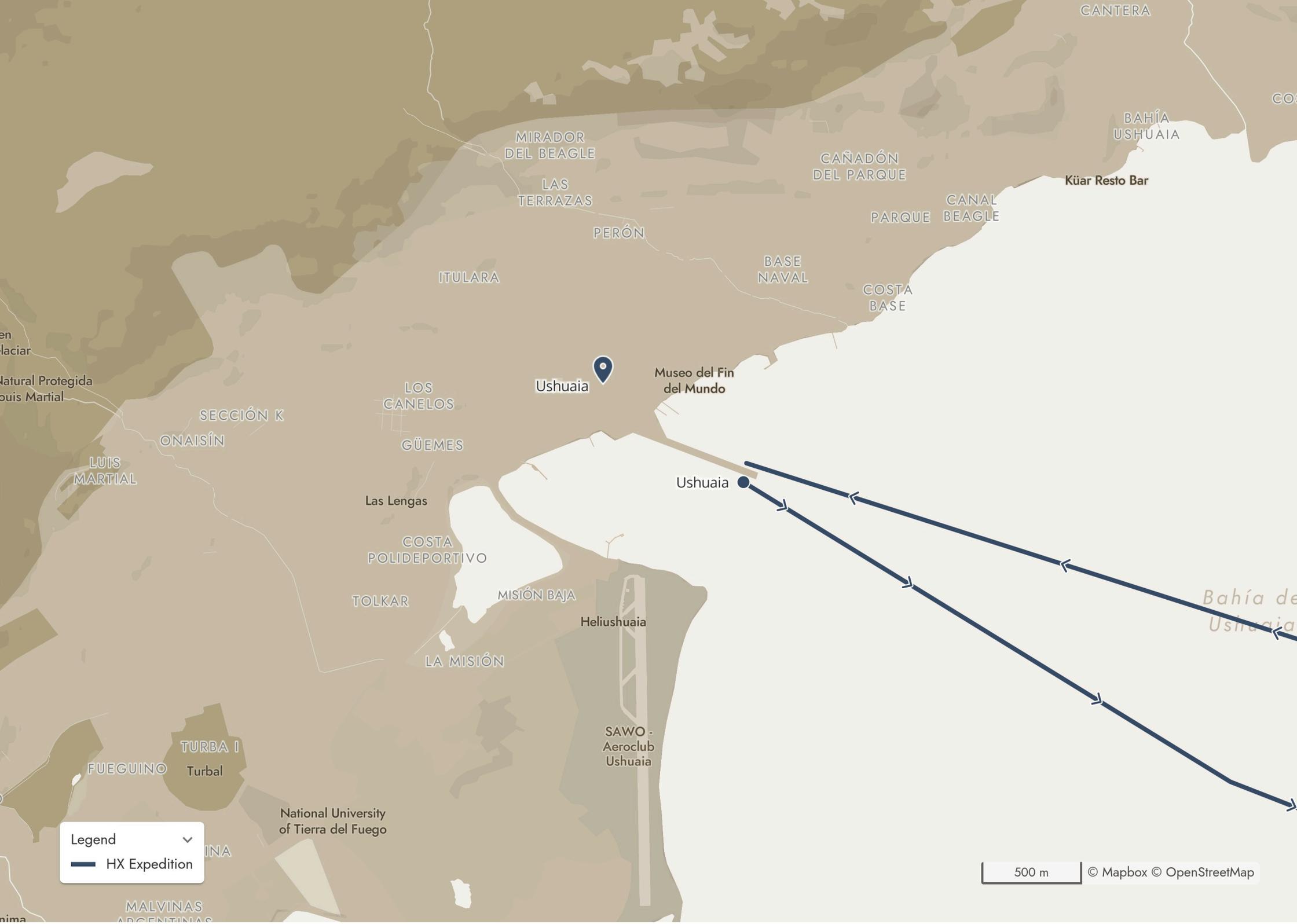




## MS Fridtjof Nansen

2026.02.08 - 2026.02.18





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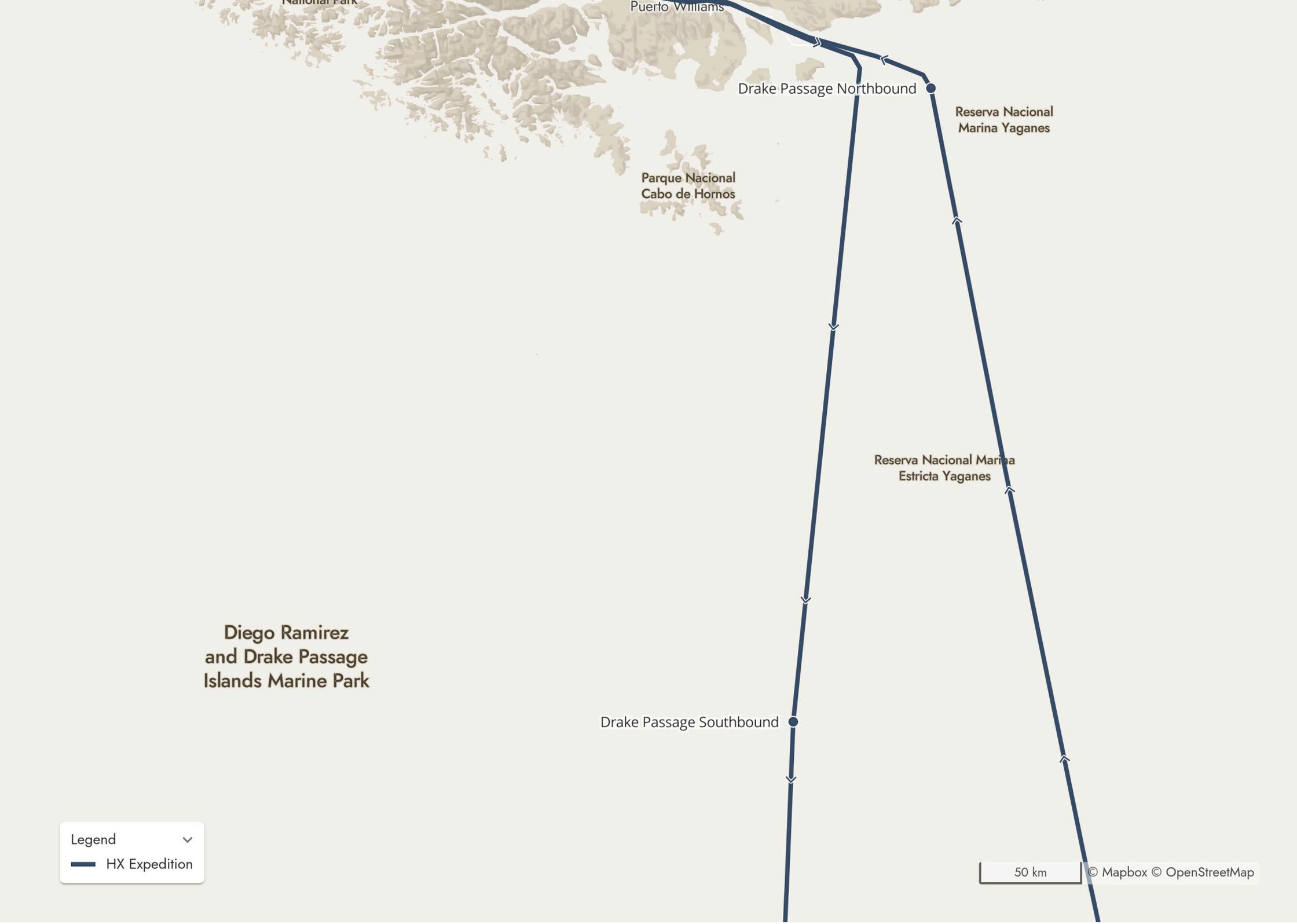
## Day 1 - Embarkation in Ushuaia

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After a restful night at the hotel in Buenos Aires, our guests flew to Ushuaia where beautiful MS Fridtjof Nansen awaited them. Once on board they had some time to roam around and find their way around the ship before attending a pre-departure drill. There was also a

welcome briefing, where the crew relayed more tips about where to find things around the ship. The forecast for the Drake Passage crossing luckily didn't look too bumpy for our first sea day.





National Park

Puerto Williams

Drake Passage Northbound

Reserva Nacional Marina Yaganes

Parque Nacional Cabo de Hornos

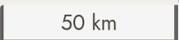
Reserva Nacional Marina Estricta Yaganes

Diego Ramirez and Drake Passage Islands Marine Park

Drake Passage Southbound

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50 km  © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

## Day 2 - Drake Passage Southbound

There was some movement on the Drake Passage for our first sea day but overall, it was not a real 'Drake-shake'. Most were able to get around, have breakfast, and pick up or exchange their expedition jackets in the morning. Then the Expedition Team hosted a briefing about the optional, add-on activities that would be available during

our expedition in Antarctica. In the afternoon we explained the onboard science programme and guests could attend one of the first science lectures of the voyage. Later that evening, the Captain, his officers, and the Expedition Team members introduced themselves.



