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Río Gallegos

Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

Punta Arenas

Ushuaia

Scotia Sea

Drake Passage

Weddell Sea

Legend

HX Expedition

Day 1 - Embarkation in Ushuaia

Today our guests arrived in Ushuaia, the gateway to Antarctica, and embarked MS Roald Amundsen, their home for the next three weeks. After the safety drill, settling in on the ship, and enjoying a lovely first

dinner on board, we set sail to the south. Just after leaving Ushuaia, our journey started with a sighting of a breaching humpback whale.



Day 2 - The Drake Passage

Our guests first full day on board started with a wildlife watch out on deck while we were sailing towards Antarctica through the Drake Passage. Then they joined a few mandatory briefings to prepare for our destinations. During the afternoon our guests met our Scientists in

the Science Centre, then the Captain and the Bridge Officers during the Captain's Welcome. Afterwards, the entire Expedition Team introduced themselves and told us about our plans for the upcoming day.



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Day 3 - The Drake Passage

During our second day at sea many guests spent time out on deck, spotting different species of albatross and other seabirds. Many joined the onboard programme and learned about the history of Antarctica and the biology of penguins, while some attended the

bottle-painting workshop. As we got closer to the Antarctic Peninsula we finished up the biosecurity preparations to be ready for our arrival in Antarctica.

