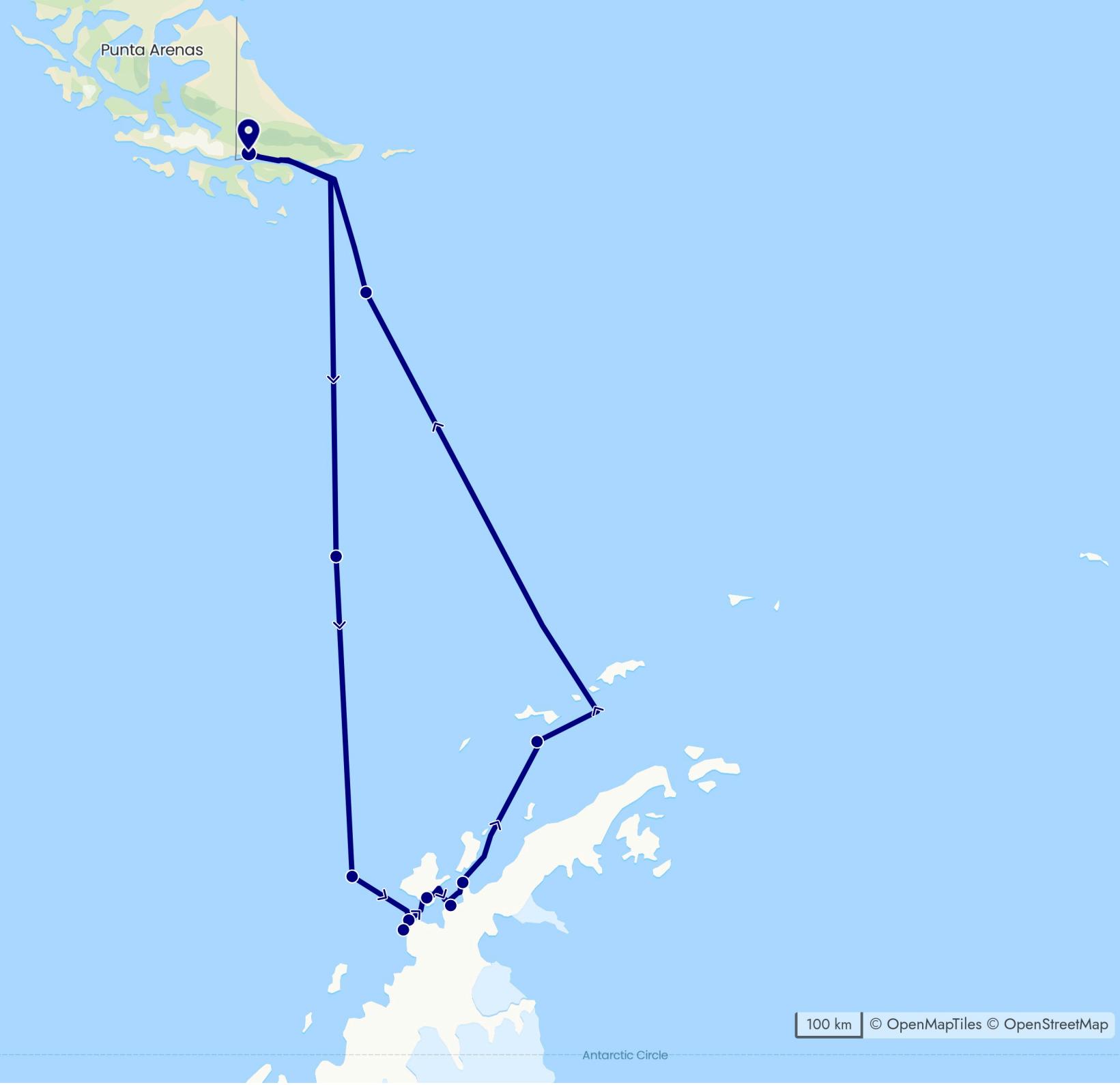




MS Roald Amundsen

23/12/2025 to 02/01/2026



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## Embarkation Day | Ushuaia

Today marked the beginning of a new and very special expedition. Our guests embarked in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, under a calm, overcast sky and cool Patagonian conditions. The harbour was busy with last-minute logistics as MS Roald Amundsen lay alongside the pier, fully prepared for a long southern voyage.

