by outside.

Later in the day, the crew prepared for our first landing of the voyage, heading to the island of Årøya. Using a floating jetty, our guests disembarked and began a hike in complete darkness — an unforgettable introduction to winter exploration in the Arctic. Our route took us through forested terrain toward Ørnhaugen, where a small fire awaited us, offering warmth and a chance to pause and take in the quiet surroundings.

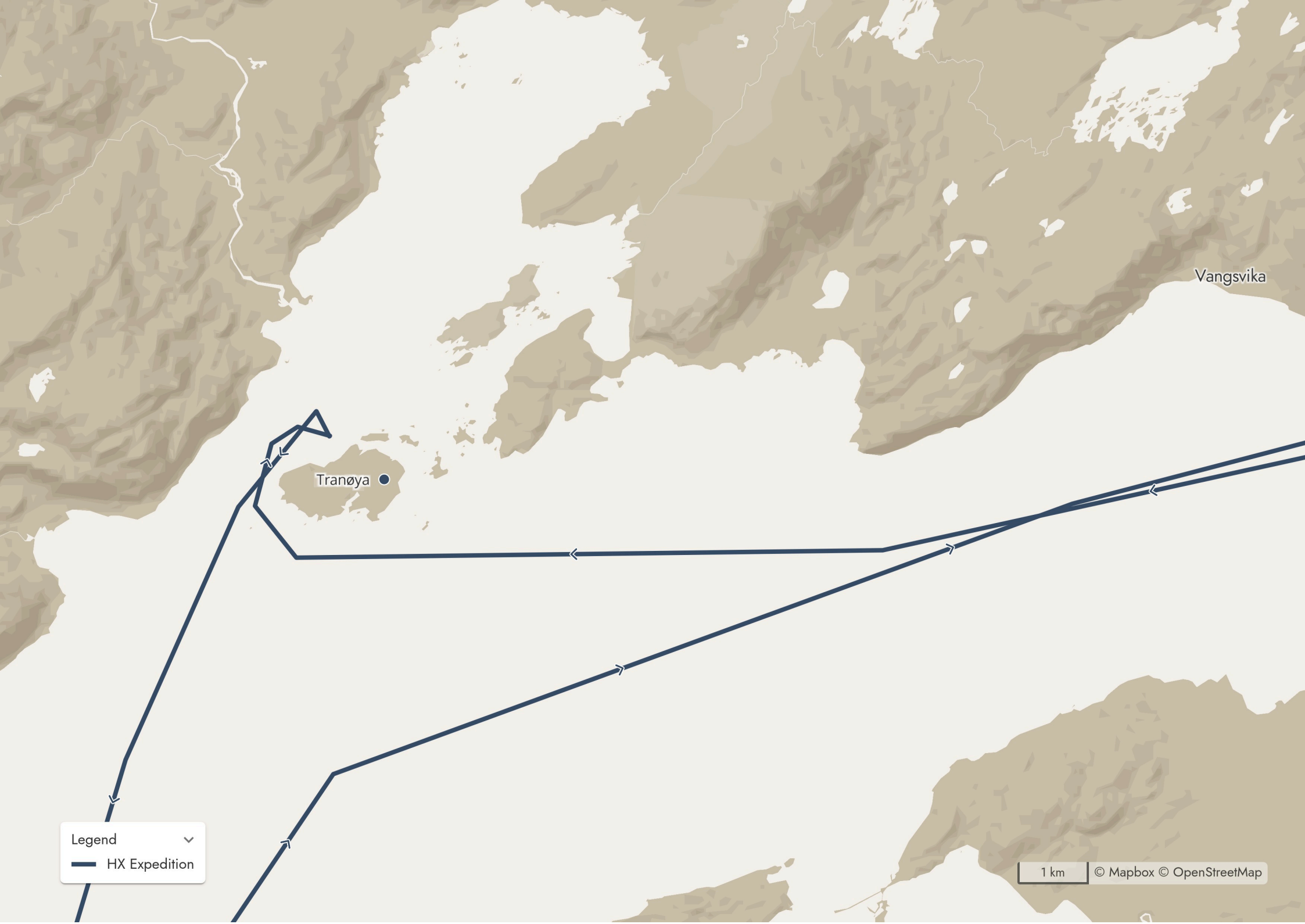
Along the way, we passed remnants of World War II trenches, silent

