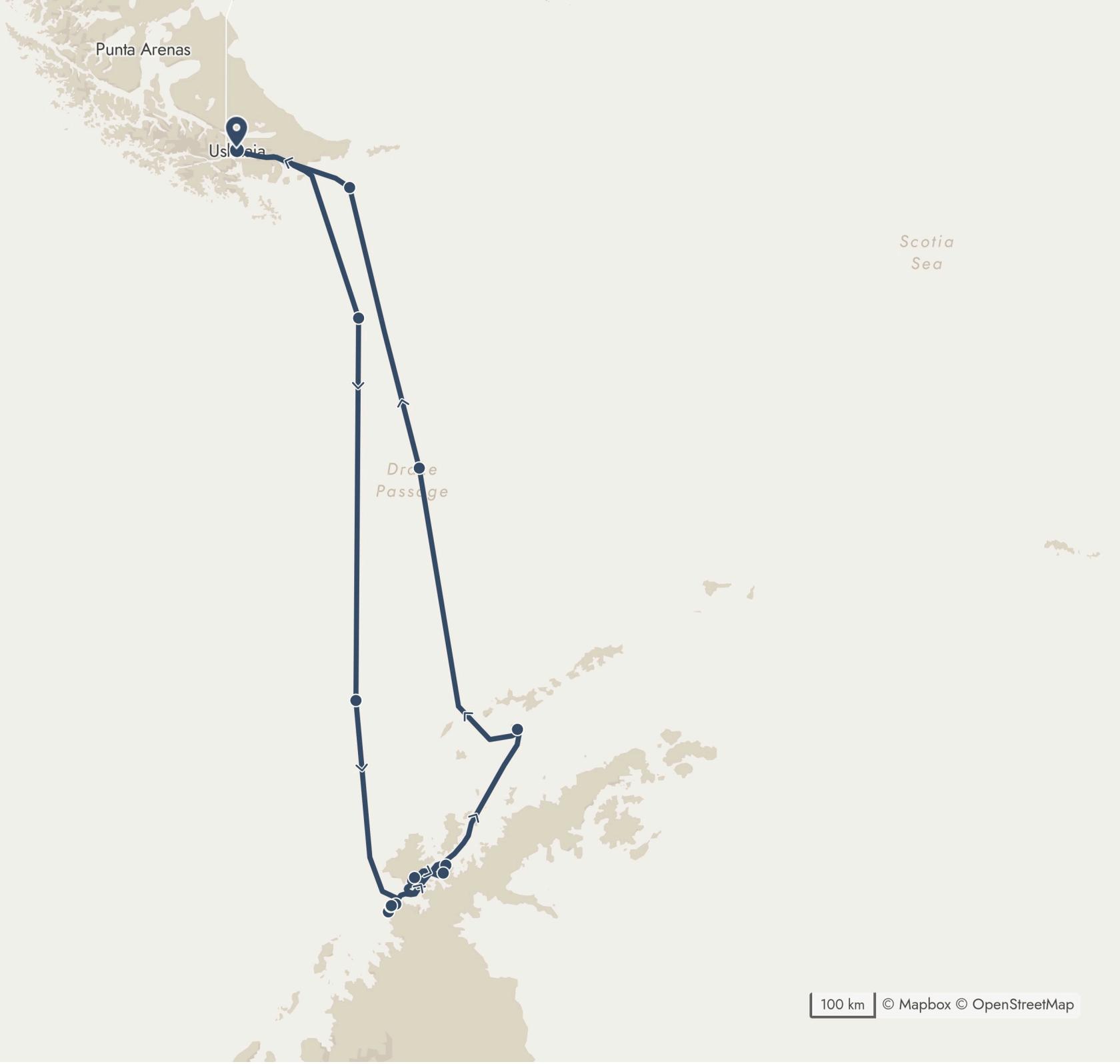




MS Fridtjof Nansen

2026.01.29 - 2026.02.08



Punta Arenas

Ushuaia

Drake Passage

Scotia Sea

Legend

 HX Expedition

Day 1 - Embarkation in Ushuaia

After their flight to Ushuaia from Buenos Aires, our guests embarked beautiful MS Fridtjof Nansen. Once on board they had some time to roam around and find their way around the ship before having to

attend a pre-departure safety drill. They also attended a welcome briefing where they got some more tips and tricks about where to find things around the ship.





