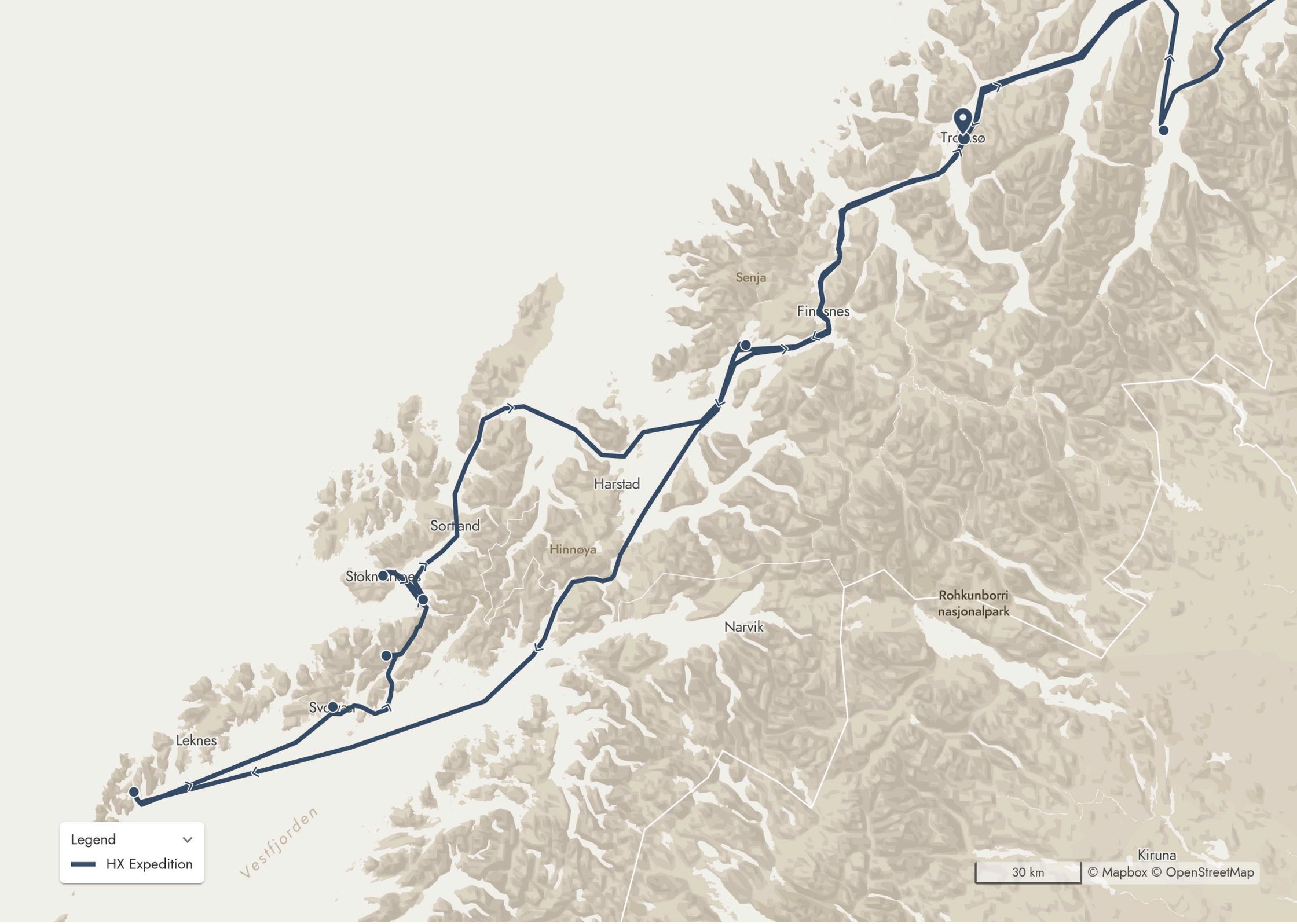




MS Spitsbergen

7 – 14 February 2026



Legend

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Vestfjorden

30 km

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Kiruna

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Hinnøya

Harstad

Narvik

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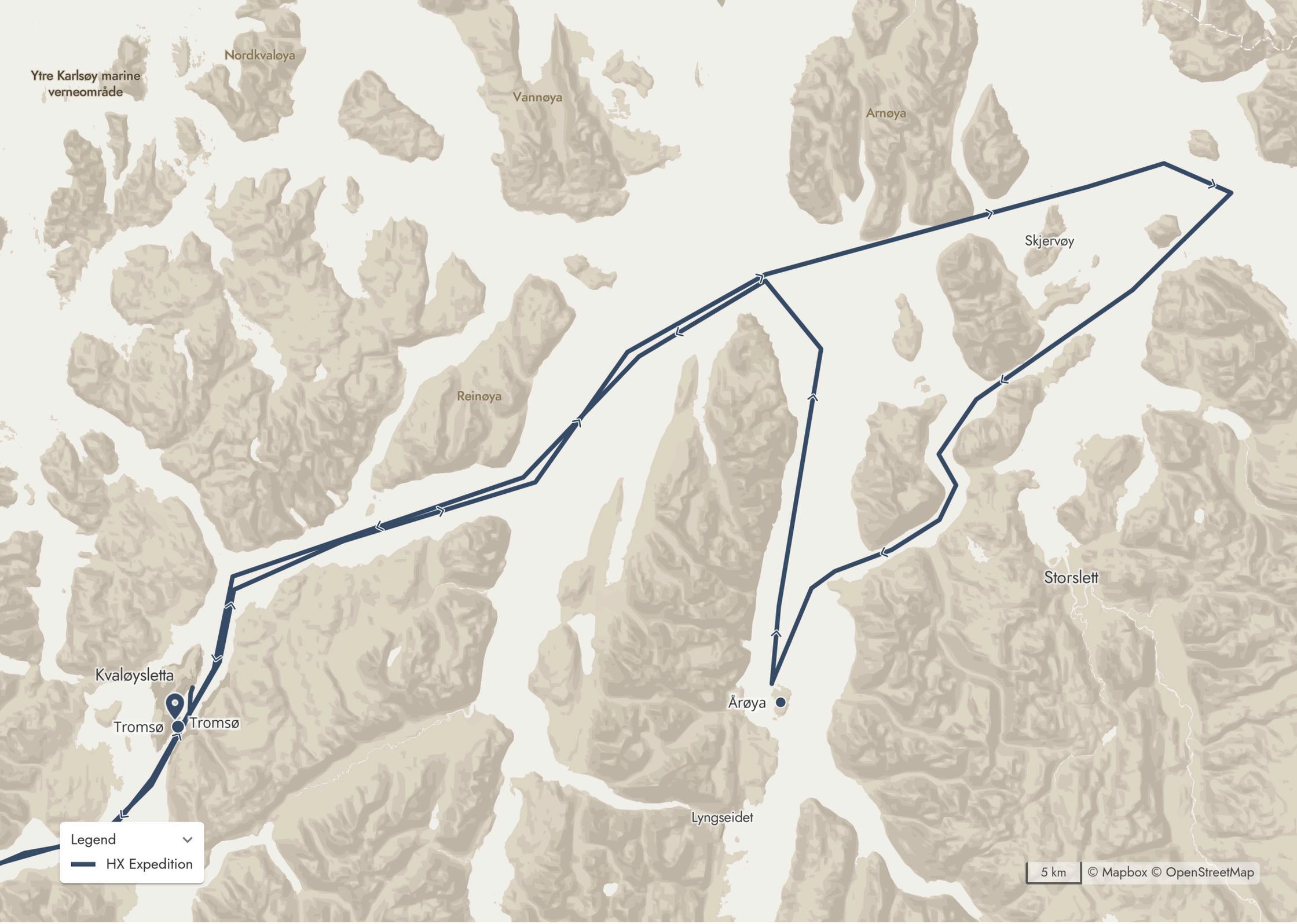
Tromsø Tromsø

Årøya

Lyngseidet

Legend 

 HX Expedition



Day 1 - Embarkation in Tromsø

Our voyage began in Tromsø, where our guests were greeted by pleasant winter weather and calm conditions in the harbour.

Throughout the afternoon, they arrived at the pier and embarked MS Spitsbergen, settling into their cabins and taking time to explore the ship that would be their home for the coming days.

After dinner, guests gathered for the mandatory safety drill, an important introduction to procedures and life on board. The evening

continued with the Captain's Welcome, followed by an information meeting led by the Hotel Manager and the Expedition Leader, where guests learned more about the journey ahead and what to expect during their time exploring Northern Norway.