witnesses to a very different chapter of history in this remote area. Walking through the forest at night, guided by headlamps and surrounded by stillness, made for a powerful and atmospheric first landing.

As darkness fully settled in, we were rewarded with our first glimpse of the Northern Lights of the voyage. Soft but clearly visible auroral curtains appeared above us, gently moving across the sky. It felt like a quiet introduction to the Arctic night — subtle, calm, and perfectly aligned with the atmosphere of our first landing in Northern Norway.

Back at the landing site, before returning on board, we gathered around bonfires, enjoying hot soup and sharing impressions of the evening. It was a memorable and fitting start to our winter expedition in Norway.





Vangsvika

Tranøya

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1 km

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Day 3 - Tranøya

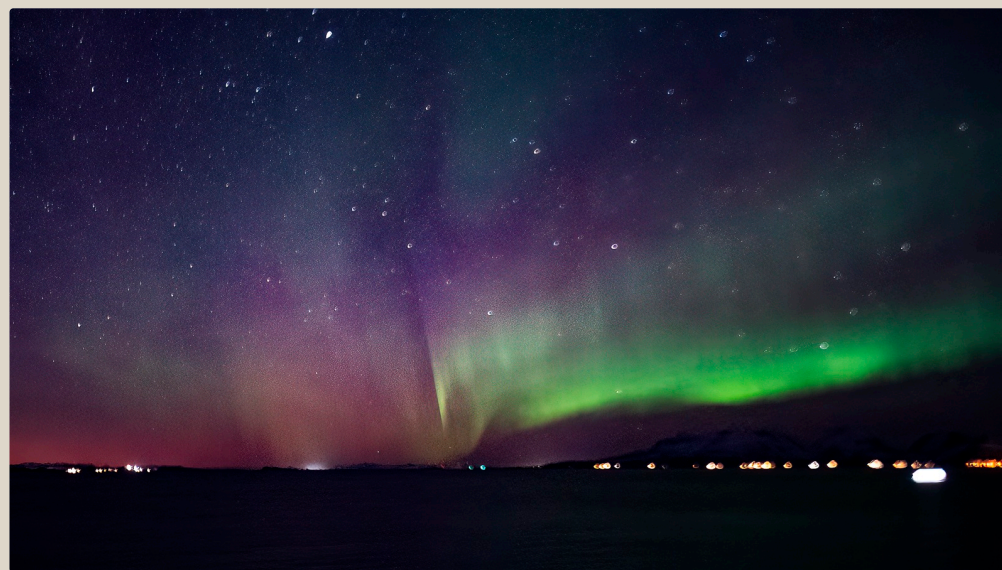
On our third day, we woke up with Tranøya ahead of us, ready for another winter adventure. With calm conditions and classic northern winter weather, we headed ashore to visit a beautifully preserved traditional Norwegian farm, a place that felt like stepping into another era.