Drake Passage Southbound

Mikkelsen Harbor

Anvers Island

Danco Island

Paradise Harbour

Neko Harbour

Lemaire Channel

Hovgaard Island

Pleneau Island

Dog Island

Larsen Ice Shelf

Prospect Point

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50 km

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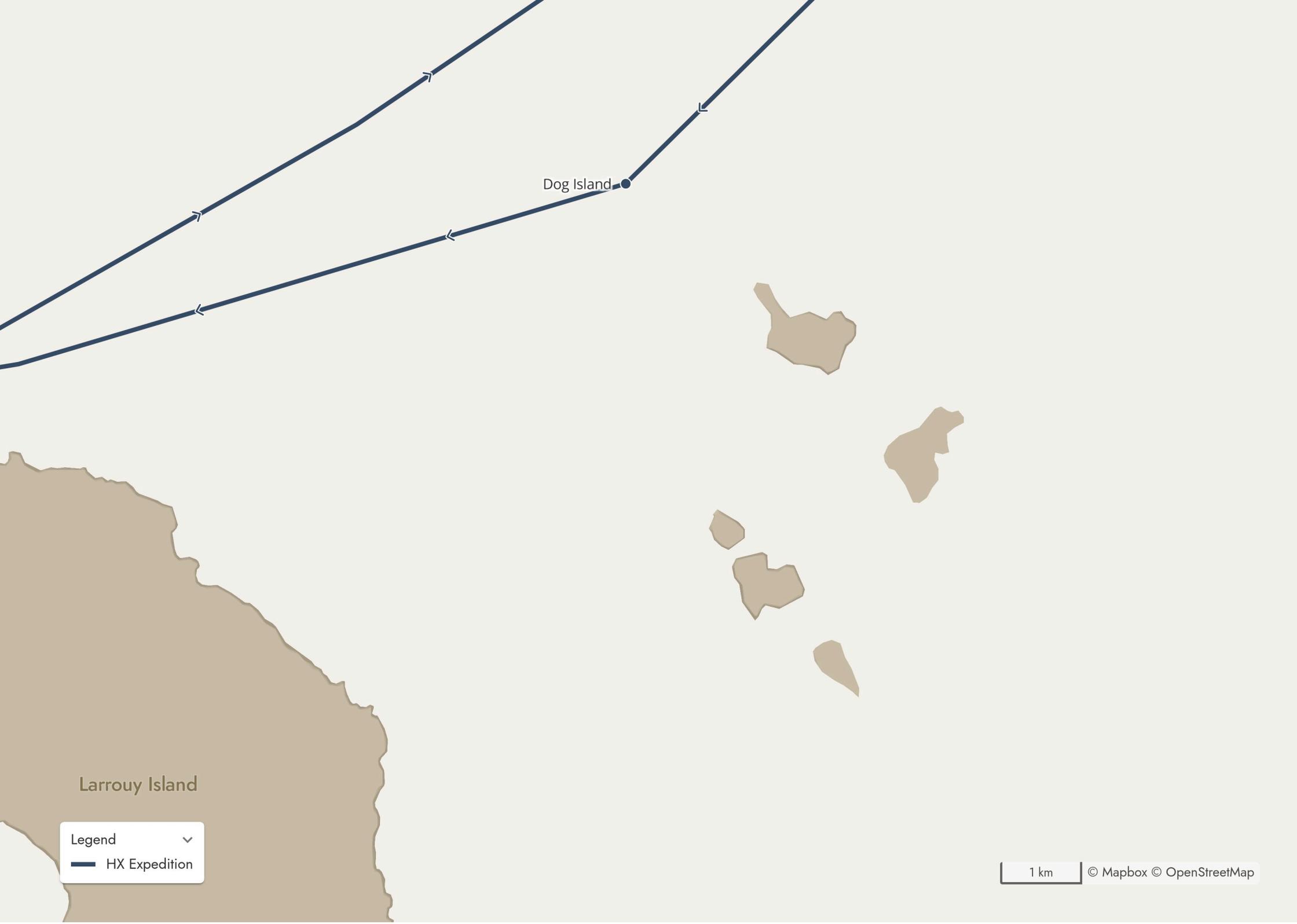


## Day 3 - Drake Passage Southbound

The morning was characterized by more of a 'Drake-shake' as we had strong winds as well as waves. All guests had to attend the mandatory IAATO briefing before lunch to learn more about how to travel sustainability in Antarctica and also some safety information for our

operations. Then guests picked up the rubber boots that they would need to wear on all our landings and while expedition boat cruising, as well as their animal (boat group) patches. Later that evening we all went to bed excited for what was in store for us in Antarctica.