As we departed Tromsø and the city slowly faded into the Arctic twilight, the calm weather and steady sea provided a smooth and confident start to our winter expedition along the Norwegian coast.

Day 2 - Årøya

Our second day brought us to Årøya, where we enjoyed generally good winter weather and calm conditions for our first landing of the voyage. With steady visibility and a crisp Arctic atmosphere, guests disembarked using the floating jetty and stepped onto the snow-covered island.

Once ashore, they spread out to make the most of the surroundings. A group of snowshoers set off with the Activity Guides, moving through the quiet forest and exploring the terrain at a steady pace. Others followed the marked paths independently, taking in the

peaceful landscape and enjoying the freedom to explore at their own rhythm.

Some walked up toward the nearby hilltop viewpoint, reaching it in the Arctic darkness. While the night did not offer distant views, the experience itself was memorable — standing together in the quiet, surrounded by snow and forest, with only headlamps and the faint glow of the sky above us. The stillness of the night gave the moment a special atmosphere.

Back near the landing site, a bonfire offered warmth and a welcoming gathering point. There, we paused to warm up, share impressions, and enjoy the atmosphere before returning to the ship.

With favourable weather and a balance of activity and quiet moments, Årøya provided a rewarding and atmospheric first day ashore in Arctic Norway.





Gammelsæter

Jøvik

Tranøya

Legend

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Day 3 - Tranøya

Our third day brought us to Tranøya, where we landed to explore this historic settlement and surrounding landscape under steady winter conditions. After stepping ashore, guests made their way through the traditional farm area, learning about life in this remote corner of Northern Norway and gaining insight into the resilience and rhythm of coastal communities shaped by the seasons.

Throughout the day, guests divided into activity groups. Two groups set out on snowshoe walks, venturing into the snowy terrain and forested areas, moving at a steady pace through the quiet winter landscape. At the same time, two groups took to the water for kayaking, gliding across calm Arctic waters and experiencing the coastline from a close and peaceful perspective.

In the afternoon, some gathered near the jetty for an underwater drone session, exploring the hidden world beneath the surface. Watching the live images from the cold, clear waters added a fascinating dimension, revealing life below that is rarely seen from shore.

That evening, as darkness settled in, the sky offered a special reward: the first Northern Lights sighting of the trip. Soft green arcs slowly appeared above us, drawing many outside to witness the spectacle. It was a magical and promising start to our Arctic nights, marking the end of a full and memorable day on Tranøya.





Krystad

Ulvstinden

Strømsnes

Nesan

Horseid

Valen

Skjenfjorden

Sund, landing in Stormarkpollen

Mølnerodden

Sund

Solbjørnvatnet

Vester Nesland

Soløy

Kjerkfjorden

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Day 4 - Sund, Landing in Stormarkpollen