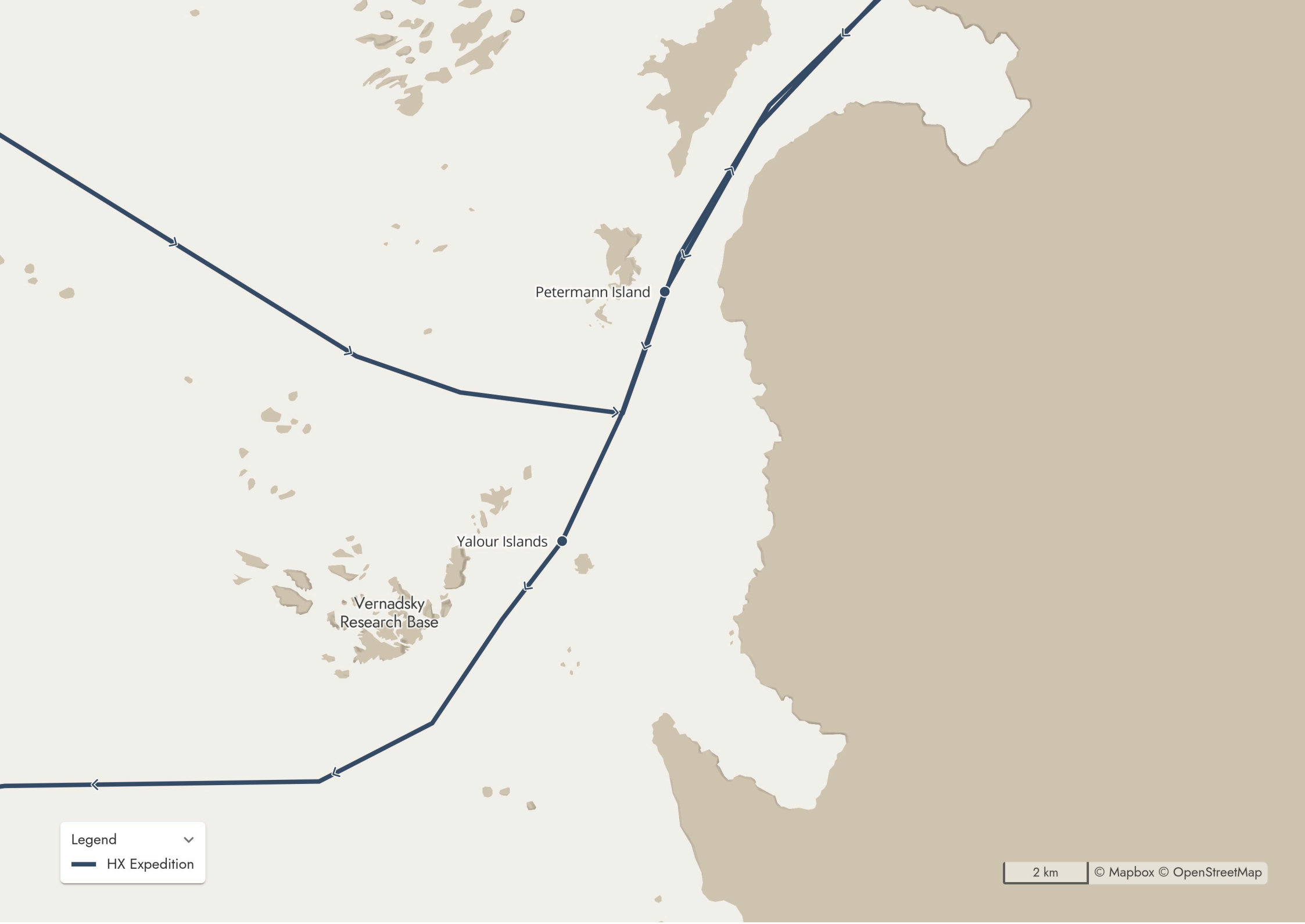


Day 4 - Petermann Island

In the early morning our captain navigated the ship through the beautiful Lemaire Channel and many of us were out on deck to enjoy this passage. In the morning, we went for the first time with the zodiacs ashore and landed at Petermann Island. We saw three types of penguins during this first landing.

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Petermann Island

Yalour Islands

Vernadsky
Research Base

Legend

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2 km

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Day 4 - Yalour Islands

During the afternoon our guests enjoyed expedition boat cruising around the Yalour Islands, where we saw lots of humpback whales

and penguins. Many guests went on a kayaking adventure with the Activity Guides. It was a wonderful first day in Antarctica!





