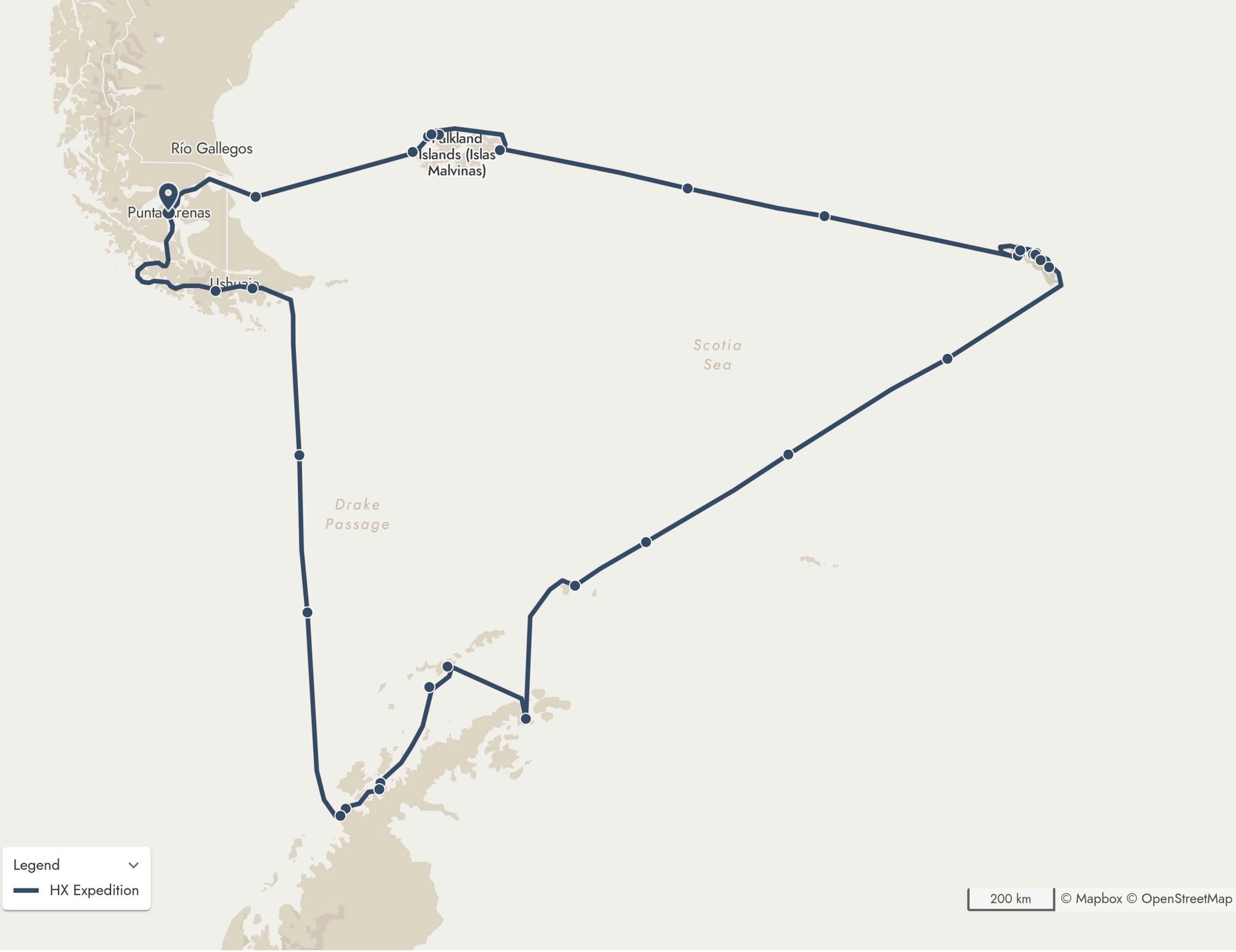




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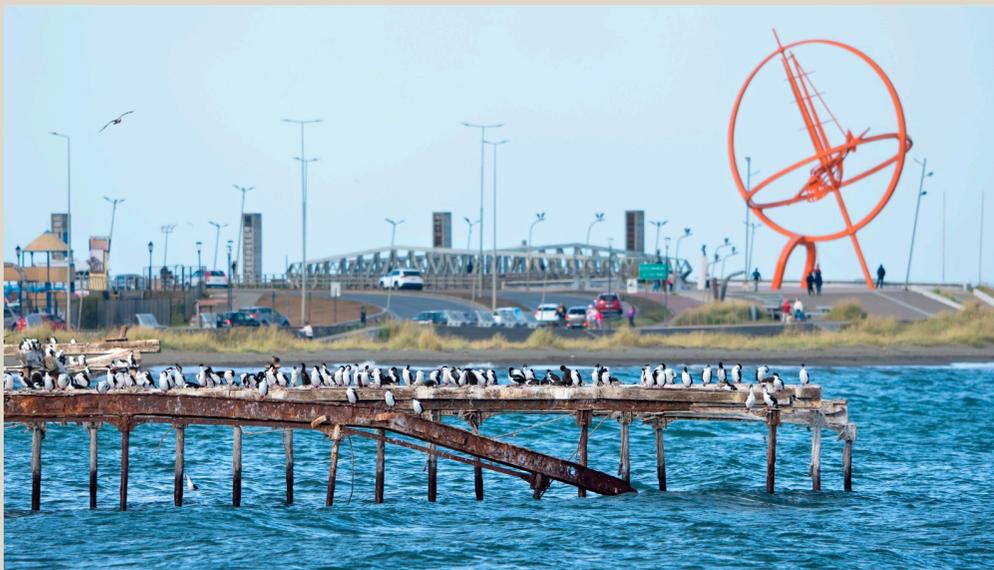
Punta Arenas, Chile - Feb 7, 2026

Embarkation and sail away.

Embarkation Day

Our guests embarked in Punta Arenas and settled into their new home aboard the ship, shaking off travel fatigue as they explored the decks and common spaces. They attended the mandatory safety drill and learned how our boat groups work for landings and activities.

After collecting their rubber boots, they felt more properly equipped for the voyage ahead. In the evening we enjoyed our first dinner on board together, and the MS Fram set sail along the Strait of Magellan towards our first destination – the Falkland Islands.