Throughout the afternoon our guests arrived on board, completed check-in procedures, and settled into their cabins. The atmosphere was a mix of excitement and quiet anticipation, knowing that this journey will take us to Antarctica and that we will spend Christmas in the White Continent — something truly exceptional. Once on board, our guests familiarized themselves with the ship, explored the public areas, and met fellow travellers and members of the Expedition Team.

In the late afternoon, our guests participated in the mandatory safety drill, followed by the official Welcome on Board briefing. Then the expedition leadership outlined life on board, daily routines, safety procedures, and the wide range of activities planned for the voyage

ahead. As the ship prepared for departure, many gathered on deck to watch the final operations in port and take in the surrounding mountains framing Ushuaia.

As evening fell, the ship was ready to sail. With lines secured and preparations complete, we began the first chapter of this Antarctic expedition. Leaving Ushuaia astern, we set course south toward the Drake Passage, carrying with us the excitement of adventure and the promise of unforgettable days ahead in one of the most remote regions on Earth.



## Christmas Eve at Sea – Our First Day Crossing the Drake Passage

Today we began our Antarctic adventure aboard MS Roald Amundsen, crossing the legendary Drake Passage on Christmas Eve. After breakfast, our guests joined wildlife watching on deck, scanning for seabirds while the ocean reminded us of its power. Conditions were challenging: 2.8°C, a strong breeze of 12.4 m/s, and waves around 3.2 metres as the ship cruised south at 14 knots. The movement was constant, but it felt like part of the experience.

Throughout the day, our guests attended briefings, met the Expedition Team, and picked up our HX expeditions jackets. The IAATO session prepared them for landings, while the Art Corner added a festive touch with handmade ornaments. Evening brought warmth and celebration: the Captain's Welcome, carols from the crew, and storytelling from the works of Hans Christian Andersen. Together, we toasted to adventure and the magic of the holidays. Tomorrow, Christmas Day, we continue towards the White Continent.



## At Sea - Drake Passage

Today we spent the entire day at sea crossing the Drake Passage, with a very special atmosphere on board as we celebrated Christmas Day.

The ocean reminded us where we were, with wind and a long rolling swell, but the ship made steady progress and felt safe and comfortable throughout the day. Even with the conditions outside, life on board was warm and lively.

In the morning, our guests joined a wildlife watch on deck, admiring albatrosses gliding effortlessly above the waves. The day was filled with activities, talks, and workshops, keeping everyone engaged. One of the highlights was decorating Christmas cookies in the Explorer Lounge, sharing laughter, creativity, and hot chocolate. There was also time for science sessions, art activities, and photography, giving the day a relaxed and festive rhythm.

Between activities, our guests enjoyed unhurried meals, quiet conversations, and moments of reflection while looking out at the Southern Ocean. By the end of the day, it was clear that, even far from land, the shared spirit on board made this Christmas at sea a

truly memorable experience.





Port Charcot - Dec 26, 2025

1274 km

Petermann Island - Dec 26, 2025

1292 km



## Port Charcot & Petermann Island

Today was a varied and rewarding day along the Antarctic Peninsula. We began the morning at Port Charcot, where calm conditions allowed us to carry out kayaking and expedition boat cruising. From the water, our guests enjoyed a unique perspective of the coastline, surrounded by sculpted icebergs and reflections on the glassy sea. Kayaking offered a quiet and immersive experience, while expedition boat cruising provided opportunities to explore further among the ice and observe wildlife at water level, fully appreciating the scale and colours of the Antarctic environment.

In the afternoon, we relocated to Petermann Island for a scenic expedition boat cruise. We navigated through a maze of icebergs and brash ice, taking time to observe the dramatic glacial formations and the rich marine life of the area. The light enhanced the blues and whites of the ice, creating a spectacular atmosphere.

The day combined active exploration with peaceful observation, leaving our guests with lasting impressions of Antarctica's beauty and diversity before returning to the ship.

