



MS Roald Amundsen

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Río Gallegos

Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

Punta Arenas

Ushuaia

Scotia Sea

Drake Passage

Weddell Sea

Legend

— HX Expedition

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Day 1 - Welcome Aboard MS Roald Amundsen

After an early morning flight down the length of Argentina you arrived in Ushuaia to embark the HX hybrid-powered vessel MS Roald Amundsen. Your expedition adventure started as we sailed off into the

Beagle Channel with our sights set southwards to the Frozen Continent.



Day 2 - The Drake Passage

Out on the open ocean as we sailed the Drake Passage, it was a day to find your sea legs and a day of briefings and preparation. We relayed information on what we'll be doing in Antarctica and how we

need to behave, listened to a welcome from the Captain, and introduced your Expedition Team. The Drake Passage was kind to us with only a moderate size of rolling wave.





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Day 3 - The Drake Passage

Our second day on the Drake Passage passed. The tips of mountains loomed above the clouds and gave us our first glimpse of Antarctica. Our preparations finished with an introduction to IAATO, our Citizen Science projects, and biosecurity checks. Our onboard Naturalists

and Historian presented a lecture about the nature and history of the Antarctic. With your rubber boots to hand, you were ready for Antarctica.



Day 4 - Fish Islands & Prospect Point

Our first expedition day started in typical expedition fashion, with an update to our plan. An opportunity for a landing on the Antarctic continent had presented itself. We walked the snowy slopes of Prospect Point and the foundations of a British research base.

Meanwhile, expedition boats cruised the Fish Islands, which had rocks full of Adélie penguin colonies and Antarctic shags. The bay was full of ice – what a way to start our expedition!





At Sea

The Gullet

Adelaide Island

Bongrain Point

Horseshoe Island

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Day 5 - The Gullet

In the early hours we passed the Arctic Circle as we were heading towards The Gullet, the famous, narrow passage between Adelaide Island and the Antarctic Peninsula. After we had sailed through the narrowest point, enjoying the spectacular scenery, we lowered our

expedition boats and went cruising. An array of wildlife was seen: humpback whales, penguins, Antarctic seals, crabeater seals hauled out on icebergs, and Weddell seals lounging on the shoreline.



Day 6 - Bongrain Point

We entered Marguerite Bay, a large, open expanse of water between Adelaide and Alexander Islands. In the morning, we landed at Bongrain Point on Pourquoi Pas Island. The shoreline was full of

Adélie penguins learning to swim, while moulting adults sat higher up at their rookeries.



Day 6 - Horseshoe Island

With the winds picking up we sailed towards Horseshoe Island and our landing at the abandoned Base Y. A relatively calm tender to shore was followed by a look in the historical hut and a walk around

the area. Many then braved the water for a polar plunge before getting a different kind of plunge on the way back to the ship. The rising winds made for a wet and wavy trip back onboard.



Day 7 - Stonington Island

As our expedition made its way farther south, we arrived at Stonington Island. The small island is the site of two abandoned research bases, British Base E and the USA's East Base. Alongside the

bases we saw resting Weddell seals on the shore and had a close-up view of the giant Northeast glacier that terminates 400m from the shores of Stonington.





Stonington Island

George VI Sound

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30 km

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Day 8 - King George VI Sound

Today we reached our most southerly point. Sailing south through the night we entered the King George VI Sound at the bottom of Marguerite Bay. The ship slowly edged its way forward, navigating the maze of icebergs and sea ice. During the morning, we achieved our goal of 70 degrees south before moving off to find a suitable piece

of sea ice for our afternoon activity. When we did, we walked around on an ice flow floating 500m above the sea floor. As the ship turned northwards, we were rewarded with a close sighting of an emperor penguin on an ice flow.



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Day 9 - At Sea

Today was an opportunity to rest and reflect on our voyage crossing the Antarctic Circle. The ship turned northwards to explore the northern parts of the Antarctic Peninsula. The Expedition Team hosted

lectures and activities throughout the day, covering topics on geology, navigation, birdlife, whale research, and icebergs.