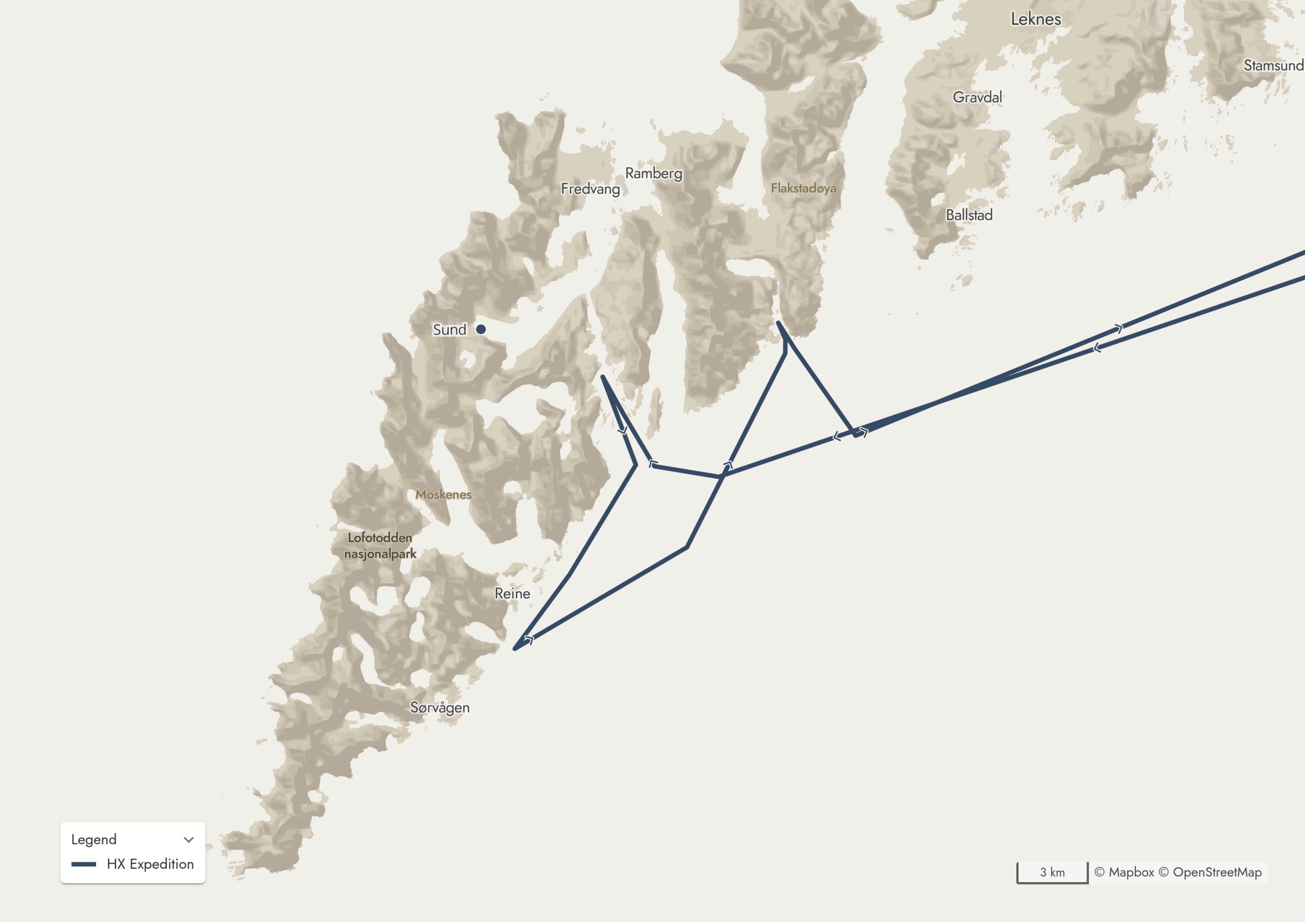
We were warmly greeted by the owners, who invited us to explore their property and shared stories of life here in the past. Inside the small church, we heard tales from another time, gaining a glimpse into the history and heritage of this remote community. Outside, a bonfire awaited us, where our guests enjoyed cinnamon buns and mulled wine, a perfect way to warm up in the crisp Arctic air.

Some guests took the opportunity to join a snowshoe walk, venturing

further into the snowy landscape, while others headed out for kayaking, enjoying the quiet waters and the surrounding winter scenery from a different perspective. With clear skies, calm conditions, and a mix of culture and outdoor adventure, Tranøya offered our guests a memorable day and another wonderful chapter in their winter expedition through Northern Norway.

