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MS Roald Amundsen

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Day 1 - Embarkation in Ushuaia

A busy day awaited our guests today, with embarkation, locating their cabins, and getting familiar with the layout of the ship. A mandatory safety briefing featured vibrant personal protective gear, nicely modelled by members of the Expedition Team. Then it was time for

dinner and a beautiful sail away. As the sun was setting we headed out of Ushuaia and into the Beagle Channel to start on our epic adventure to Antarctica!



Day 2 - The Drake Passage

The ship was rolling in the waves as we headed south towards the Frozen Continent. It was a day of preparation with information briefings and onboard activities. The Captain welcomed our guests as we all braved the infamous Drake Passage aboard our hybrid-

powered expedition vessel, MS Roald Amundsen. The surrounding waters revealed albatrosses and petrels soaring effortlessly above the waves.





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Day 3 - Drake Passage

Our second day at sea gave us our first glimpses of icebergs and mountains. The distant snowy peaks of the South Shetland Islands and the Palmer archipelago became more visible as the day continued and the fog lifted. On board, our Expedition Team members

presented lectures and workshops related to Antarctica. As the day closed, the plans for the next day were revealed, so our guests were prepared for their first day in Antarctica.



Day 4 - Petermann Island

We made our first landing in Antarctica at Petermann Island in the morning, a memorable milestone marked not only by stepping ashore among gentoo and Adélie penguin colonies, but also by our first true

embrace of the unmistakable aroma of a penguin colony! The excitement continued with the collective challenge of mastering life vests, sailor grips, and graceful expedition boat entries and exits.





Day 4 - Pleneau Island

In the afternoon, we enjoyed scenic cruising through the spectacular ice channels of Pleneau Island surrounded by grounded towering icebergs and calm polar waters. On board, wildlife watches and

presentations on whales and life in the sea enriched the day, which concluded by the haunting sounds of whale song in the evening.





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Larsen C Ice Shelf

Day 5 - Crystal Sound & The Gullet

Beautiful weather and blue skies greeted us as we entered the crystal-clear waters of the suitably named Crystal Sound. By mid-morning, it was time to brave The Gullet! Notorious for being blocked by thick pack ice and icebergs, The Gullet offered us some beautiful scenic views as we navigated through the narrow channels. The stand out? Seals as far as the eye could see! With ice cruising scheduled, we

sailed among the whales, seals, and penguins, and had an incredible orcas sighting. These particular orcas were the B1 ecotype - known as pack ice orcas - who are notorious for wave washing seals off of ice floes. We were thrilled to make it through the Gullet and had some incredible views along the way!



Day 6 - Bongrain Point

The day began with an unexpected guest appearance when a curious Adélie penguin briefly boarded one of our expedition boats, clearly enjoying its exclusive cruise before returning to official penguin business. At Bongrain Point, we explored a vast Adélie breeding colony and a rugged landscape of granite, iron-stained rocks, and

steep slopes, learning how freeze–thaw cycles and glacial forces relentlessly shape Antarctica's proglacial terrain. Around midday, we were duly 'baptized' by Poseidon and his helpers as we crossed the Antarctic Circle — leaving everyone officially chilled and certified as true polar explorers.