Dog Island

Larrouy Island

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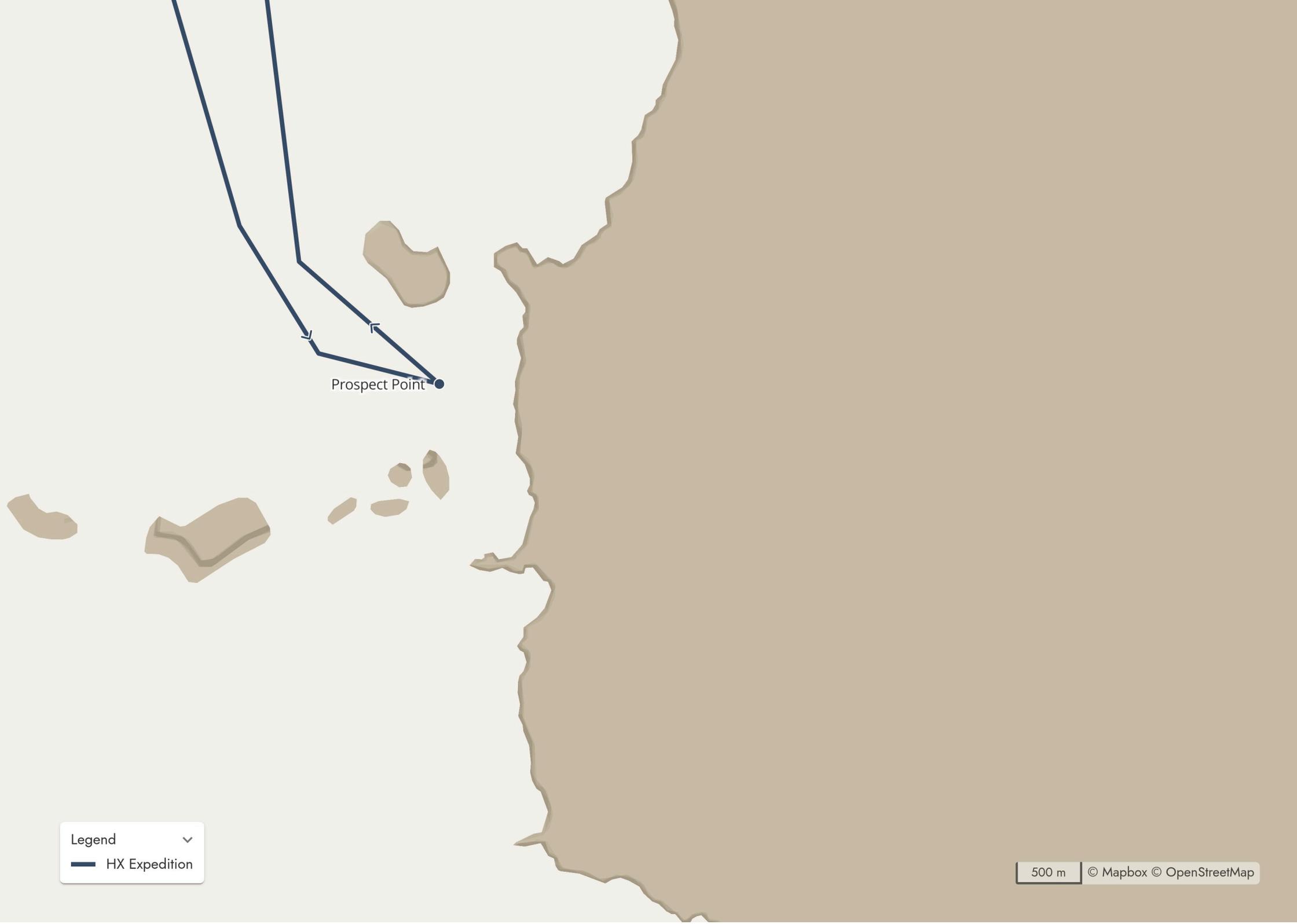
## Day 4 - Zodiac Cruising at Dog Island