Later that night, the sky delivered an unforgettable spectacle. The Northern Lights appeared with remarkable intensity, filling the sky with vivid greens and dynamic movement. The aurora danced overhead for quite a while, drawing us outside to watch in awe. It was one of the strongest displays of the trip, a powerful and emotional moment that perfectly crowned a day rich in history, warmth, and shared experiences.





Leknes

Stamsund

Gravdal

Ballstad

Flakstadøya

Ramberg

Fredvang

Sund

Moskenes

Lofotodden
nasjonalpark

Reine

Sørvågen

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Day 4 - Sund (Lofoten Islands)

Today was quite special. We woke up already in the area of the Lofoten Islands, greeted by another beautiful winter's day. Once MS Spitsbergen was in position, we set off on a 20-minute expedition boat cruise to reach our landing site.

Ashore, the Expedition Team had prepared two bonfires and a short walk in a stunning location, surrounded by sharp mountain silhouettes and with the sun slowly beginning its return to these northern latitudes.

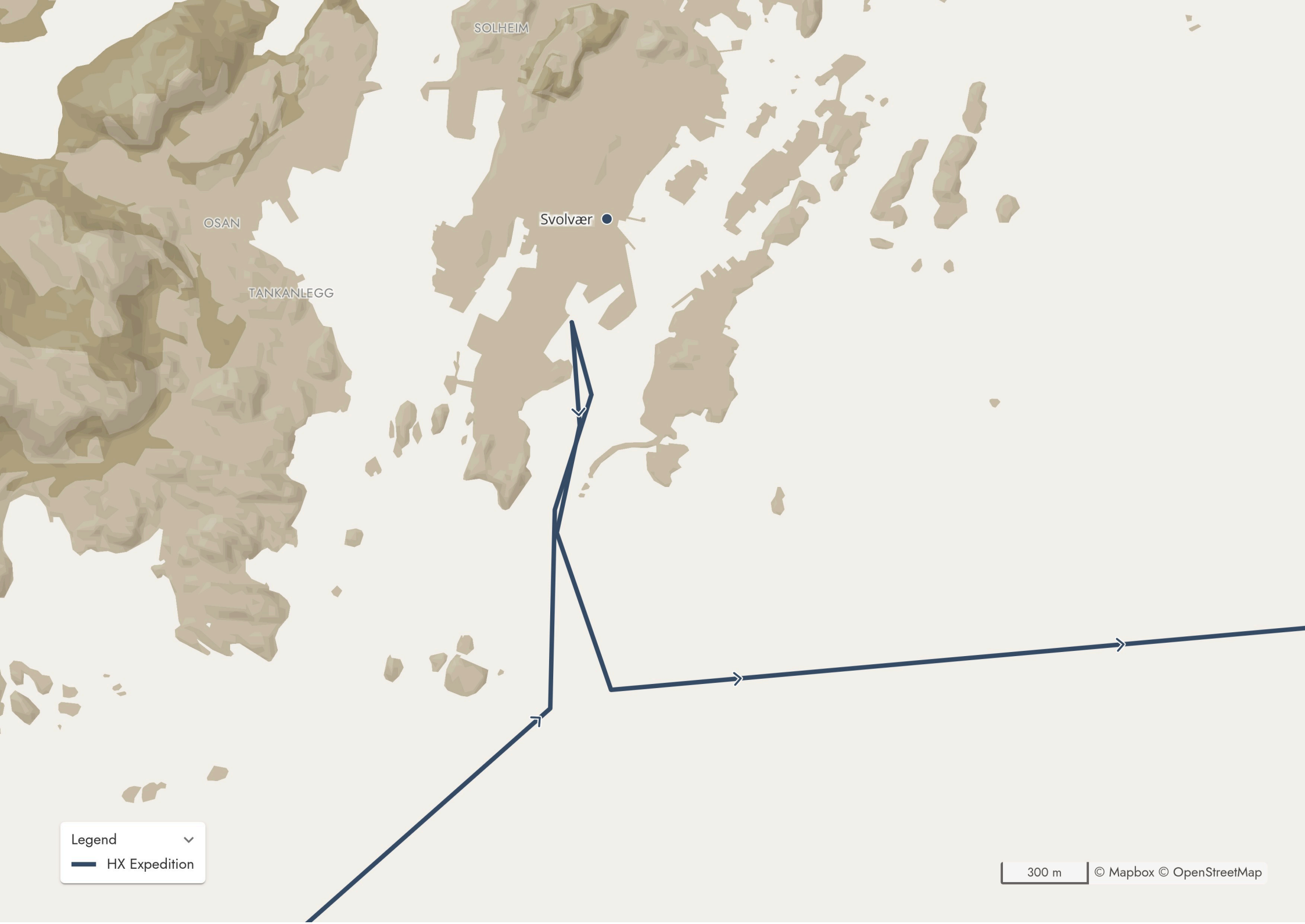
We explored the surroundings at an unhurried pace, walking up to a nearby viewpoint a few hundred metres from the landing site, taking in the calm, the silence, and the soft winter light. Before heading back to the ship, we gathered around the bonfires once more,