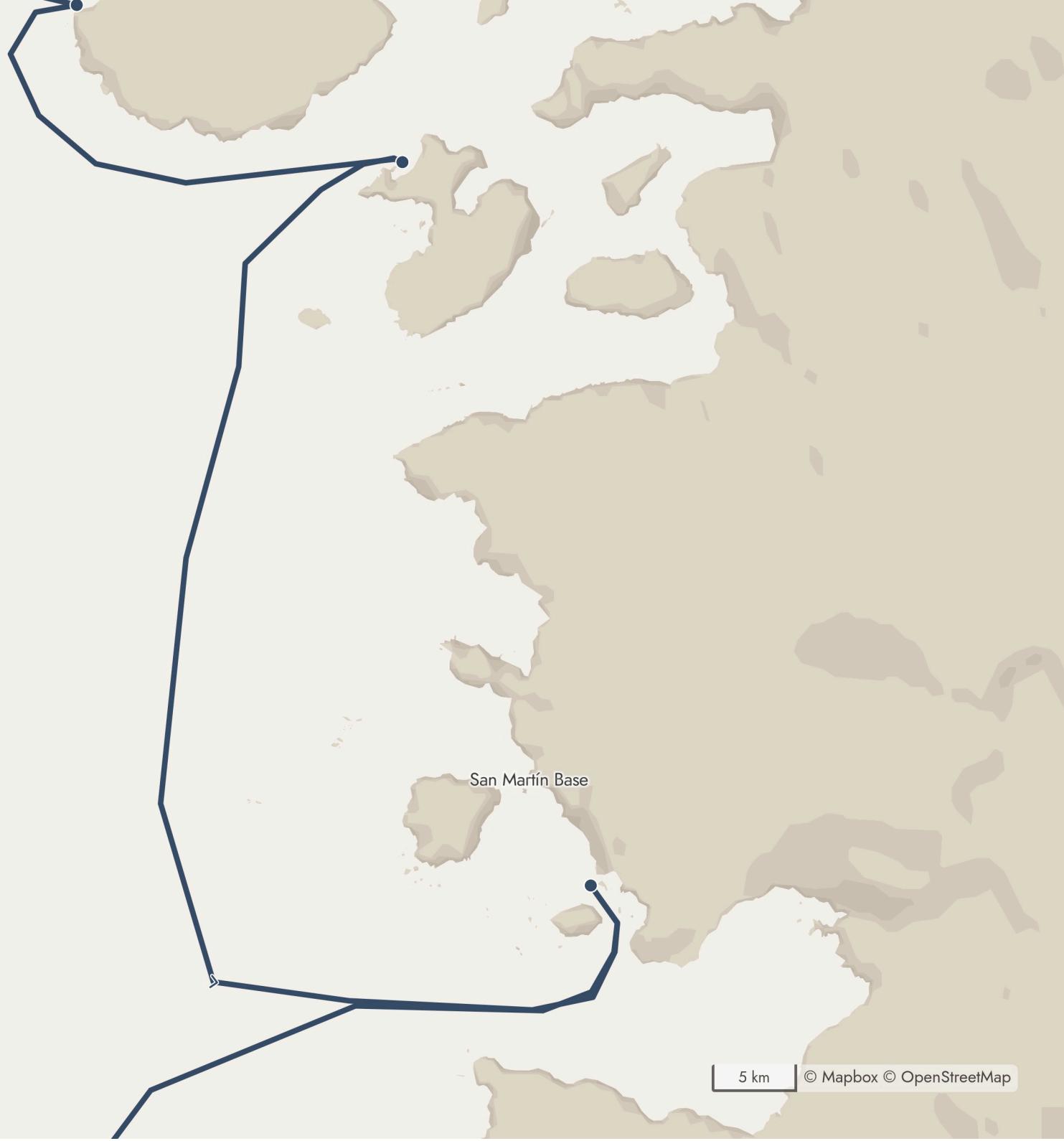


Day 6 - Horseshoe Island

In the afternoon, we landed at Horseshoe Island to visit the historic Base Y, admire rare malachite minerals, and relax alongside Weddell

seals before ending the day with science, creativity, storytelling, and an unforgettable night camping under Antarctic skies.





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Day 7 - Stonington Island

Our afternoon landing at Stonington Island transported us straight into Antarctic history as we explored the remains of the American East Base and British Base E — once busy hubs of science and survival. Nestled in Neny Fjord beneath the Northeast Glacier, the sites offered a dramatic reminder of how closely early explorers lived with ice, weather, and isolation, punctuated by loud, powerful, and

stunning glacier calving events that echoed across the fjord. Back on board, the Expedition Team hosted talks on tubenose seabirds, dynamic glaciers, and the freshening of Antarctic waters. The day closed on a reflective note with a Tiny Talk celebrating the women of Stonington, followed by a poetic tribute that proved Antarctica inspires both science and the soul.





Wilkins Sound



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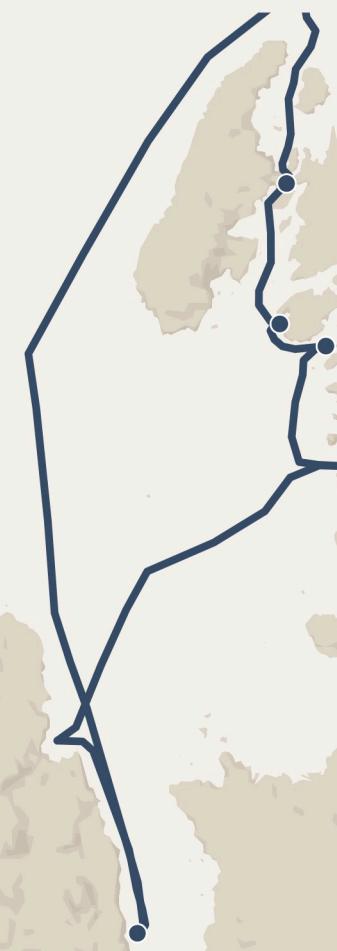
Day 8 - Ice Edge in George VI Sound

The expedition spirit had fully taken charge of the ship as we went searching for the sea ice edge in George VI Sound. But first, it was time to take the polar plunge! Brave and intrepid explorers braved the cold waters of Antarctica and went for a dip off the tender pit expedition boats! After warming up with hot chocolate and a trip to the sauna, it was time to push southward!