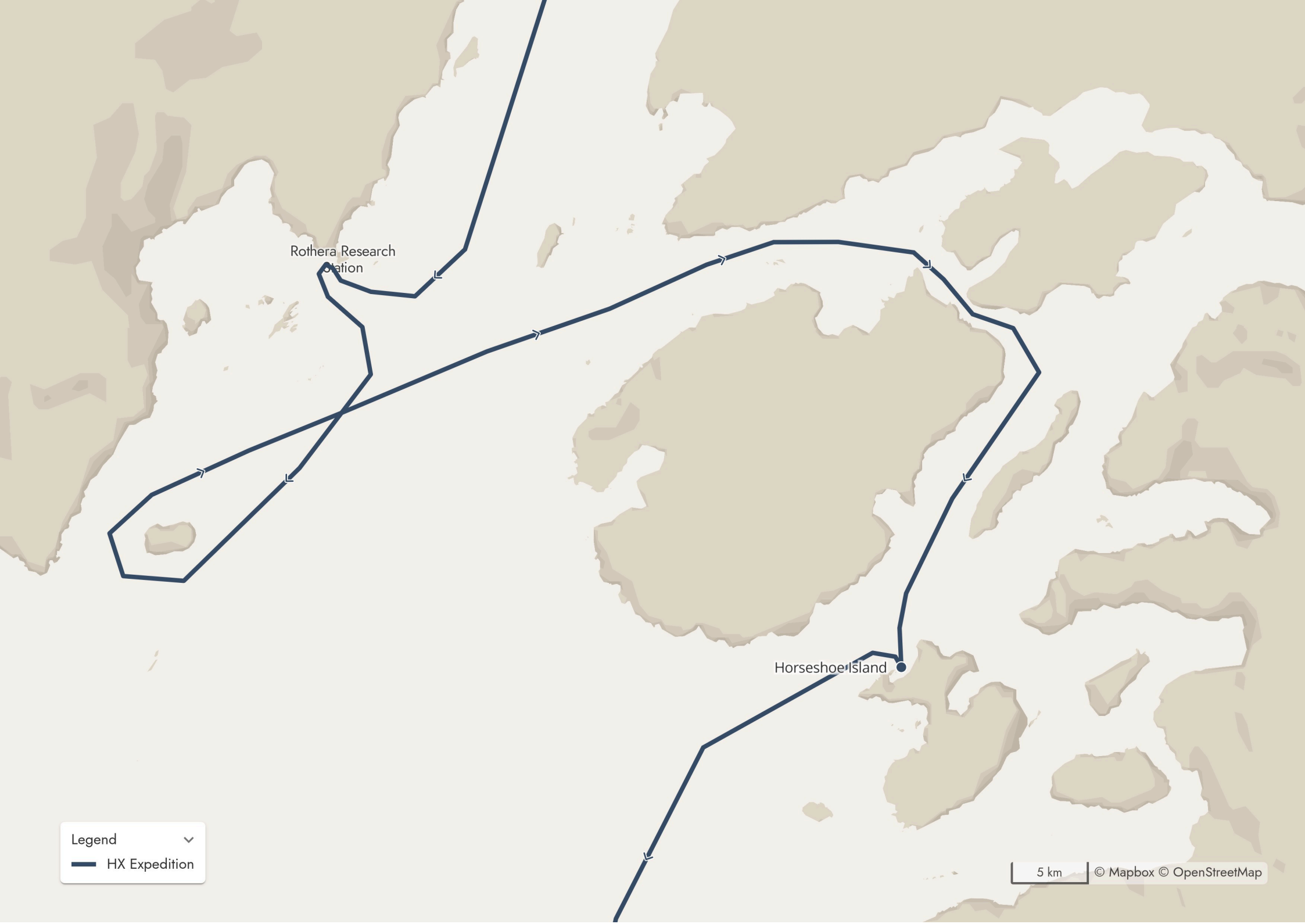
Day 5 - The Gullet

Today we crossed the Antarctic Circle at 66°! After breakfast, guests went out on deck and enjoyed the breathtaking scenery while our Captain steered the ship slowly through the Gullet, a stunning, narrow, and challenging waterway between Adelaide Island and the Antarctic Peninsula.

In this area we spotted B1-type orcas ('pack ice orcas'), which are very

rare. They have a total population of only around 100 individuals. We also spotted lots of seals and penguins on icebergs. In the afternoon our guests learned about scurvy and attended workshops in the Science Centre. We continued sailing farther south toward Jenny Island, sailing past the Rothera Research Station, an active British research base.





Rothera Research
Station

Horseshoe Island

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5 km

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Day 6 - Horseshoe Island

At 68° South we went ashore at Horseshoe Island. Here, our guests took a look inside British Base Y, a hut that had had once been used as a research station, and a true time capsule of the 1950s. Our

Geologist explained that the green veins in the stones are malachite. A giant tabular iceberg loomed behind the landing site, adding to the perfect Antarctic ambience of the day.