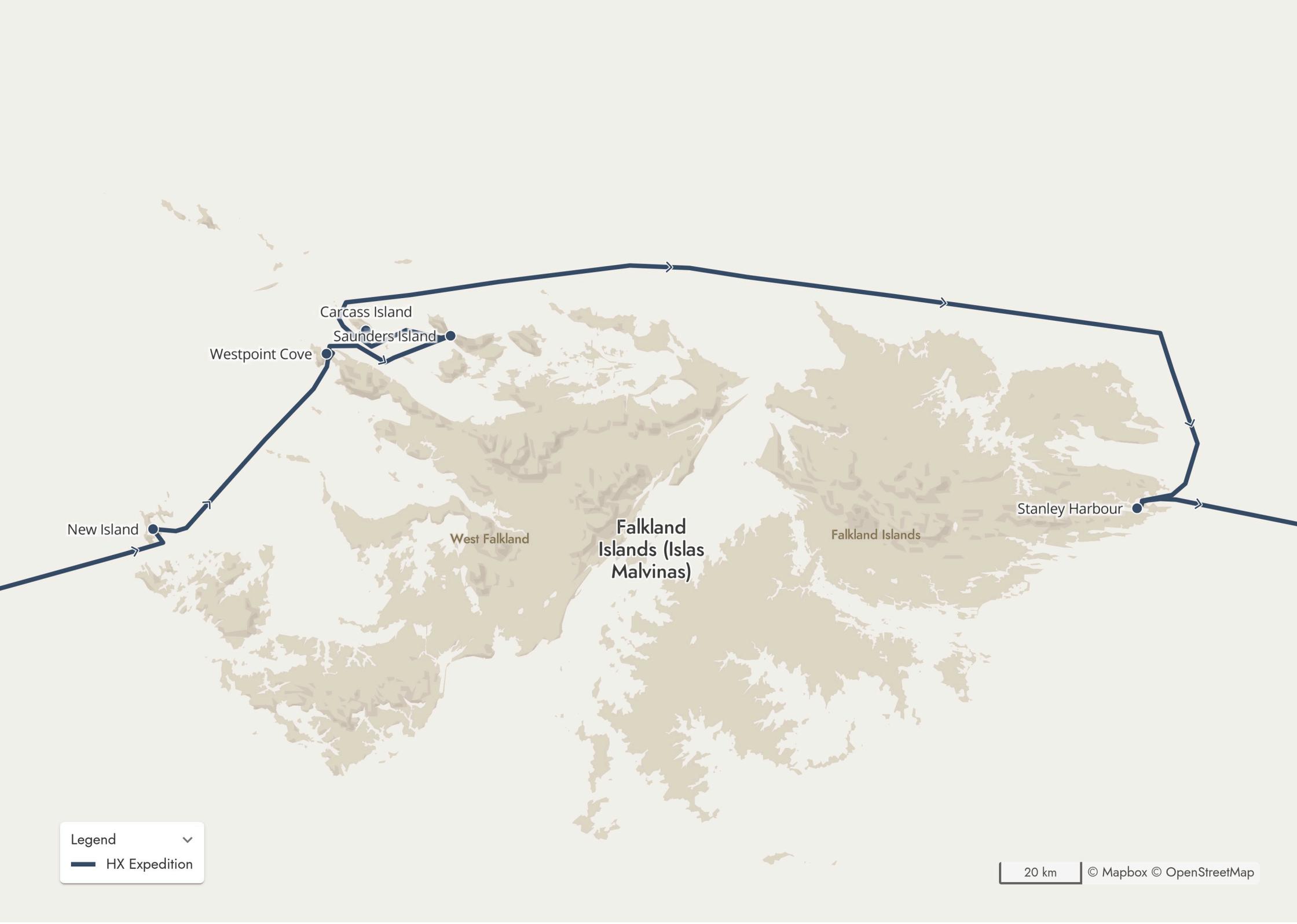


On the Way to the Falklands

Guests spent the day easing into our routine, relaxing and enjoying the programme of talks and activities. They joined a birdlife talk, met the Guest Scientists, and got a clear sense of how the onboard science projects worked. In anticipation of our arrival in the Falklands, many also attended a lecture about the Falkland Islands' history.

Guests also heard from our Expedition Leader Tomski and our Hotel Manager Milos with some more valuable voyage and ship information. After picking up their expedition jackets, we gathered together to attend the Captain's Welcome.





New Island

Westpoint Cove

Carcass Island

Saunders Island

West Falkland

Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

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New Island

Our first nature landing of the voyage was also our guests' first experience of being taken ashore in the ship's expedition boats. We landed at New Island, owned by the Falklands Conservation charity. On the island, we encountered thriving Falklands wildlife, visiting a

mixed colony of rockhopper penguins, black-browed albatrosses, and blue shags. Along the trail, we met many geese and several other bird species, including meadowlarks and caracaras.



Westpoint Cove

In the afternoon, we visited West Point Island. Some enjoyed a walk across the island to see the black-browed albatross colony. Seeing the chicks on turret nests there was a delight. Some of the expedition

boats were even accompanied by dolphins towards the landing sites. A highlight was the spread of delicious cookies offered by the locals.