Legend

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Los Pinos Ushuaia

Ushuaia

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Day 2 - Drake Passage Southbound

We could already feel some rough seas during the early hours of the morning, however it was not too bad, with approximately 2–3m swells. Regardless, it was a busy day, with many briefings for guests to attend, as well as picking up their HX expedition jackets. The briefings included those about the activities that would be available

on the voyage and how to sign up for them. There was also a separate briefing for those guests interested in kayaking. Later that evening, we enjoyed the Captain's Welcome, where the Captain, the ships' officers, and the Expedition Team members introduced themselves.



Legend

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Drake Passage Southbound

Whalers Bay

Anvers Island

Orne Harbour

Danco Island

Neumayer Channel

Deloncle Bay, Lemaire Channel

Hovgaard Island

Petermann Island

30 km

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Day 3 - Drake Passage Southbound

We awoke up to similar weather conditions on our second sea day crossing the Drake Passage, however many guests had finally found their 'sea-legs' and the ship was busy with many of them attending briefings, having lunch, and picking up their rubber boots. They also got to pick up their animal patch, which would be their boat group

for the rest of the voyage.

That evening, as we were sailing between the South Shetland Islands, we had a briefing about our upcoming first day in Antarctica.





Booth Island

Deloncle Bay, Lemaire Channel

Pléneau Island

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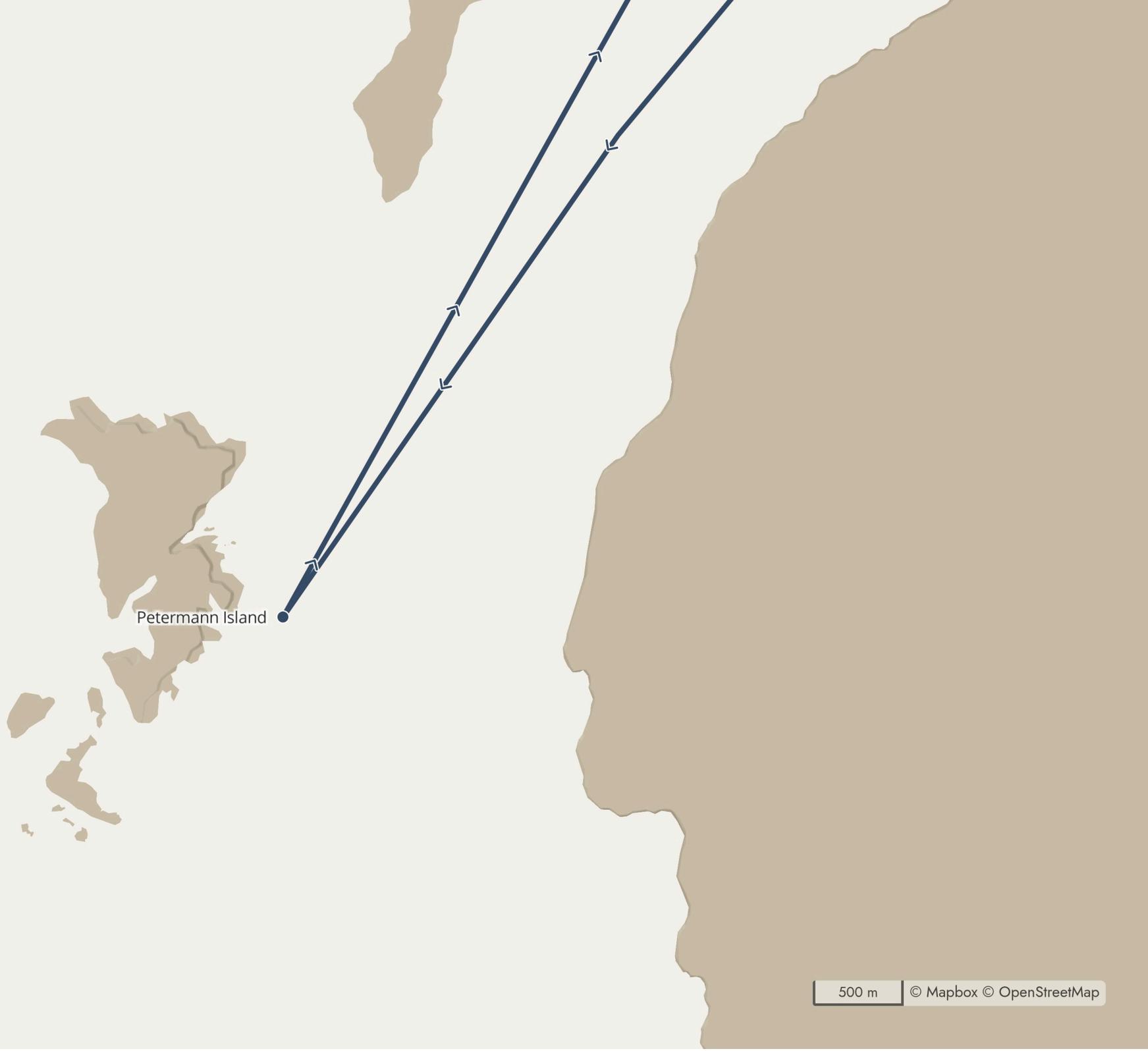
Day 4 - Expedition Boat Cruising in Deloncle Bay