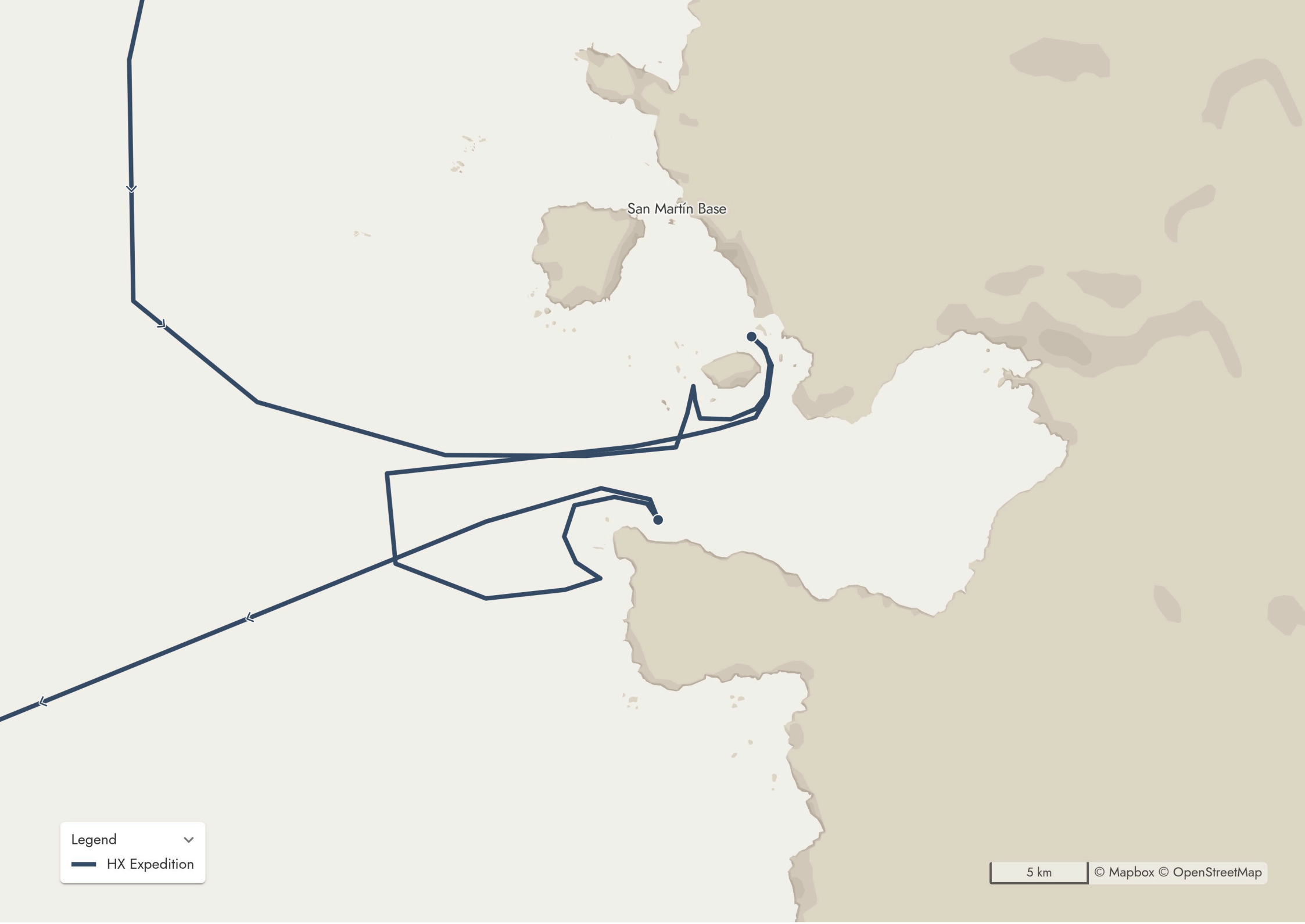


Day 7 - Stonington Island

During the morning our guests enjoyed a scenic sailing in the Neny Island area and passed huge, beautifully shaped icebergs. In the afternoon we explored Stonington Island. The big hut there was the

East Base of the United States, and it was here where the first women overwintered in Antarctica. The scenery here was spectacular! Just behind the hut was a huge rugged glacier front. What a view!





San Martín Base

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5 km

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Day 8 - Red Rock Ridge

Today we had strong swells and it was difficult to go ashore, but the Captain and the Expedition Team managed to bring guests ashore at

Red Rock Ridge. It was a short landing, but a very important one - we had stepped ashore on the continent!