As we travelled further and further south, we encountered icebergs,

brash ice, and an abundance of snow petrels in their preferred ice-covered habitat. As we reached the ice edge at 69.9 degrees south, and attempted a sea ice landing, an amazing animal emerged – an emperor penguin! One individual was observed far into the sea ice, but as we turned around and continued on our journey, another one was seen very close to the ship on an iceberg, giving everyone on board the chance to see this incredible creature.





Larsen C Ice Shelf

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Day 9 - Sailing out of the Circle

After an exciting few days south of the Antarctic Circle, we turned northward to explore the rest of the peninsula. It had been a busy few days filled with emperor penguins, Adélie penguin colonies, and

plenty of ice. The day was filled with lectures and workshops given by our Expedition Team Naturalists and Historian.



Day 10 - Yalour Islands

The day began with a morning cruise around Yalour Island, where scattered, low-lying shorelines of exposed intrusive igneous rocks rose into steep cliffs, supporting thriving Adélie and gentoo penguin

colonies. Off the islands, we were also treated to spectacular views of humpback whales diving and showing off their huge tail flukes.





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Day 10 - Wordie House

In the afternoon, we continued scenic cruising through the Vernadsky area before making a brief landing at the historic Wordie House, stepping into the footsteps of early Antarctic researchers. Back on the water, wildlife encounters continued as leopard and Weddell seals lounged like seasoned locals, penguins bustled about their daily routines, and humpback whales were sighted offshore, while hardy mosses and lichens added unexpected splashes of colour to the stark

landscape.

Guests also enjoyed a full program of wildlife talks, Guest Science sessions, and a high-energy onboard auction, which led into an evening transit through the iconic Lemaire Channel, providing a fitting finale to a day rich in wildlife, history, and classic Antarctic scenery.