Early in the morning we entered the stunning Lemaire Channel and made our way into Deloncle Bay, found on the peninsula side of the channel. We took out our expedition boats and had a fantastic morning cruising among the freshly calved ice in the bay. Many guests also got to see a few Weddell and crabeater seals out on the

ice, as well as some penguins. The weather was favourable with exceptionally calm and sunny conditions. After expedition boat cruising we sailed further along the Lemaire, heading south toward our afternoon landing site at Petermann Island.







Petermann Island

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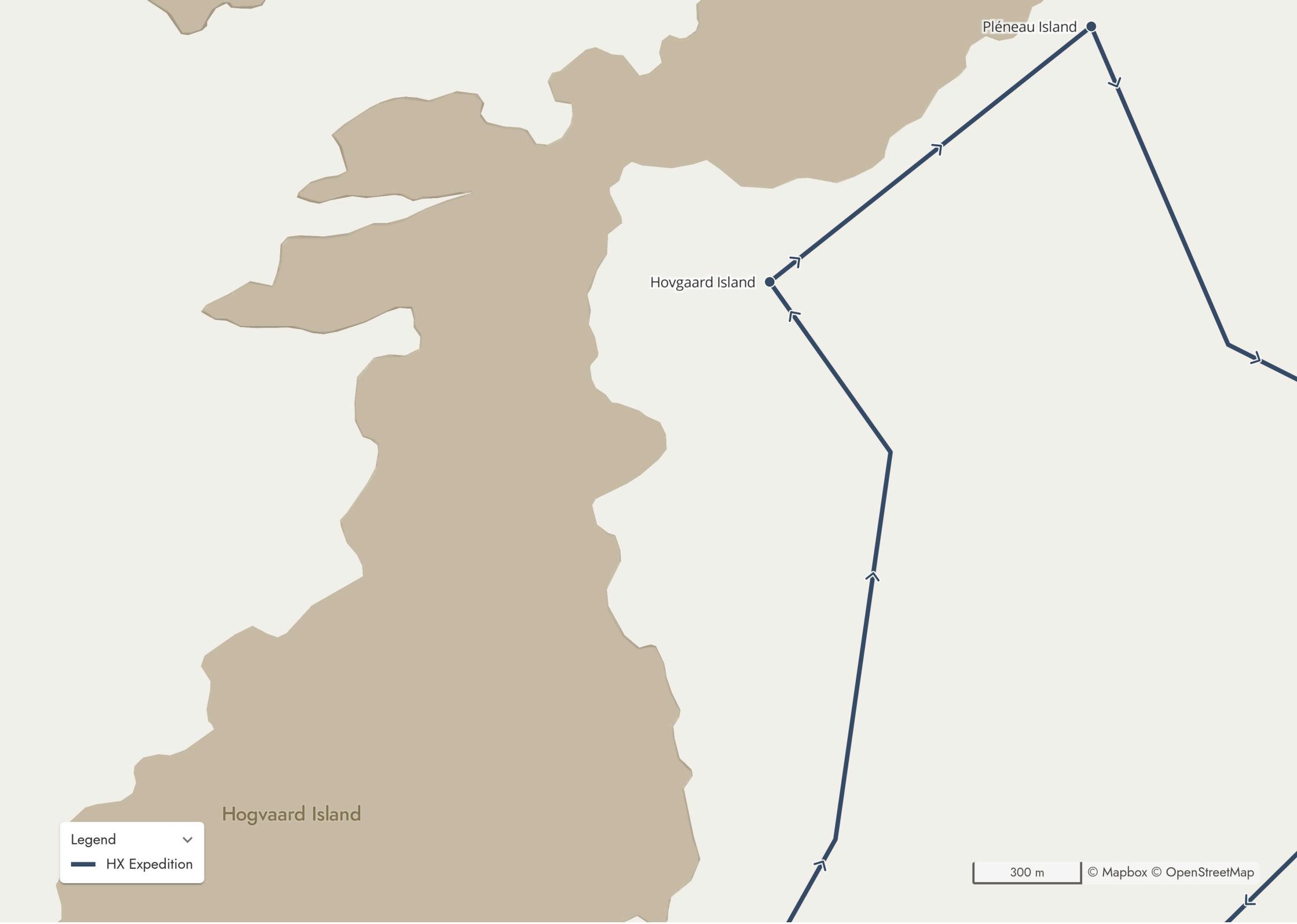
Day 4 - Landing at Petermann Island