We all woke up excited this morning, like children on Christmas Day - anticipating what awaited us outside. Our first glimpses of the Antarctic Continent as we stepped out on deck or headed to the restaurant for breakfast. The first activity today was a zodiac cruise on our way down to our landing spot. It happened to be in the bay just off a small island named 'Dog Island'. The weather could not have

been better for our first day with clear blue skies, calm winds and mild temperatures just below freezing. We enjoyed getting up close to some of the icebergs in the bay, and some of us were lucky to spot some wildlife such as Adelie penguins, Blue-eyed shags, a couple of whales, an even an Antarctic fur seal resting on an ice floe.







Prospect Point

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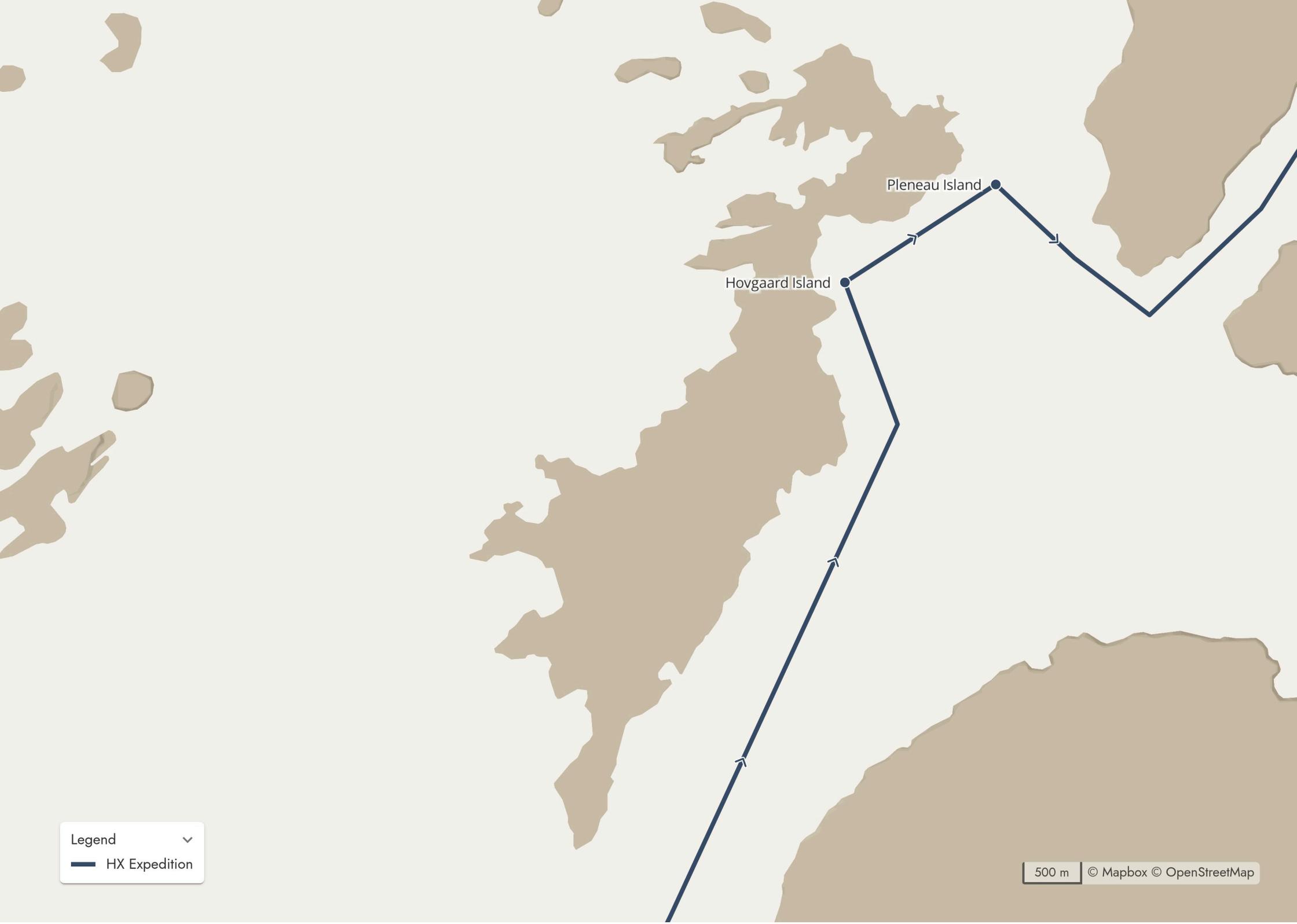
## Day 4 - Landing at Prospect Point