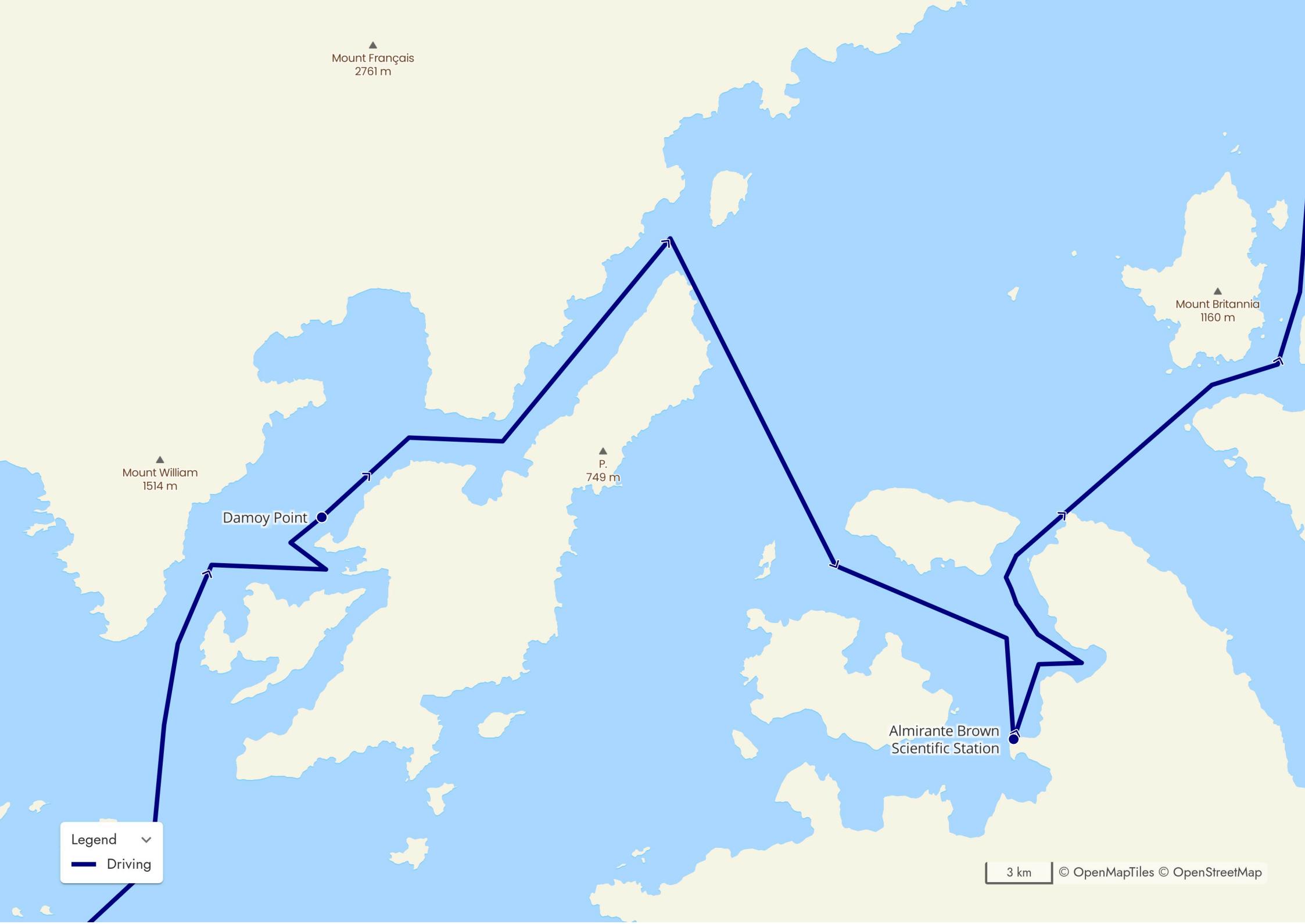


## Day at Port Lockroy & Damoy Point

Today we enjoyed a classic Antarctic exploration day filled with wildlife, history, and spectacular scenery. In the morning, we approached the area around Port Lockroy, where calm conditions allowed us to observe penguins resting on ice floes and swimming along the shoreline. We also spotted a humpback whale surfacing nearby, adding a memorable wildlife moment to the start of the day.

Later, we continued to Damoy Point for our afternoon activities. We landed on shore and followed the marked routes across snow-covered terrain, with wide views over the bay and surrounding glaciers. The historic huts and remnants of early Antarctic operations provided an interesting contrast to the pristine landscape. Along the way, we encountered penguins moving between the sea and their nesting areas, as well as seals resting quietly on the snow. The weather remained stable, offering excellent visibility and light throughout the afternoon. We returned to the ship grateful for a full day that combined wildlife encounters, exploration, and Antarctic history.