This afternoon our guests had their first landing at Petermann Island. They didn't have to venture far from the landing site to see some of the island's inhabitants up close as there were plenty of gentoo penguins and also a few Adélie penguins to see. We also saw an elephant seal hauled-out on the rocks close to the landing site. It was a sometimes-challenging walk up on the snow and also on the rocks, but the views

and the wildlife made it all worth it. Later that evening, shortly after 9pm, there was an announcement that quite a few whales were spotted around the ship. It happened to be many humpback whales lunge feeding around the ship. That coupled with a fantastic sunset toward the continental side of Antarctica made for a terrific end to a great day.







Pléneau Island

Hovgaard Island

Hogvaard Island

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300 m

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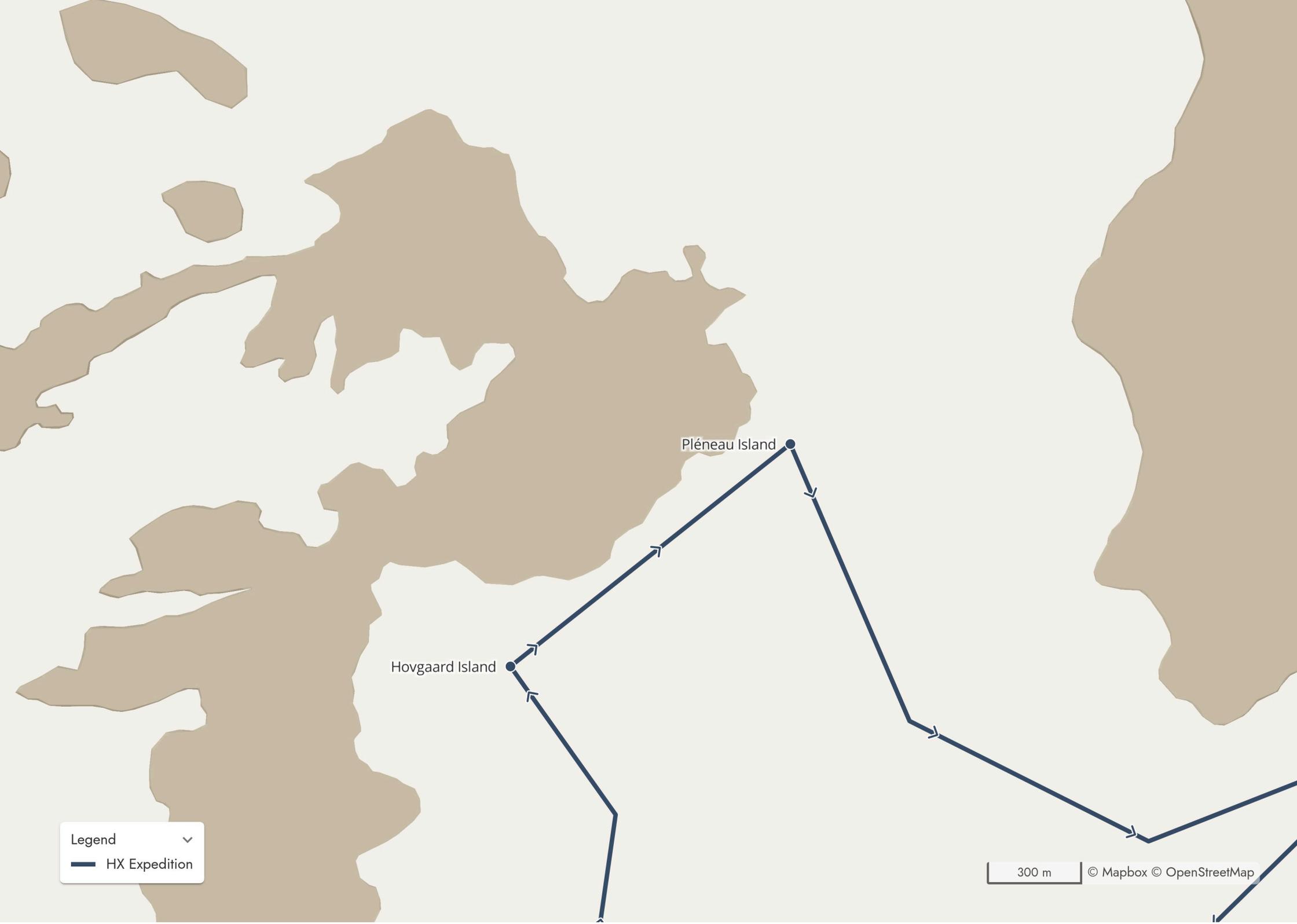
Day 5 - Expedition Boat Cruising and Snowshoeing at Hovgaard