warming ourselves and enjoying a delicious stew — simple comforts that felt especially rewarding in the Arctic winter.

After lunch, as daylight faded quickly, we continued scenic sailing along the Lofoten coast, the rugged mountains glowing briefly as the sun set. The day saved one more surprise: one of the strongest Northern Lights displays of the voyage. Most of us spent long moments outside, watching intense greens ripple across the sky that lingered well into the night.

It was a day filled with winter magic — from fire and silence to mountains and an aurora — one that will stay with our guests for a long time.





SOLHEIM

OSAN

TANKANLEGG

Svolvær

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300 m

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Day 5 - Svolvær

Today marked our first port call alongside, as MS Spitsbergen arrived early in the morning in Svolvær, right in the heart of the Lofoten Islands. We docked around 8am, ready for a full day of exploration in one of Norway's most iconic and remote regions.

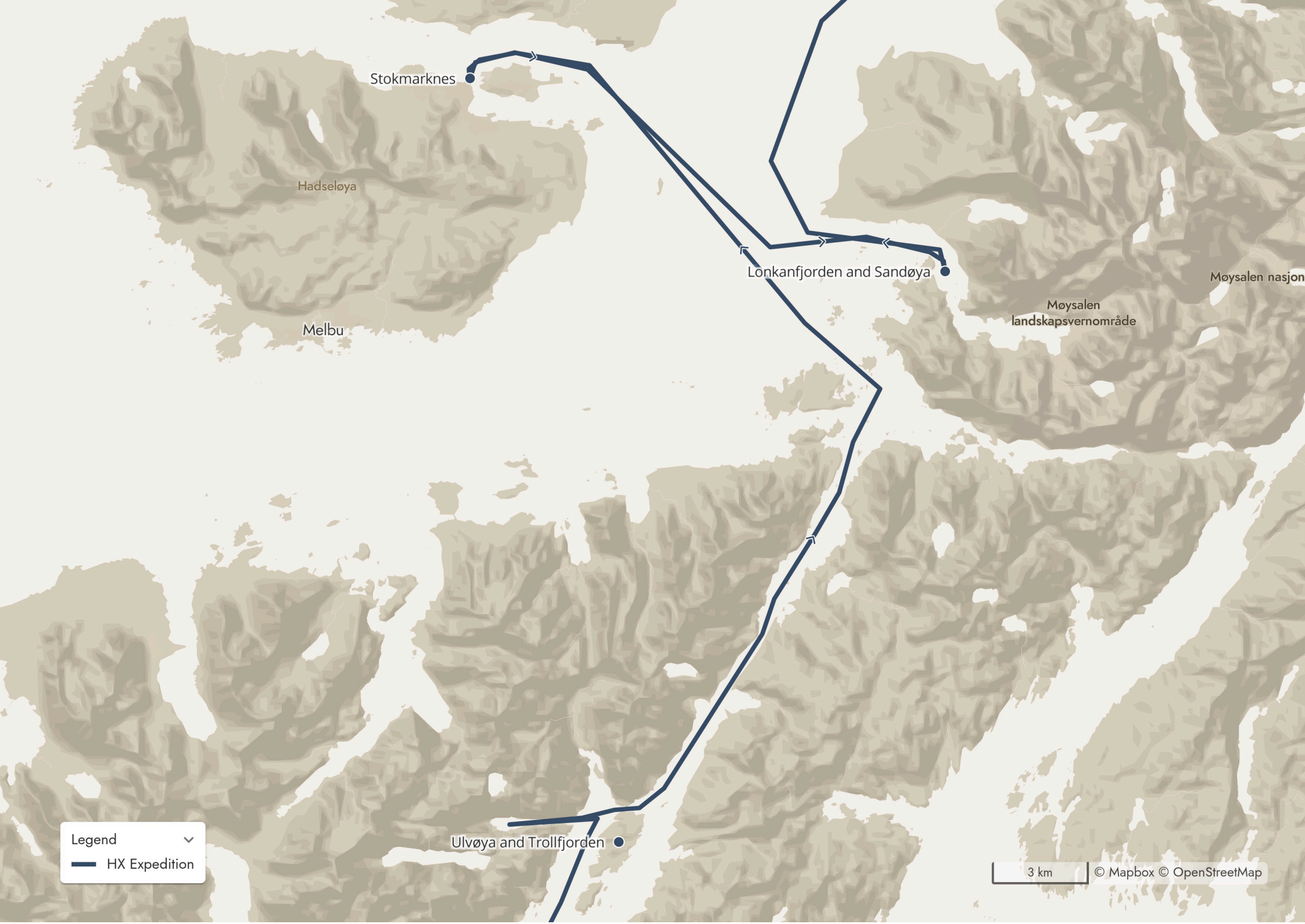
Thanks to its remarkable location, Svolvær offered a wide range of excursions, and our guests soon dispersed across the area according to their interests. Some guests joined a Fishing Heritage Walk, learning about the long-standing relationship between the Lofoten people and the sea. Others enjoyed A Taste of Lofoten, sampling local flavours and products, while a few ventured out on the Arctic Sea Eagle Experience, witnessing these impressive birds in their natural environment. Another group explored the picturesque fishing village of Henningsvær, and for the bravest, a sauna followed by a

polar plunge provided a truly Nordic contrast of heat and cold.

Throughout the day, the weather remained exceptionally kind — clear, calm, and bright — allowing our guests to fully enjoy not only the activities but also the dramatic landscapes surrounding the town. Towering peaks, sheltered harbours, and open views accompanied them wherever they went.

Svolvær welcomed us generously, offering our guests a glimpse into daily life in this northern corner of Norway. It was a day that combined culture, nature, and adventure — an authentic taste of life in the Arctic, experienced under perfect winter conditions.





Stokmarknes

Hadseløya

Melbu

Lonkanfjorden and Sandøya

Møysalen
landskapsvernområde

Møysalen nasjonalpark

Ulvøya and Trollfjorden

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3 km

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Day 6 - Ulvøya and Trollfjorden (AM)

The next day we woke up just outside the entrance of famous Trollfjord, positioned off the island of Ulvøya. The morning greeted us with crisp, cold air and clear views of the surrounding mountains, setting the stage for another memorable Arctic day.

Before entering Trollfjord, we head out on expedition boat cruise around Ulvøya, taking in the dramatic mountain scenery and the quiet atmosphere of this remote area.