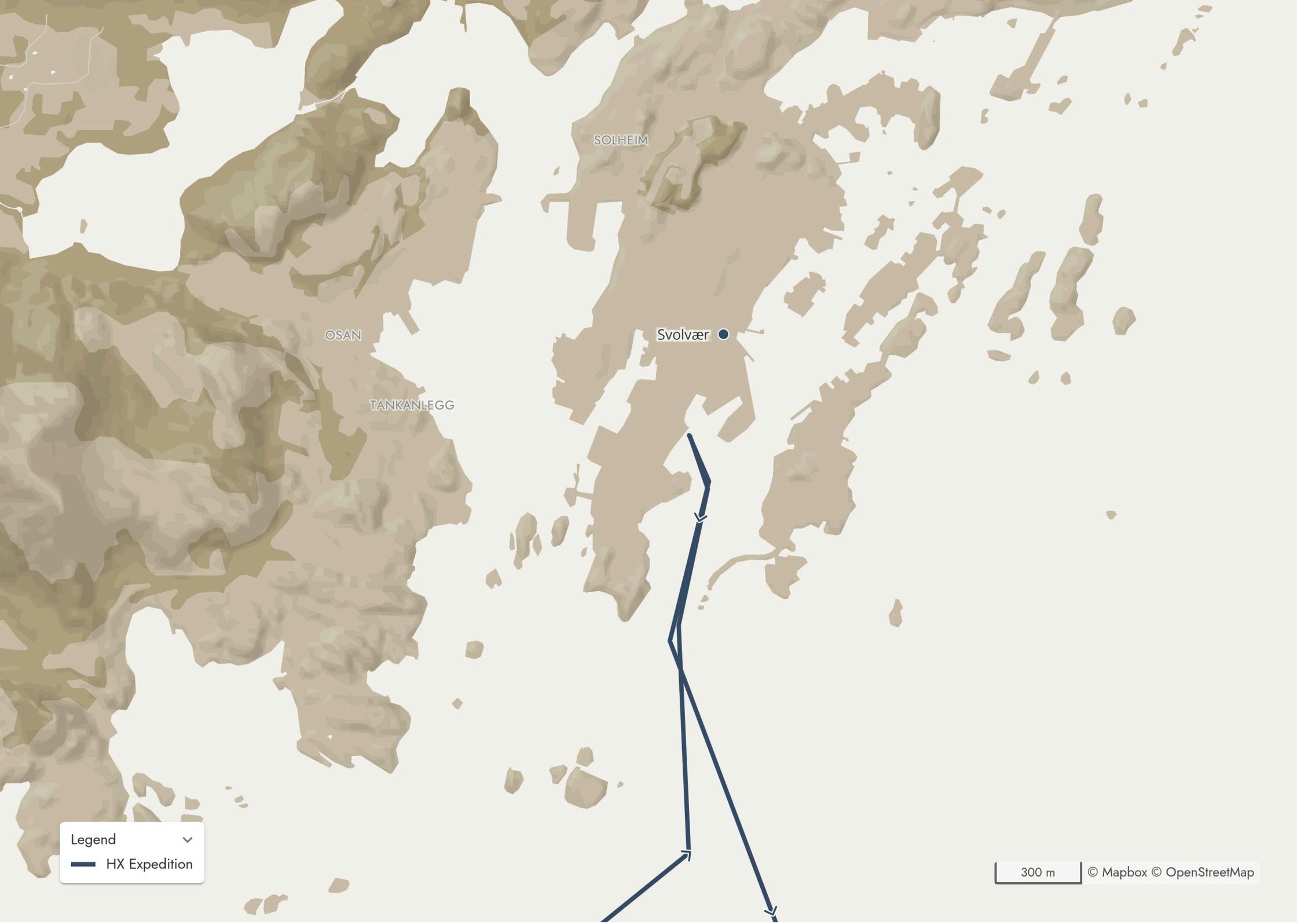
Our day in Sund, within the spectacular Lofoten Islands, began with a memorable expedition boat ride from the ship into Stormarkpollen. The journey itself became part of the experience: a long and beautiful cruise through calm waters, surrounded by steep, snow-covered mountains rising dramatically from the sea. With excellent weather and clear visibility, the landscape felt vast and sharply defined, inviting us to simply pause and take it all in.

Upon reaching the landing site, guests stepped ashore under bright and stable conditions. The surrounding peaks framed the area

perfectly, offering uninterrupted views across the fjord and into the heart of Lofoten's rugged terrain. Some guests explored the shoreline and nearby paths at a relaxed pace, while others joined the planned activities, making the most of the calm air and the crisp winter light.

The combination of the scenic ride, the open views, and the stillness of the landing created a day that felt expansive and immersive — an opportunity to experience Lofoten's dramatic geography from both sea and shore in truly ideal conditions.





SOLHEIM

OSAN

TANKANLEGG

Svolvær

Legend

— HX Expedition

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Day 5 - Svolvær

We docked early in Svolvær, the vibrant centre of the Lofoten Islands, under stable and favourable conditions that stayed with us throughout the day. With the ship alongside, our guests stepped ashore ready to explore the town and its remarkable surroundings.

They divided themselves among a variety of excursions. Some joined the Fishing Heritage Walk, learning about the region's deep connection to the sea and the cod fisheries that shaped Lofoten's identity. The Arctic Sea Eagle Experience brought several guests closer to one of the north's most iconic birds, while visits to nearby Henningsvær offered a glimpse into life in one of Norway's most picturesque fishing villages. For those seeking contrast and

exhilaration, the combination of sauna and polar plunge delivered a truly Nordic experience.