On Hovgaard Island we planned two activities. Some guests joined the snowshoe walks here, which were terrific, with the mild weather and conditions. Most guests managed to walk up to a very nice viewpoint. The rest went out on an expedition boat cruise that took them through the narrow channel between the Hovgaard and Pleneau

Islands. We came out on the other side where large, stranded icebergs tend to gather, known as an iceberg graveyard. We also spotted some feeding humpback whales and even got a glimpse of quite a few seals, including a leopard seal.







Pléneau Island

Hovgaard Island

Legend 

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Day 5 - Landing at Pleneau Island

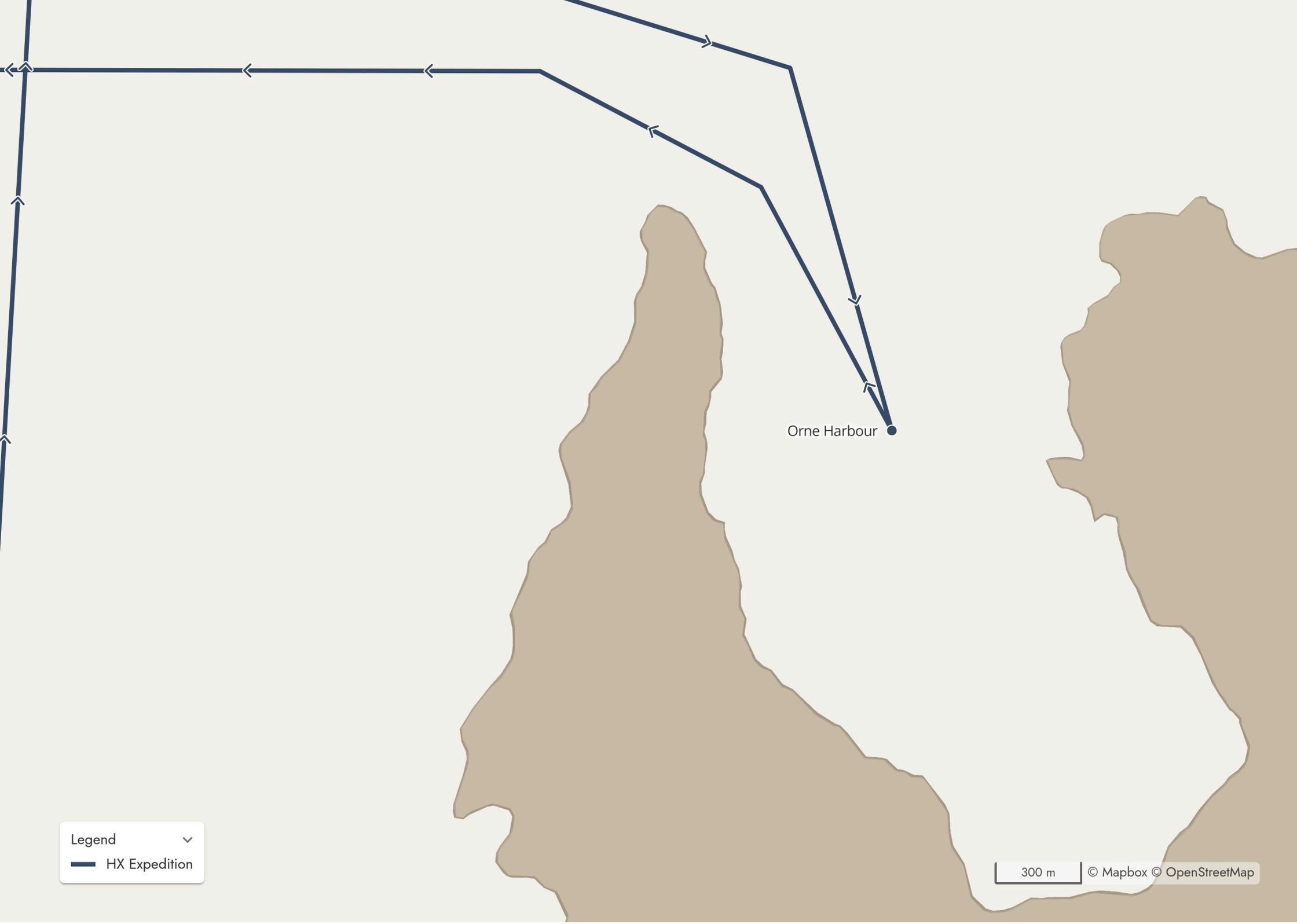
After a brief time back on board and a nice lunch, guests had their afternoon landing on the northern side – Pleneau Island. Here they could see many gentoo penguins up close – and even see many of them moulting. Some walked over the rocks smoothed by glacial activity to see the iceberg graveyard toward the west and catch a