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George VI Sound

At Sea

Horseshoe Island

Stonington Island

Red Rock Ridge

The Gullet

Larsen C Ice Shelf

Wilkins Sound

50 km

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Day 9 - George VI Sound

This was an absolute breathtaking day! Our Captain continued sailing the ship south, deep into the King George VI Sound. We sailed slowly through the frozen sea and spotted many Adélie penguins and even a few emperor penguins on the ice. The Expedition Team took guests expedition boat cruising through the ice. In the afternoon we

even stepped 'ashore' on a big ice floe, and many saw emperor penguins standing on the same ice floe as us. A true once-in-a-lifetime experience! The day ended with a polar plunge! Our furthest point we reached was 69°51' South!





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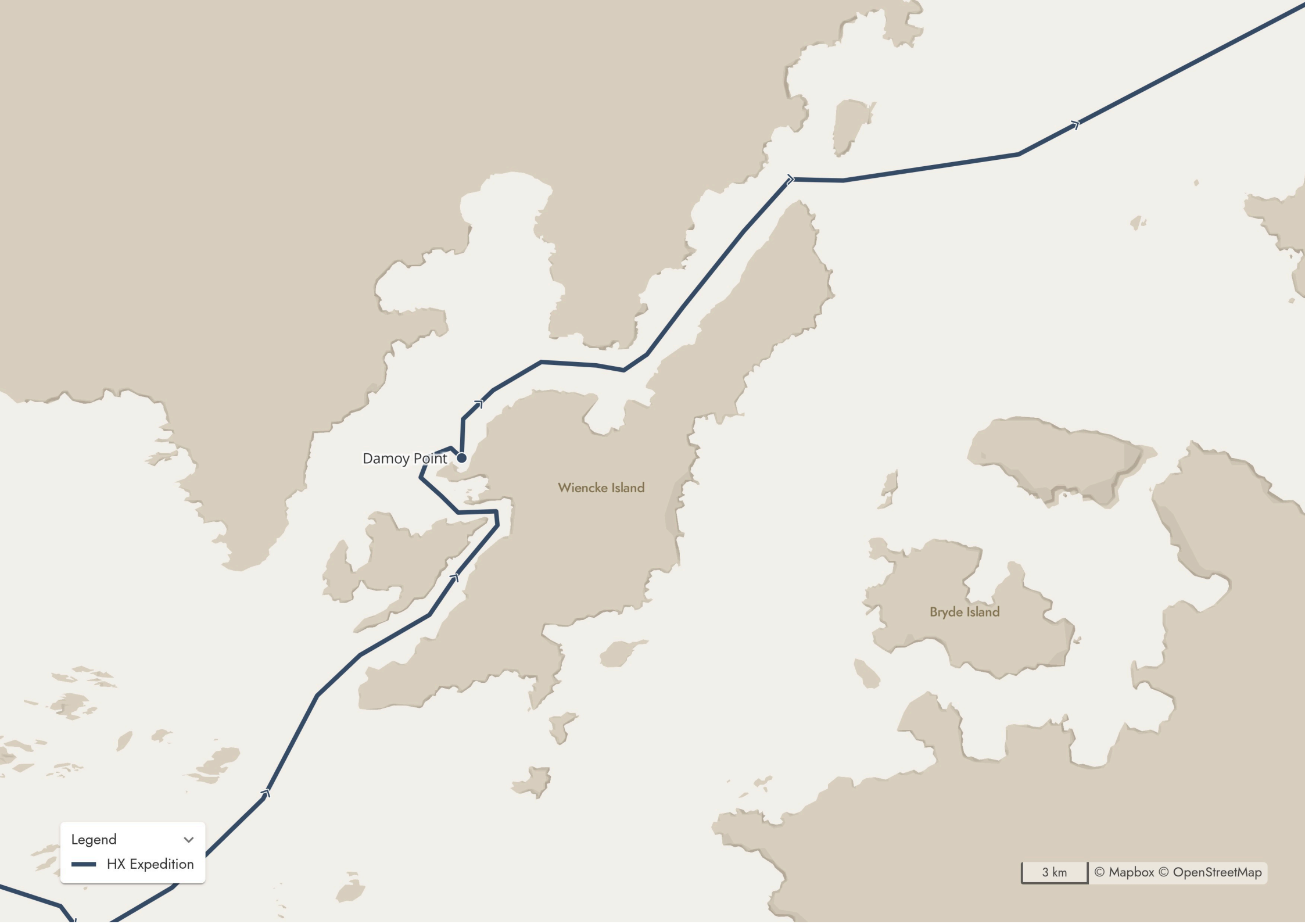
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Day 10 - Sailing Northward