Back on board in the evening, the atmosphere shifted to celebration. We gathered for the HX Foundation auction, where generosity and enthusiasm filled the room as guests contributed to meaningful environmental and community projects. Later, the Crew Band took the stage, bringing music and energy to the lounge and rounding off a full and rewarding day in Svolvær.

With culture, nature, community, and celebration all coming together, it was a memorable day in the heart of Lofoten.





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Ulvøya

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Day 6 - Trollfjord & Ulvøya (AM)

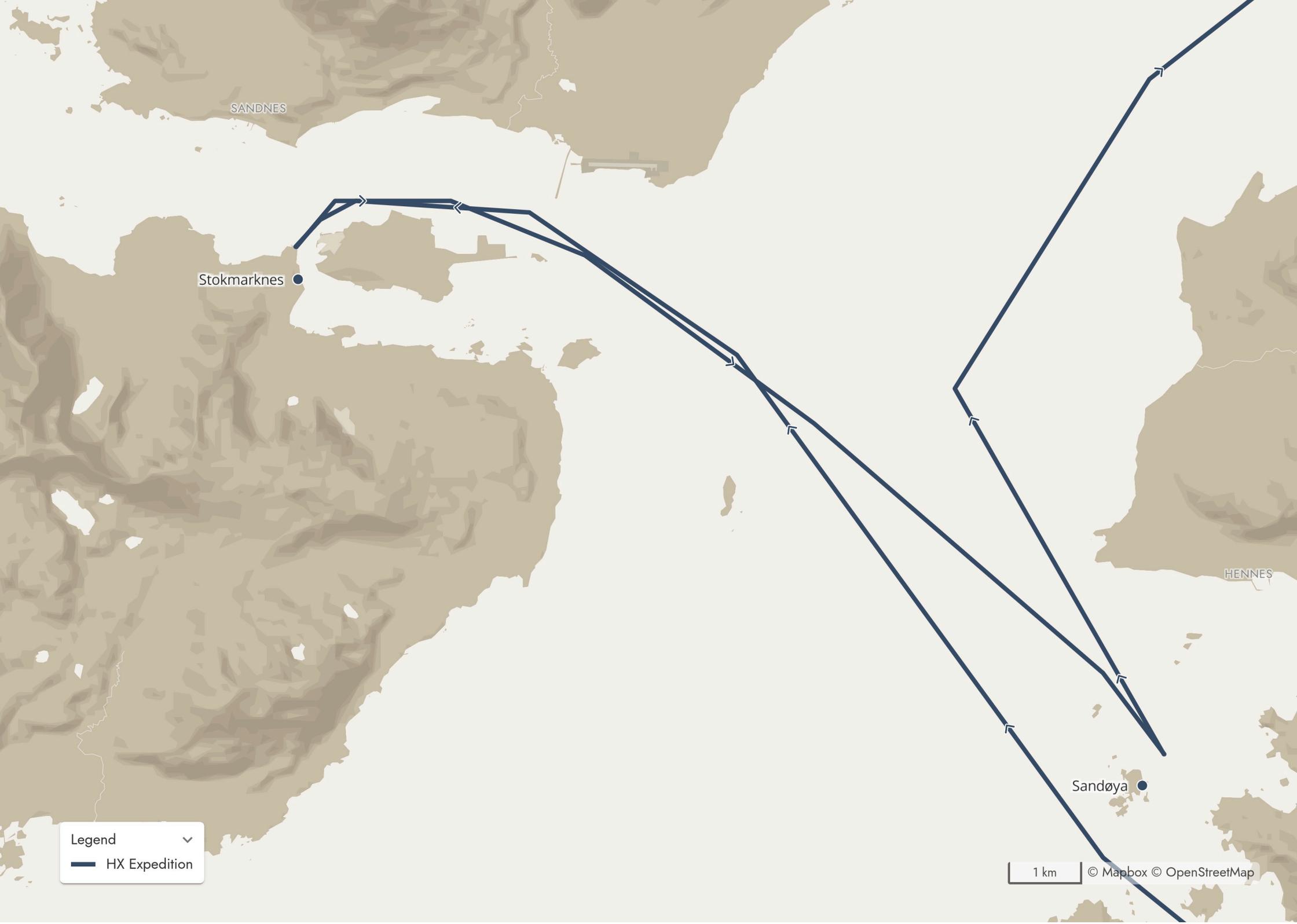
We began the morning by sailing into dramatic Trollfjord, where MS Spitsbergen carefully made its way through the narrow entrance. With excellent conditions, the towering rock walls and snow-covered slopes reflected clearly on the calm water, allowing us to fully appreciate the scale and grandeur of this iconic fjord. The slow navigation through the passage gave everyone time on deck to take in the scenery and the quiet atmosphere.