From the water, our guests gained a glimpse into life in some of Norway's more isolated coastal communities, where steep slopes meet the sea and human presence is sparse. Some guests chose an alternative perspective, heading out on a kayaking adventure, enjoying the stillness and the close connection to the landscape.

Once everyone was back on board, we prepared for one of the highlights of the day. The Captain carefully guided MS Spitsbergen into Trollfjord, a passage that felt increasingly narrow as towering rock walls closed in around us. The sense of scale was striking, and the precision of the manoeuvre added to the experience. Suddenly, the fjord opened up, revealing its inner basin and the calm waters beyond.

After spending some time here, soaking in the views and the exquisite silence, the Captain slowly turned the ship around and exited the fjord the same way we had entered, continuing our journey along the Norwegian coast — another classic Arctic moment added to our winter voyage.



Day 6 - Raftsundet and Stokmarknes (PM)

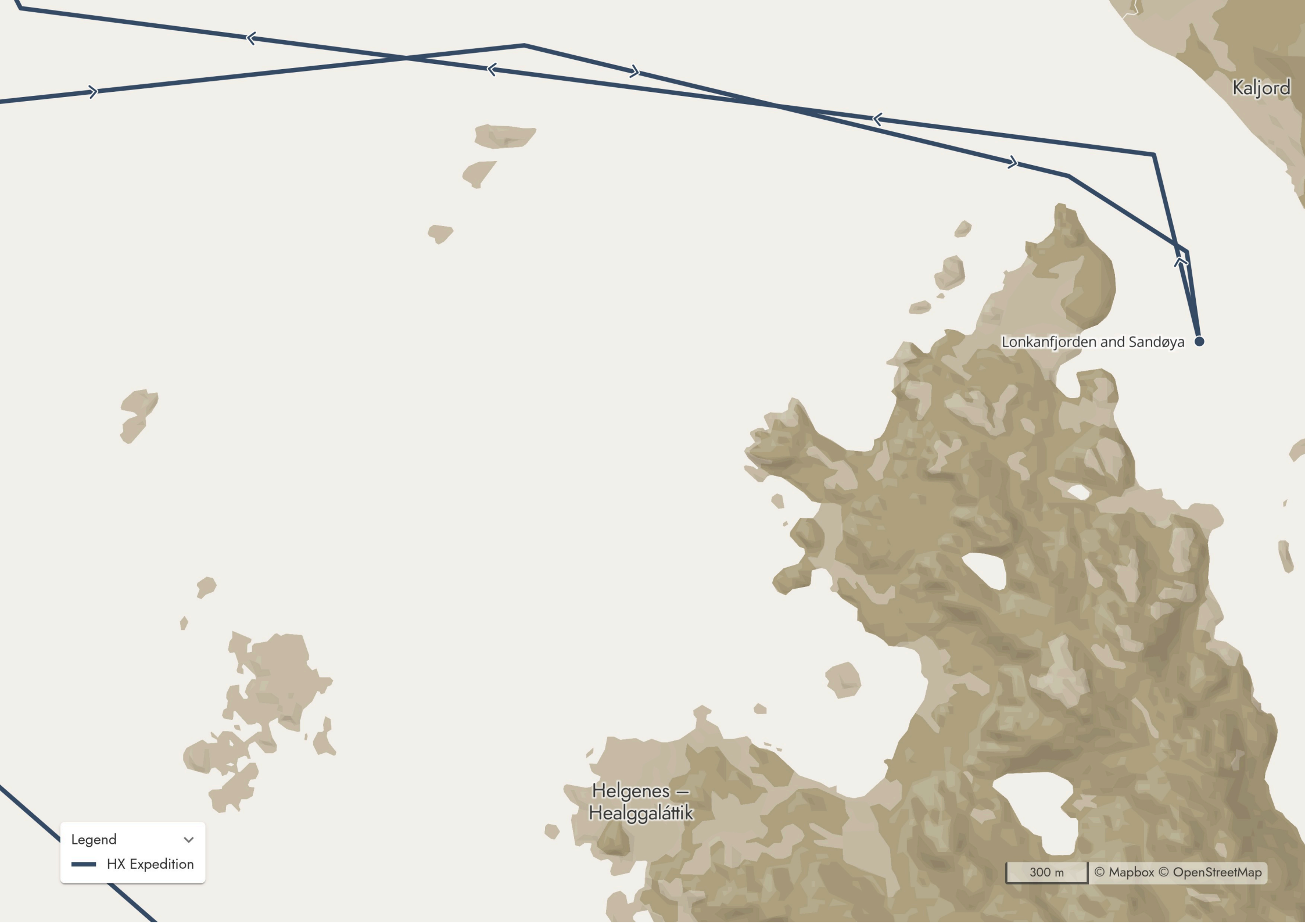
Immediately after leaving Trollfjord, we continued sailing along Raftsundet, another spectacular stretch of water that offered yet more impressive views of Arctic Norway. Steep mountains rose directly from the sea, their winter colours and sharp profiles accompanied us as we made our way south, enjoying the scenery from deck and lounges alike.