glimpse of the elephant seal resting on the rocks.

Later on that evening the campers headed out for a night under the Antarctic sky on Hovgaard Island.







Orne Harbour

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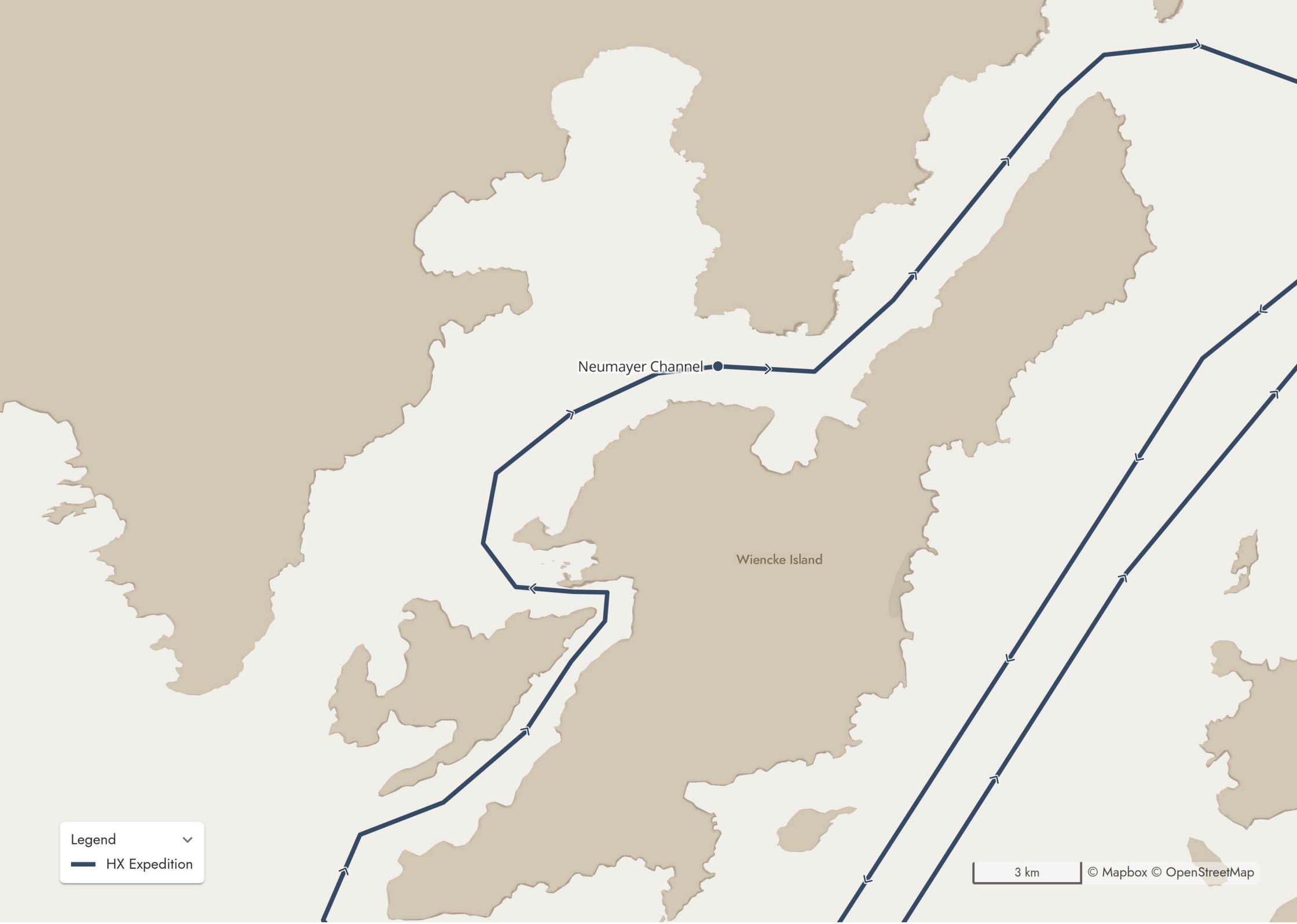
Day 6 - Landing and Expedition Boat Cruising at Orne Harbour