It was time to sail toward the northern part of the Antarctic Peninsula, and we spent the day at sea heading toward 64° South. The Expedition Team offered lots of different on-board programmes.

Guests could learn about such things as feathers and seafarers' knots in the Science Centre. The day ended with the plans for tomorrow explained to the guests by Marcus, our Expedition Leader.





Damoy Point

Wiencke Island

Bryde Island

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Day 11 - Damoy Point

After a very scenic sailing close to glacier fronts, we arrived Damoy Point, where we had a landing. Here our guests saw lots of gentoo penguins and stepped into the Damoy hut, a British hut that looks like

a time capsule into the 1980s. Many guests joined the snowshoe hikes and the science boat outing. In the evening, the campers went to face the rain and spent a night sleeping under the Antarctic sky.

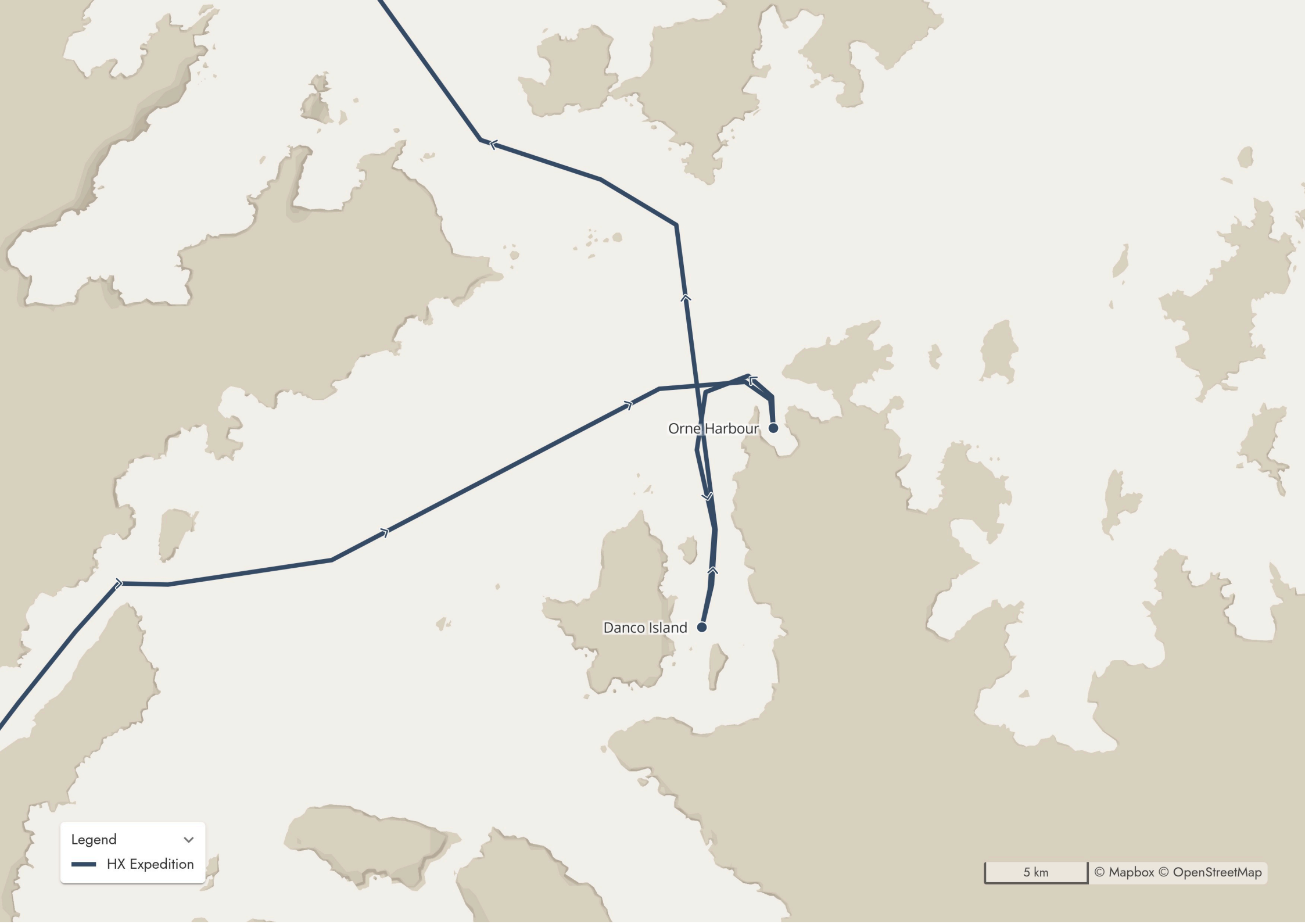


Day 12 - Orne Harbour

After picking up our campers from their overnight stay, we continued sailing through Neumayer Channel toward Orne Harbour, where we spotted a large pod of orcas along the way. At Orne Harbour the guests stepped on the Antarctic continent for the second time. Right

next to the landing site was a giant elephant seal lying on the ground. Some guests took the opportunity to go expedition boat cruising here, where the small boats followed along the mountains and observed lots of chinstrap penguins and blue eyed shags.





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Day 13 - Danco Island

In the morning, we landed at Danco Island. The sea was very calm, and the ship was surrounded by humpback whales. Blows all around us. We landed at Danco and saw lots of Gentoo penguins with their chicks. We even spotted a fur seal ashore. Many of us also went on a kayaking adventure or joined the science boat.

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Lapeyrere Bay

Anvers Island

Orne Harbour

Danco Island

Damoy Point