We repositioned the ship farther south (our southernmost point for this trip) at 66 degrees south (just shy of the Antarctic Circle) at a place called Prospect Point, which was our first landing as well as our first continental landing on the Peninsula. It was a beautiful first

landing with perfect weather, a calving glacier on the opposite side of the bay, a little bit of history with the foundations of British Base J close to the beach, and some Adélie penguins to keep us all entertained.







Pleneau Island

Hovgaard Island

Legend

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## Day 5 - Expedition Boat Cruising and Snowshoeing at Hovgaard Island

It was another gorgeous day in Antarctica today as many of us had an optional activity of snowshoeing on Hovgaard Island, while everyone else went on a nice zodiac cruise in the bay. Most of us managed to see some seals, possibly even some whales in the bay, and also a few gentoo penguins. Even while on board it was well worth being out on the open decks this morning as some of the whales and penguins were swimming quite close to the ship.

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Legend

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Hovgaard Island

Pleneau Island

300 m

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## Day 5 - Pleneau Island

In the afternoon we had our landing at Pleneau Island, where we had hundreds of gentoo penguins nesting and just sitting around on the rocks molting. It was a brilliant landing which also had beautiful views

out towards the 'iceberg graveyard' where we did some expedition boat cruising. Later that evening we dropped off our campers for their night under the Antarctic sky.