## Paradise Harbour

Today at Paradise Harbour was packed with adventure and relaxation. Guests started early with breakfast at Aune and Lindstrøm, followed by expedition boat cruising around 8am to explore the stunning Antarctic landscapes. Kayaking adventures and Science Boat outings kept the morning active, while onboard workshops like 'Icebergs: Secrets of the Floating Giants' and wildlife origami offered creative learning. Lunch buffets and Fredheim's takeaway ensured everyone stayed energized. Afternoon highlights included Discovery Kayak sessions, wildlife watch activities on Deck 7, and lectures on Antarctic seals. At dinner, guests enjoyed an à la carte menu at Lindstrøm and a South American-themed experience at Fredheim. The shop and wellness area provided eco-friendly products and treatments throughout the day. Evening plans featured an overnight camping excursion for the adventurous and a briefing on tomorrow's activities. Overall, the day blended exploration, education, and comfort in true Antarctic style.







## Orne Harbour

Today we spent the day at Orne Harbour under changing weather conditions. During the afternoon, the wind increased noticeably, with gusts reaching up to 25 knots, adding a more dynamic feel to the landing. Despite this, operations remained safe and well managed, and visibility stayed good.

In the afternoon we went ashore and began the ascent from the landing site. The climb was steep and physically demanding, requiring steady pacing and careful footing on snow and rock. However, the effort was well worth it. From the higher ground, we were rewarded with impressive views looking across to the channel on the far side, opening a wider perspective of the surrounding Antarctic landscape. Glaciers, ice-filled waters, and distant peaks created a dramatic backdrop.

Along the route, we observed seabirds flying in the strengthening wind and penguins moving between the sea and their resting areas. The combination of challenging conditions, rewarding views, and classic Antarctic scenery made this a memorable and satisfying day of

exploration.



Drake Passage

Deception Island

Orne

Damoy Point

Port Charcot  
Petermann Island

Almirante Brown  
Scientific Station

Legend

Driving

50 km

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## Deception Island

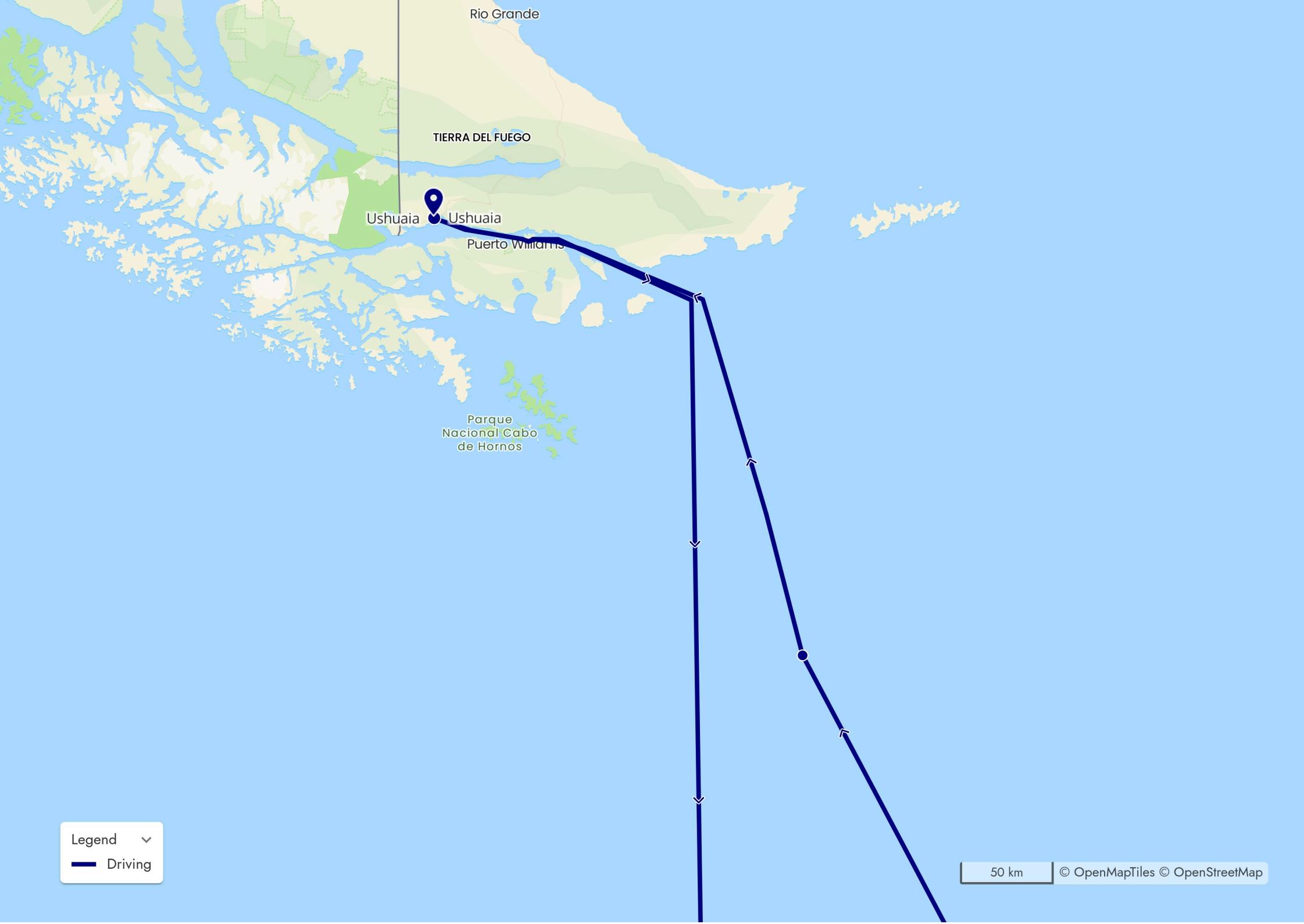
Today we visited Whalers Bay on Deception Island, a place where Antarctic wilderness and human history meet in a striking way. Early in the day, we sailed through Neptune's Bellows, entering the flooded caldera under calm conditions, an impressive natural gateway framed by dark volcanic cliffs.