Today we had our continental landing at beautiful Orne Harbour, where our guests could zig-zag through the little snow that was left up to a viewpoint where the chinstrap penguin colonies were located. While for some it was an enjoyable climb, for others it was quite challenging, but all had the opportunity to set foot on the continent and enjoy seeing some of the chinstrap penguins down by the landing site.

Guests also enjoyed expedition boat cruising that afternoon (some groups before the landing, and some after). It was great to see some of the chinstrap penguins closer to sea level as well as the nesting blue-eyed shags. Many also got to see some humpback whales in the bay, and some even spotted a haul-out of Weddell seals across the other side of the bay.





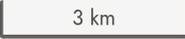


Neumayer Channel

Wiencke Island

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 3 km | © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap



Rongé Island

Danco Island

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Day 7 - Cruising Neumayer Channel and Landing at Danco Island

In the morning, we cruised in the scenic Neumayer Channel before heading over to our landing site for the afternoon at Danco Island. The approach to Danco was spectacular, with giant icebergs, whales, seals, and penguins everywhere, and – of course – the sunny and calm weather conditions!

Today guests got to enjoy longer expedition boat cruises as the ship

had to be further from the landing site owing to the huge icebergs in the bay and the current. However, this gave the guests the opportunity to enjoy an expedition boat cruise in between some of those icebergs on the way to the landing site. Many even got to see some of the wildlife on the way. On the landing itself, many had to shed a layer of clothing as it warmed up very quickly in the sun!







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Day 8 - Landing at Whalers Bay on Deception Island

We had a great last landing with our expedition boats at volcanic Deception Island onto the black sand beach in Whalers Bay. We walked quite some distance to reach the Neptune's Window on the south side of the bay, which provided a spectacular view out over the open sea. After exploring the former whaling station, guests also had the opportunity to go for a plunge from the beach today. Although

there is a geothermal gradient on the beach at low tide, this didn't really affect the water temperature too much, so it was still very much a cold plunge! Later that evening, we sailed out through the narrow passageway known as Neptune's Bellows one more time, and headed out into the open Drake Passage after an incredible five days on the Antarctic Peninsula.