Lemaire Channel

Booth Island

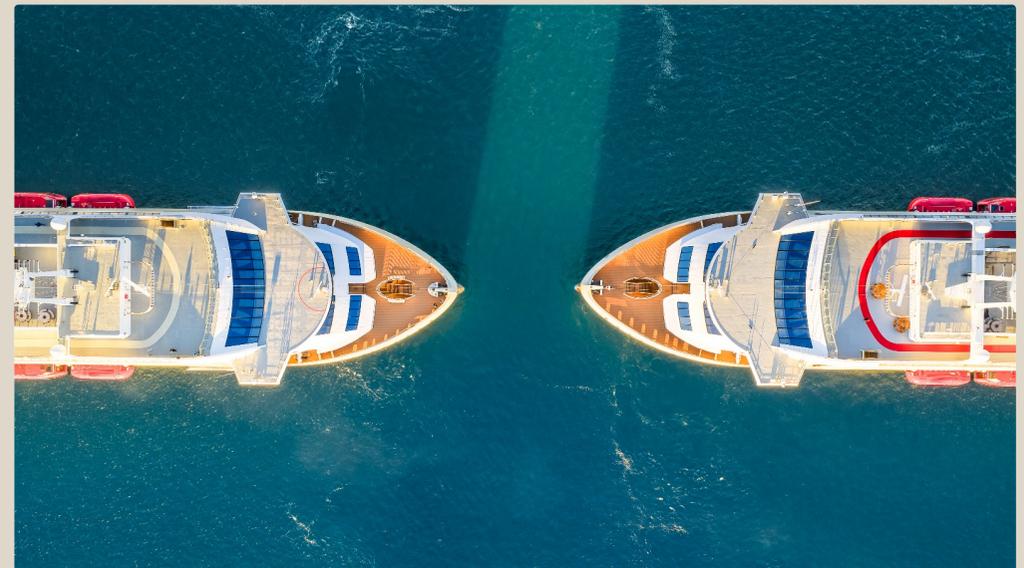
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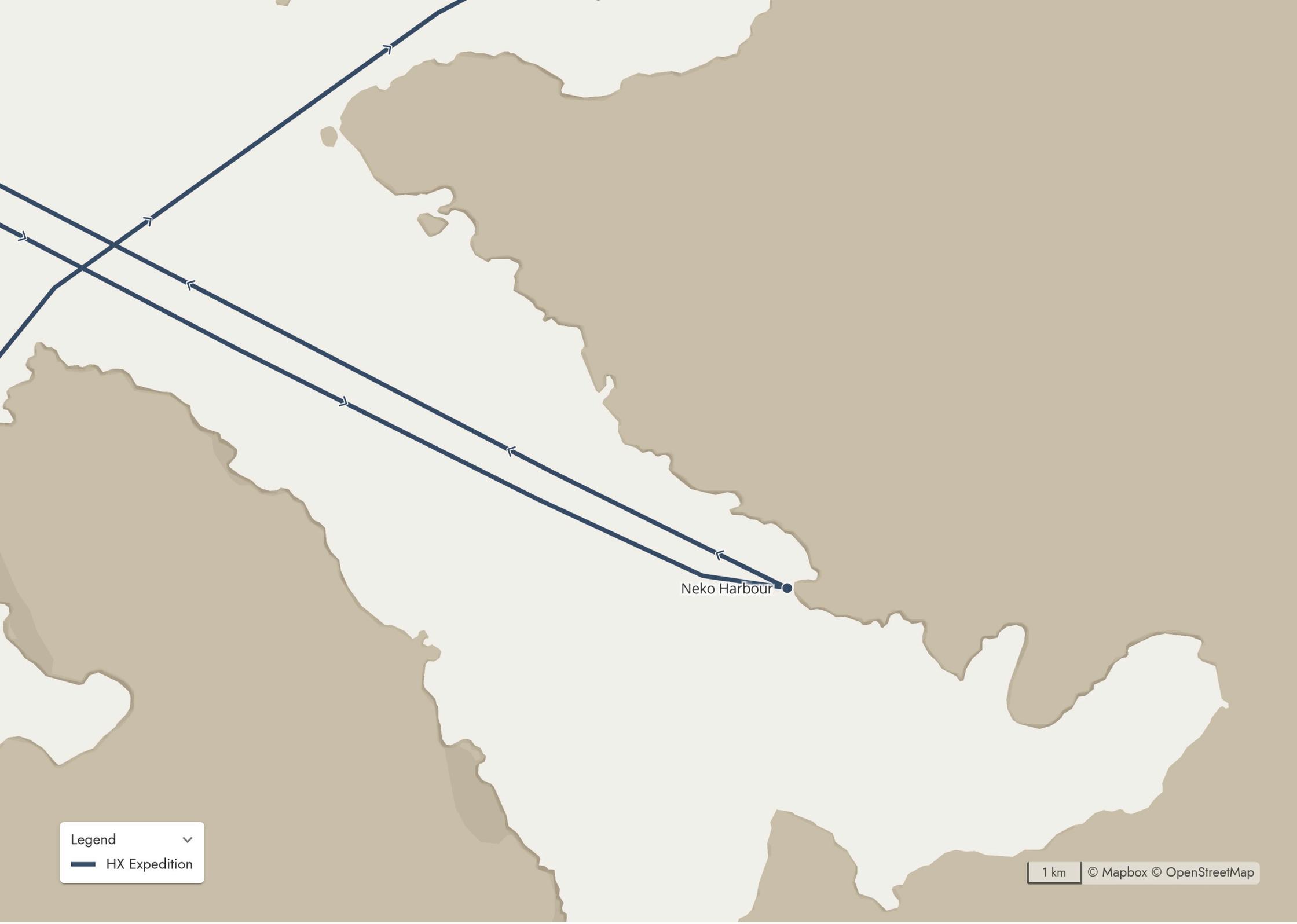
## Day 6 - Ship's Cruise through Lemaire Channel

After picking up our campers early in the morning, and an unplanned meet up with our sister ship the MS Roald Amundsen, we headed into the southern part of the picturesque Lemaire Channel. The weather was still sunny and mild as we navigated the icy waters of this narrow channel. We spotted some whales swimming casually along the

eastern shore as we headed up north out of the channel. On our way to our next destination, we also spotted a pod of orcas at a distance but could easily make them out with their deep black silhouettes and giant dorsal fins breaking the surface of the water as they came up for air.







Neko Harbour

Legend

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## Day 6 - Expedition Boat Cruising and Landing at Neko Harbour

At around lunchtime the ship turned into Andvord Bay and sailed to Neko Harbour, our landing spot for the afternoon. Despite the forecast calling for more cloudy skies, the band of clouds remained firmly outside of the bay for the duration of our stay. So, for both our landing and expedition boat cruising we had sunny and mild weather

making it pleasant and quite warm. On the expedition boat cruise we spotted a leopard seal on a small ice floe and some other seals out in the bay. Then we had the opportunity to see some more gentoo penguins as well as a couple of chinstrap penguins on land .