Saunders Island

In the morning we landed at Saunders Island, which greeted us with sunshine. Many gentoo penguins were on the beaches, with the chicks chasing the adults around! Commerson's dolphins were riding

the surf waves, too. It was a true wildlife paradise! Some even spotted a completely black gentoo penguin, which is very rare to see.



Carcass Island

The sun was also shining for our beach landing in Carcass Island. Some hiked across the island enjoying stunning sea views, while

others strolled along to the jetty in search of the rare Cobb's wren. Many spotted a young striated cara cara as well.



Stanley

Stanley offered a change of scenery from our previous nature landings. We took time to explore the town and its history. From history walks to museum visits, this time ashore was very interesting. Many visited Gypsy Cove for a nature walk, which offered beautiful

coastal views and the chance to spot Magellanic penguins. Some guests took part in the wildlife watch out on deck before attending a briefing on South Georgia regulations.



At Sea, Falkland Trough

Our Expedition Team offered our guests myriad programmes on this sea days towards South Georgia. Many were interested to learn more about the whales and dolphins we could see on our journey and how to use eBird and Merlin. They learned how to take great photos from our photographer, Jan, and heard about Shackleton's incredible

voyage from our Historian, Sandra. While reflecting on our time in the Falklands, excitement was growing for South Georgia! In preparation for our arrival in South Georgia, we hosted a briefing about the regulations.