Later in the afternoon, around 4pm, we docked in Stokmarknes, a place of special significance in Norwegian coastal history. Here, a unique evening awaited us. We stepped ashore and walked straight from MS Spitsbergen to the nearby Hurtigruten Museum, where we were warmly welcomed by local musicians.

Before dinner, our guests toured the museum, learning about the development of Norway's coastal routes and the vessels that have connected remote communities along this rugged coastline for generations. The visit offered valuable context to the waters we had been sailing through over the past days.

The evening concluded with a delicious dinner on board the historic MS Finnmarken, an unforgettable setting that brought history and hospitality together. It was a meaningful and atmospheric stop — one that connected our winter expedition to the long maritime traditions of Norway.





Kaljord

Lonkanfjorden and Sandøya

Helgenes –
Healggaláttik

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Day 7 - Lonkanfjord and Sandøya

We began the day early close to Stokmarknes, where we headed out once more into the winter landscape. This time, we set off on a short expedition boat ride toward the end of Lonkanfjord, where ice had gathered and the morning light slowly revealed the surrounding mountains.

From there, guests disembarked on a white sand beach on Sandøya, a beautiful and peaceful spot for our final landing in Arctic Norway. With no set routes, they roamed freely, taking in the stillness and watching the sunrise reflect off the snowy peaks around them. A last bonfire awaited them on shore, where they enjoyed warm sausages and shared quiet moments together. Some seized the opportunity for

one final polar plunge, embracing the cold as a fitting end to their outdoor adventures.

With this landing, we said goodbye to Arctic Norway and began our journey back toward Tromsø. Along the way, we were treated to another beautiful sunset, followed by yet more Northern Lights, dancing across the sky as if offering a final farewell.

Later in the evening, after dinner, we gathered with the Captain to raise a glass —celebrating an unforgettable journey, shared experiences, and the many moments that had made this winter expedition so special.





Day 8 - Disembarkation in Tromsø

Early on Saturday morning, MS Spitsbergen arrived back in Tromsø, docking close to the city centre as the first morning light filtered through a cloudy Arctic sky. Quietly and almost unnoticed, the journey came to its natural end.

After breakfast, it was time to say our goodbyes. Our guests exchanged farewells to the ship that had been their home, to the crew and Expedition Team who guided them through winter landscapes, and to the fellow travellers with whom they had shared moments of wonder and laughter. Over the past days, we had explored remote islands and fjords, walked through snow-covered forests, gathered around fires, and watched the sky come alive with the Northern Lights.

Disembarkation days are always bittersweet. While the adventure had ended, the memories of Arctic light, cold air, rugged coastlines, and the special connection that forms when traveling together in such places will remain.

With bags in hand and stories ready to be told, the guests went their separate ways — carrying with them the spirit of the Arctic and the shared moments that made this journey unforgettable.



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