Drake Passage Southbound

Drake Passage Northbound

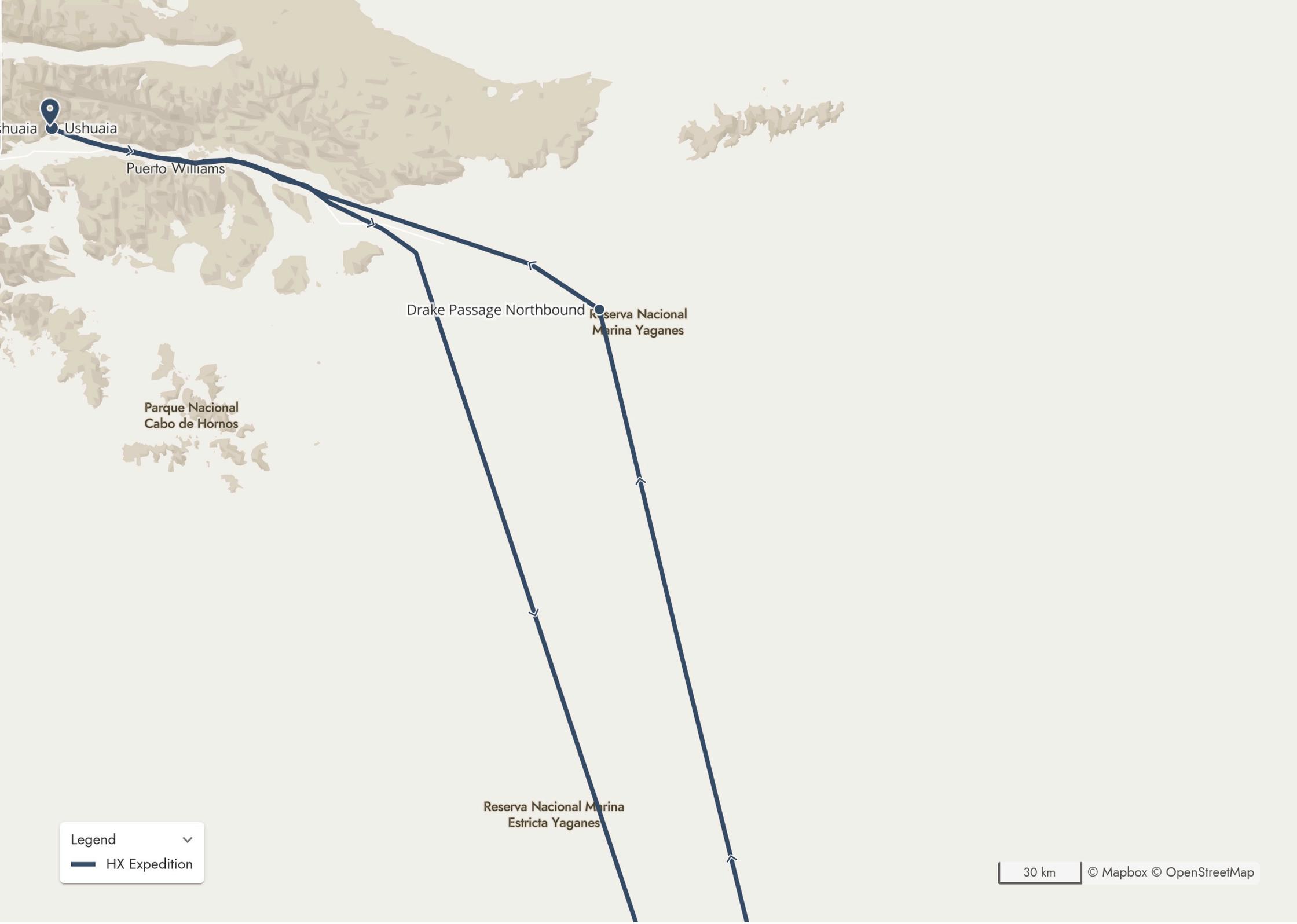
Drake Passage Southbound

Whalers Bay

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Ushuaia

Ushuaia

Puerto Williams

Drake Passage Northbound

Reserva Nacional
Marina Yaganes

Parque Nacional
Cabo de Hornos

Reserva Nacional Marina
Estricta Yaganes

Legend

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30 km | © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

Day 9 - Drake Passage Northbound

The first sea day heading north to Ushuaia was calm for the most part. In the morning, guests handed in their boots and some attended the open bridge tours. In between, the Expedition Team hosted more interesting onboard lecturers for guests to attend. Later that evening,

we had our disembarkation talk, but for the most part it was a relaxing day where guests could sit with other travellers and reminisce about the incredible five days they spent together exploring the Antarctic Peninsula.



Day 10 - Drake Passage Northbound

Our second sea day sailing to Ushuaia was characterized by rougher sea conditions, especially in the early morning. We had wave heights of up to 7m at times! Fortunately, we made some good distance the previous day, so we were only a few hours away from the calmer

entrance of the Beagle Channel. The Expedition Team hosted more onboard programmes today, and we finished off with our Captain's Farewell and the photographer's slideshow just before dinner.





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