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Day 13 - Lapeyrère Bay

In the afternoon we cruised the ice-filled Lapeyrère Bay in our expedition boats. The bay was packed with ice and on many icefloes,

there were resting seals of many species, including Weddell seals, crabeater seals, leopard seals, and even Antarctic fur seals.





Day 14 - Whalers Bay

After sailing toward the South Shetland Islands, we sailed into Deception Island and landed in the caldera an active volcano. Here, guests wandered around the abandoned whaling station, and saw fur

seals and gentoo penguins. Some guests even used the opportunity for a second polar plunge from the black sand beach. The view from Neptune's Window was breathtaking.



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Day 15 - The Drake Passage

After leaving the South Shetland Islands, MS Roald Amundsen started its way northbound and we entered the Drake Passage to sail toward Ushuaia. Today was a relaxing day on board, where guests joined the

activities and lectures that were hosted by the Expedition Team, such as wildlife watch from the deck and a bridge visit.



Day 16 - The Beagle Channel

On our second day crossing the Drake Passage, the sea was much calmer. Sadly, we had to start thinking of the end of our journey together, and guests had to prepare to disembark soon in Ushuaia.

From early afternoon we entered the Beagle Channel and many guests went out on deck to enjoy the scenery. During the evening, our voyage ended with the Captain's Farewell and the slide show of our trip's highlights by our ship photographer, Martin.





Farewells & Safe Travels in Ushuaia

The final morning of the voyage arrived. As guests disembarked MS Roald Amundsen in Ushuaia and started their way home, the crew wished them safe travels home. We hope you had the trip of a

lifetime with HX. It was a very special trip with countless wonderful moments. We hope the memories of the last weeks in Antarctica will stay with you for a very long time.





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