Once ashore, we explored the black volcanic sands of Whalers Bay. Steam rising from the warm ground beneath our boots reminded us of the island's active volcanic nature. We walked past the remains of the old whaling station and historic buildings, learning about the intense industrial activity that once took place here and its lasting impact on the environment. The contrast between rusting structures and the surrounding ice-covered slopes was powerful and thought-provoking.

Wildlife encounters added to the experience, with penguins moving along the shoreline and seabirds circling overhead. Later in the day, some of our guests took part in the polar plunge, a cold but unforgettable highlight. Our guests returned to the ship with a deeper

appreciation of Antarctica's complex natural and human history.





## New Year's Eve at Sea

Today was a special New Year's Eve spent at sea, marked by a calm and reflective atmosphere on board. With no landings planned, we enjoyed a full day of navigation through Antarctic waters, surrounded by drifting ice and distant glaciers. The changing light and subtle colors of the ice created a peaceful backdrop, and many guests lingered on the observation decks to observe wildlife and enjoy the stillness of the Southern Ocean.

Throughout the day, the Expedition Team offered a varied programme of lectures, workshops, and wildlife watches to deepen our guests' understanding of Antarctica's ecosystems and the species that inhabit them. Between activities, guests relaxed in the lounges, shared stories from the journey, and took time to review photographs and memories from previous days.

In the evening, New Year's Eve was celebrated on board with a festive dinner and a warm, convivial atmosphere. Despite being far from home, the sense of shared adventure made this New Year's Eve truly

memorable.





## Final Day of Navigation, New Year's Day

Today marked our final day of navigation, coinciding with New Year's Day, and it was a calm and reflective way to close the expedition. We spent the day at sea, gradually leaving the Antarctic region behind while enjoying stable conditions and open horizons. Many guests gathered on deck throughout the morning, sharing quiet moments and watching the ocean pass beneath the ship as the light slowly changed.

On board, the atmosphere was relaxed and social. After the celebrations of the previous night, the day offered our guests time to rest, organize luggage, and revisit memories from the journey. A full program of onboard activities was available, including wildlife watches, talks, and informal gatherings, allowing our guests to end

the voyage at their own pace. Later in the afternoon, guests joined the crew for a farewell, accompanied by a slideshow of highlights from the expedition, a fitting reminder of everything we had experienced together



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