Vernadsky
Research Base

Wordie House

Legend

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Day 10 - Wordie House

The ship stopped in the Penola Strait beside the Argentine Islands. The calm conditions allowed the Discovery Kayakers to head out and paddle around, and they were visited by a curious humpback whale! Everyone else set off for an expedition boat cruise to circumnavigate

Winter Island. This was our first view of a gentoo penguin colony along the coastline. We could see the Ukrainian Vernadsky Research Base, and in a sheltered little channel, the Wordie House historic British Antarctic Survey base could be viewed from the water.





Day 11 - Pleneau Island

For the first part of this day, we landed on the rocky shores of Pleneau Island to see gentoo penguins from land and to enjoy views of the

behemoth icebergs that rest in the bay beyond the island.





Pleneau Island
Hovgaard Island

Booth Island

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Day 11 - Hovgaard Island

In the afternoon there were three activities that took place on nearby Hovgaard Island. An expedition boat cruised around the bay with views of a young elephant seal, gentoo penguins, and Weddell seals.

Then some snowshoers headed off over the top of the island and out of sight. As the day ended, the campers set off onto Hovgaard to spend the night off the ship under the Antarctic sky.

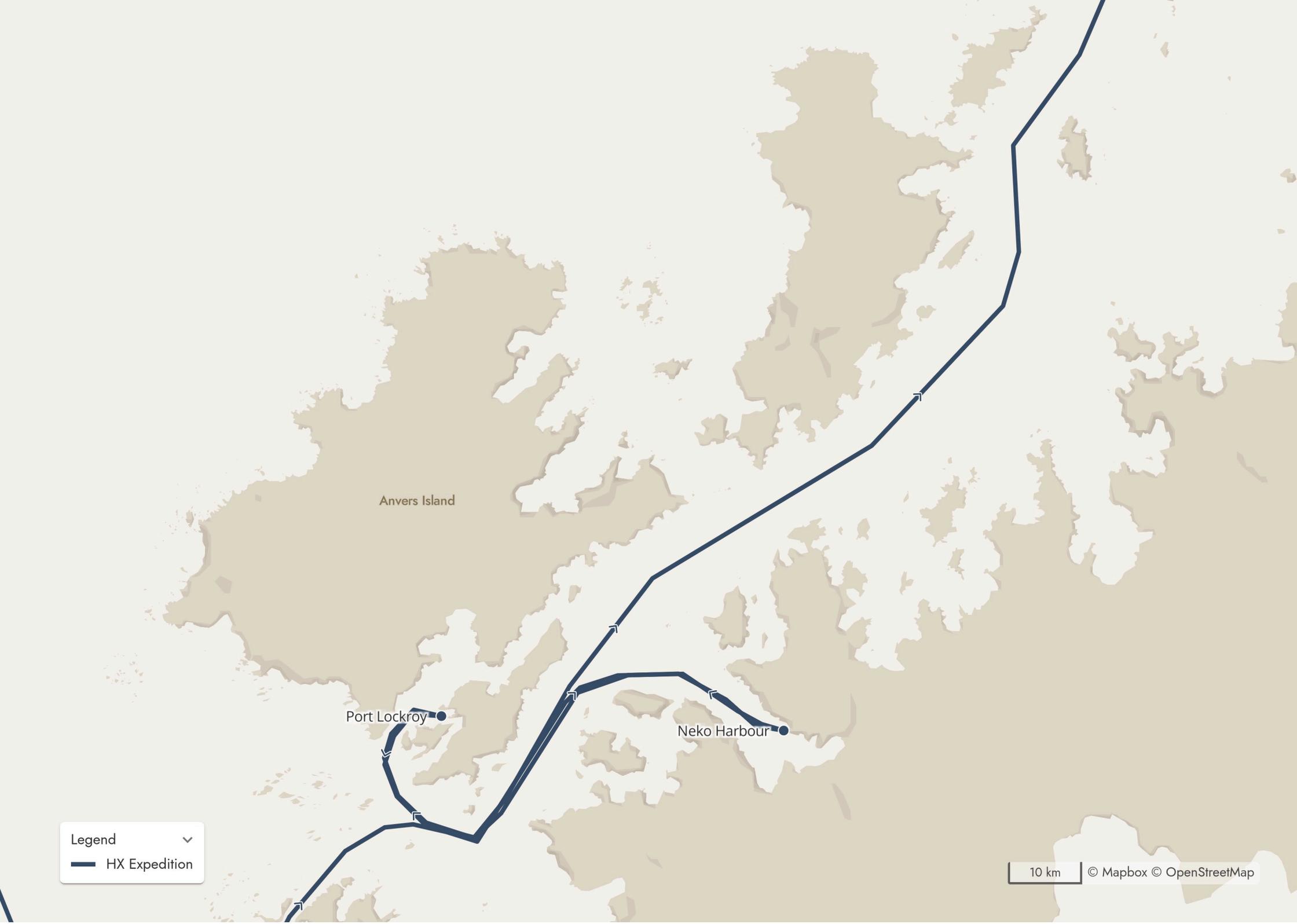


Day 12 - Neko Harbour

After an early morning crossing of the scenic Lemaire Channel, the ship sailed into Andvord Bay for our afternoon landing at the dramatic Neko Harbour. Once again, we set foot on the Antarctic continent. On steep, snowy slopes we had views of the active glacier,

where we watched the waves crash along the shores after several large calvings. The gentoo penguin colony filled the beaches before they ran to high ground to avoid the waves.





Anvers Island

Port Lockroy ●

Neko Harbour ●

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Day 13 - Port Lockroy

A calm morning greeted us for expedition boat cruising at Port Lockroy, but the wind quickly picked up while we cruised around Goudier Island, with the historic British Base A situated on it. The

gentoo penguin colony was full of chicks almost ready to leave their rocky homes. As the winds increased, the ship left the peninsula behind, its sights set on the South Shetland Islands to the north.



Day 14 - Telefon Bay

Today we sailed into the flooded caldera of Port Foster, surrounded on all sides by the dark, brooding mountains of volcanic Deception Island. Entry is possible only through a single narrow gap in the cliffs: Neptune's Bellows