After exiting the fjord, we continued toward Ulvøya, where we launched our expedition boats for a closer exploration of the

coastline. Cruising at water level offered a different perspective — steep mountains, rocky shorelines, and the subtle winter colours of Arctic Norway unfolding around us.

At the same time, a group of kayakers set out to experience the area independently, gliding across the calm surface and enjoying the stillness of the surroundings. With stable weather and smooth seas, both the ship sailing and the expedition boat cruising felt perfectly timed, making for a balanced morning of navigation and close-up exploration.





SANDNES

Stokmarknes

HENNES

Sandøya

Legend

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Day 6 - Raftsundet & Stokmarknes

After our time around Ulvøya, we continued sailing along Raftsundet, where the landscape once again took center stage. Steep mountains lined the strait on both sides, their snow-covered ridges and dark rock faces creating striking contrasts against the winter light. The calm waters allowed us to enjoy the scenery from deck, watching the coastline slowly unfold as we made our way south.

Around 16:30, we arrived in Stokmarknes, docking alongside for a special evening ashore. From the ship, we walked directly to the Hurtigruten Museum, where we explored the rich maritime history of Norway's coastal routes. The exhibits and preserved vessels offered insight into how these waters have connected communities for generations.

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Day 7 - Sandøya

Our final landing in Arctic Norway brought us to Sandøya, where our guests stepped ashore onto a beach where white sand met fresh snow — a beautiful contrast that framed our farewell to this northern landscape. Soft sunlight filtered through the clouds, illuminating the surrounding mountains and casting a gentle glow across the island.

With time to roam freely, our guests explored the quiet terrain at their own pace, enjoying the stillness and open space the island offers. The calm conditions allowed us to fully appreciate the scenery, from the shoreline to the snow-covered slopes nearby. Some were fortunate enough to spot a ptarmigan, perfectly camouflaged in its winter plumage — a subtle and special wildlife encounter to close our time ashore.

Gathered around a bonfire, we enjoyed reindeer sausages, sharing

stories and laughter as the voyage gradually approached its conclusion. For the bold ones, there was one final opportunity for a polar plunge, met with cheers and applause from those keeping warm on land.

Later in the evening, we came together on board for the Captain's Farewell. Glasses were raised as we reflected on the days spent exploring fjords, islands, and winter landscapes. Shortly after, we watched the slideshow of the voyage, reliving the moments that had defined our time together — snowy landings, glowing skies, wildlife encounters, and shared experiences both quiet and exhilarating.

It was a meaningful way to close our time in Arctic Norway — surrounded by memories, gratitude, and the feeling of having experienced something truly special together.





Tromsø

Årøya

Senja

Finnsnes

Tranøya

Harstad

Sortland

Hinnøya

Stokmarknes

Sandøya

Trollfjord & Ulvøya

Narvik

Rohkunborri
nasjonalpark

Legend

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20 km

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Day 8 - Disembarkation in Tromsø

Early this morning we arrived back in Tromsø, the 'Gateway to the Arctic', where light snowfall and a gentle breeze welcomed us alongside the quay. The city slowly came to life as our guests gathered for breakfast, sharing final conversations and reflecting on the moments that shaped this voyage.

Soon it was time for our guests to say goodbye to MS Spitsbergen, the ship that had carried them through fjords, islands, and winter landscapes. From quiet forest walks and bonfires in the snow to powerful mountain scenery and shimmering Northern Lights, each

day had offered its own unique memory. Friendships were formed, challenges embraced, and Arctic experiences shared.

As our guests stepped ashore, they carried more than photographs — they carried stories of crisp winter air, glowing horizons, laughter around the fire, and the deep calm that only the north can offer. Though the journey ends here in Tromsø, the impressions of Arctic Norway will likely remain with them remain long after the snowflakes have melted.



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