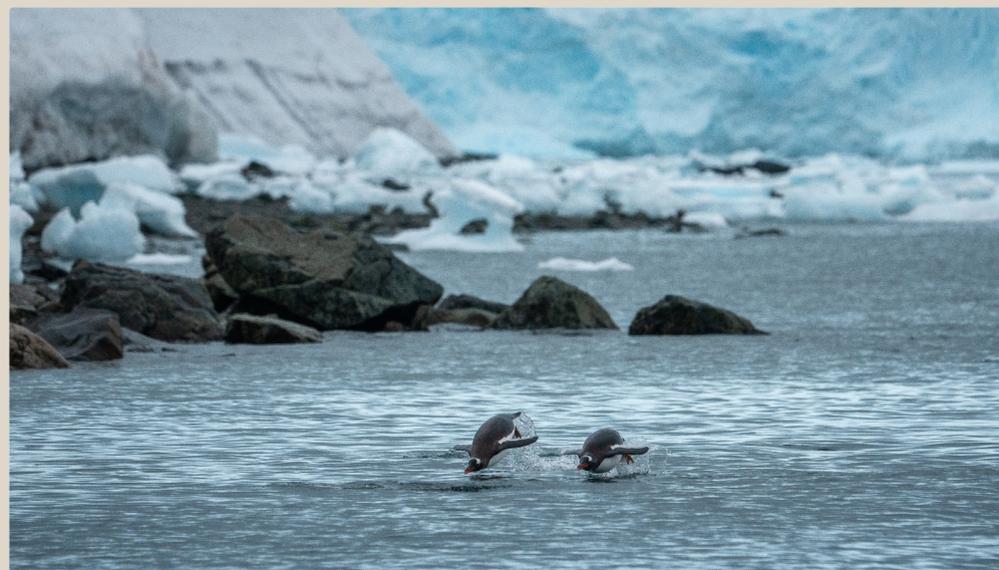




## Day 7 - Expedition Boat Cruising and Discovery Kayaking

For our morning activities we were in the beautiful and rightly named Paradise Harbour (Bay). After three amazingly sunny days on the continent we had a slight change in weather, with overcast skies and

even some light snow at times. However, it was still quite calm on the wind front which made it possible to go ahead with our expedition boat cruising and Discovery Kayaking session this morning.







## Day 7 - Landing at Danco Island

During lunchtime we sailed out of Paradise Harbour through the Aguirre Channel and past the Chilean González Videla Antarctic Base base there. We had to make a little detour through the Errera Channel due to large icebergs blocking the west side of Danco Island. Once in position we started our landing at Danco island, where a large

number of gentoo penguins were sitting on the beach molting. The weather had changed quite a bit with increasing wind and swells, but every so often the sky broke apart for a bit to reveal some rays of sunshine over the towering icebergs in the bay.







## Day 8 - Attempted Landing at Mikkelsen Harbour

After scenic cruising along the coast of the peninsula, we made our way over to the south end of Trinity Island in Mikkelsen Harbour. By this point the weather had changed dramatically, with strong winds and some heavy snow coming down. We waited a bit for things to clear up, and the Expedition Team headed out to inspect the

conditions. Unfortunately, aside from the weather, there was a lot of ice in the bay. The only clear part was where all the penguins were sitting on the beach molting, so it was not possible to land so many people there at a time. Sadly, in the end we had to cancel the landing.





Drake Passage Northbound

Legend

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30 km

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## Day 9 - Drake Passage Northbound

Our first sea day heading north again was a little bit bumpy, but overall, not too bad. Guests had to part ways with their rubber boots after breakfast. Then they had the opportunity to visit the bridge for a

short tour. There was a Q&A with the officers that was took place later in the afternoon. Altogether, it was a pleasant day on board with many lectures and activities available to keep guests entertained.





Tolhuin

Puerto Williams

Drake Passage Northbound

Reserva Nacional  
Marina Yaganes

Parque Nacional  
Cabo de Hornos

Legend

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## Day 10 - Drake Passage Northbound

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It was relatively calm for our last sea day as we approached the entrance to the Beagle Channel. Guests got ready for disembarkation and received information about their flights, hotels, and transfers from the ship for the following morning.

We enjoyed one last lunch and dinner together on board in between the remaining lectures and workshops, which were followed up with the Captain's Farewell and the photographer's highlights slideshow, allowing us to relive the incredible journey that we had in Antarctica just a few days prior.





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