In the the morning, we landed in the north of the caldera at Telefon Bay. Here, everyone could stretch their legs and walk the slopes of the crater-filled landscape. The landscape was barren. with the odd penguin or skua breaking the black-rock vista.



Day 14 - Whalers Bay

For our final landing in Antarctica, we visited the abandoned whaling station at Whalers Bay. The remnants of that era linger heavily in the landscape, with weathered buildings and towering metal structures still standing against the elements. As we arrived, steam drifted across the shoreline — an ever-present reminder of the volcanic forces

beneath the island's surface. Fur seals lay scattered along the beach, dozing undisturbed. After a final walk through this haunting and historic place, it was time to bid farewell to Antarctica as the ship turned north and began its passage across the Drake once more.





Drake Passage

Telefon Bay

Whalers Bay

Port Lockroy

Hovgaard Island

Neko Harbour

Pleneau Island

Wordie House

Fish Islands

The Gullet

At Sea

Bongrain Point

Horseshoe Island

Stonington Island

Larsen C Ice Shelf

George VI Sound

Alexander Island

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Day 15 - The Drake Passage

We filled another day out on the Drake Passage with lectures and workshops to learn even more about the Frozen Continent. The Naturalists were out on deck throughout the day helping in the search

for albatrosses and other marine life on the high seas. We also welcomed you onto the ship's bridge, offering the chance to meet the officers and take part in a thoughtful Q&A session.



Day 16 - The Drake Passage

On our final day of the voyage you attended our last lectures, returned gear, and prepared for onward travel. The Expedition Photographer presented his slideshow of the trip, giving us all an

opportunity to relive the special moments of the last two weeks. The Captain gave his farewell and raised a glass with all.



Day 17 - An Extra Day in Ushuaia

HX organised an unexpected additional day of activities in Ushuaia due to strikes that resulted in grounded flights, including last-minute trips to spas and Tierra del Fuego National Park. This delayed your

departure and allowed one more day of exploration, bringing a memorable voyage to a fitting close.





Farewell & Safe Travels

Today, all aboard MS Roald Amundsen gathered to thank you and wish you safe travels on the journey ahead. We hope your time with us — journeying down to the Antarctic Circle and back — has been

nothing short of extraordinary, and we look forward to welcoming you again on a future expedition.



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