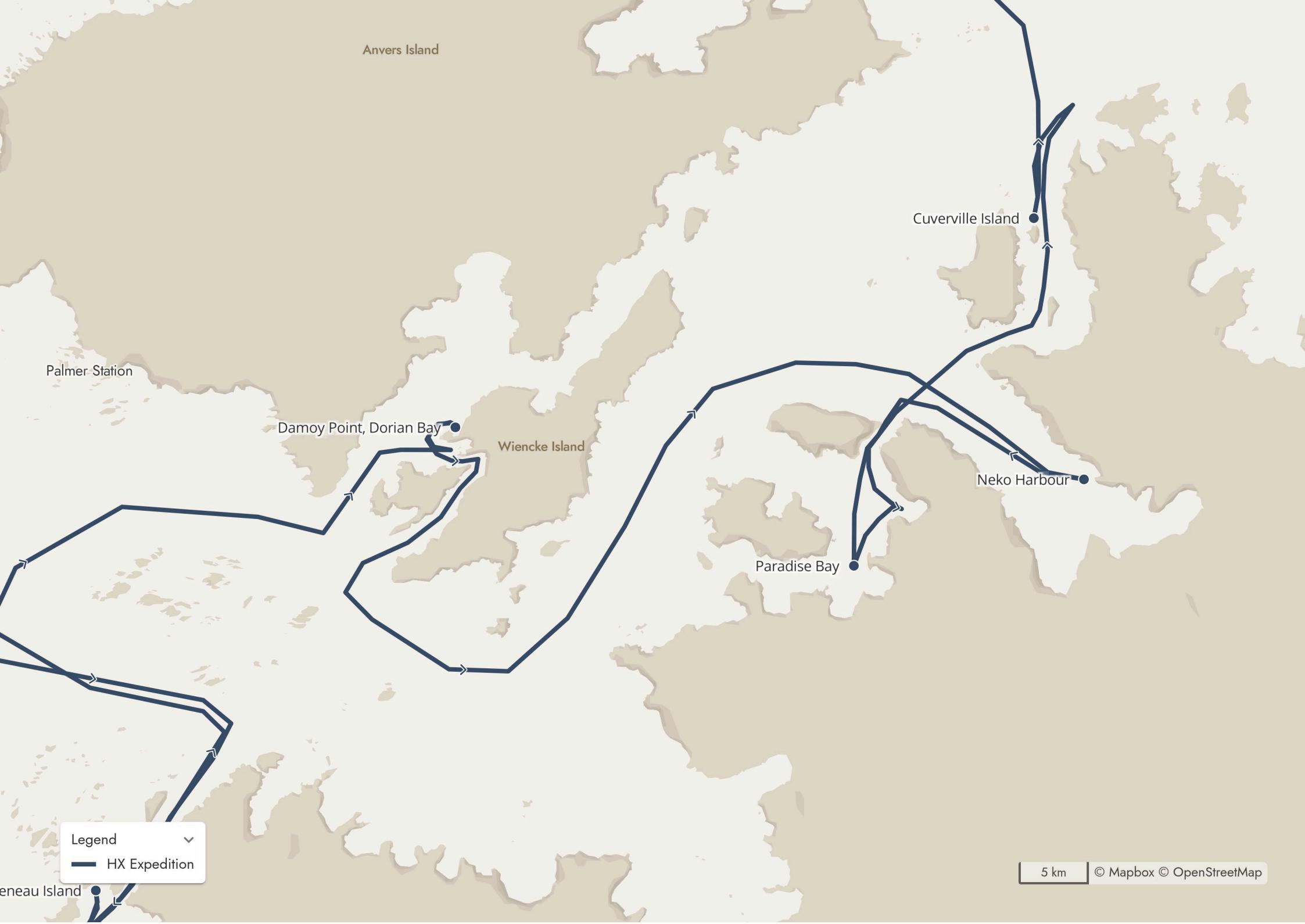


Day 11 - Port Lockroy & Damoy Point

The day started with expedition boat cruising around Port Lockroy, the site of British Base A and now a museum, shop, and post office. The wind made it a slightly bumpy ride as guests got to view the base and the gentoo penguin colony that share Goudier Island. The Port Lockroy team came to open up their shop and post office, and to give

a presentation about the base and what life is like there. In the afternoon the ship headed for a landing at Damoy Point. Here, some guests went snowshoeing, while others enjoyed the endlessly humourous antics of the gentoo penguin parents with their chicks.





Day 12 - Neko Harbour

An historic day for our trip – this was our first continental landing in Antarctica! With lots of excitement and whales breaching around the ship, everyone was excited to step foot on land at Neko Harbour. Our guests endeavoured an uphill climb to the gentoo penguin colonies

and an even farther walk to the stunning viewpoint to see the wonderful landscape of Antarctica, with some even catching some glacial calving.



Day 12 - Paradise Bay

In the afternoon we visited the mirror-like waters of Paradise Bay, where guests went expedition boat cruising around the bay, taking in the reflections of the mountains and glaciers surrounding the bay. Seals were found on the icebergs and the steep cliffs at the Almirante

Brown base hosted colonies of imperial shags and pintado petrels nesting above us. The most adventurous of our intrepid explorers braved calving glaciers and icy waters at Leith Cove for a night of camping.



Day 13 - Cuverville Island

While our campers were still catching up on their Antarctic sleep, we landed at Cuverville Island, home to a bustling gentoo penguin colony — famous not only for their comical waddles but also for being the fastest penguins in the world, capable of reaching speeds

of up to 36 km/h underwater (and notorious pebble thieves on land!). Once a familiar stop for early Antarctic expeditions navigating Gerlache Strait, Cuverville continues to impress with both history and penguin behaviour.





Day 13 - Fournier Bay

In the evening, we enjoyed a spectacular midnight cruise in Fournier Bay, encountering an unforgettable 'whale soup' as humpback whales actively lunge-fed and bubble-net fed beneath an eerie electric-blue horizon created by cloud cover, scattered light, and reflections from

the ice and snow. Insightful talks on ocean giants, Antarctic currents, and ecology perfectly complemented a day that blended wildlife drama, science, and polar magic.





Day 14 - Whalers Bay

As we left mainland Antarctica behind us, we approached the wonders of the South Shetland Islands, where Deception Island awaited us. With an informative lecture on Antarctic whaling, we were able to take in the depth of the history of Whalers Bay and more fully

appreciate all the amazing whale sightings we have had on this trip. A walk around the caldera of the volcano lead to pintado petrel sightings and chinstrap penguins playing in the volcanic sand. Some guests even ended the day with a polar plunge.





Day 15 -The Drake Passage

As we sailed north, we said goodbye to the Frozen Continent. The waves of the Drake Passage settled and it was a day for relaxing and wildlife watching. Throughout the day there were reports of whales and dolphins, giving our guests brief glimpses of them before they

disappeared below the waves. Albatrosses and petrels floated in and out of sight as they lazily soared by the ship. It was a day to reflect on the last two weeks of travel all the way down to the ice edge and back.



Day 16 - Beagle Channel

Our final day at sea had us entering the Beagle Channel, and with it came a lot of wildlife sightings! Black-browed albatrosses were flying around the ship, Magellanic penguins were spotted on Isla Martillo, and some lucky few managed to see some dusky dolphins bow-riding the ship. On board the Expedition Team presented the findings from

this voyage at the science round-up session. A few tears were shed at the photographer's slideshow as we all reminisced on the incredible journey we have undertaken together, with a final goodbye from our Captain wishing our guests well.





Farewells & Departure in Ushuaia

Today our guests disembarked from our epic adventure to the Antarctic Circle. They left with heavy suitcases and heavy hearts filled with the memories of the voyage including incredible sightings of

wildlife, landscapes, icebergs, and glimpses into the history of the first explorers in Antarctica.



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