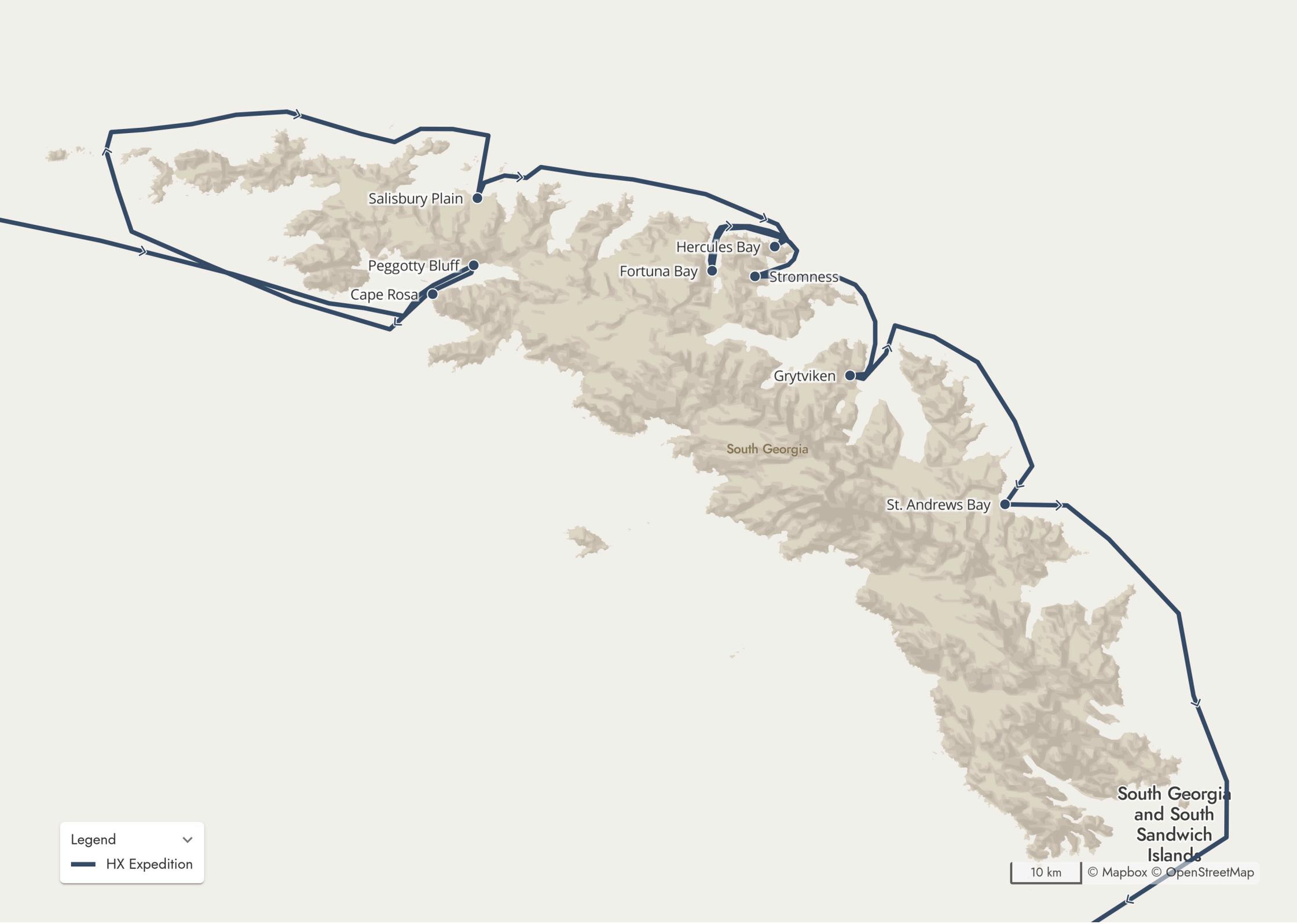


At Sea, North Scotia Ridge

Today was a great day for wildlife watching, with a 'how to identify marine wildlife' workshop helping many guests spot hourglass dolphins, albatrosses, fin whales, humpbacks, and king penguins. They learned about the history, climate, and wildlife of South Georgia, with many taking part in Citizen Science with the NASA GLOBE Cloud Observer project. The Expedition Team shared

information about the stunning hikes possible in South Georgia, including Shackleton's journey, and more about this inspirational man. Many took time to relax, from joining the knitting corner to unwinding with live piano tunes in the Explorer Lounge & Bar. Today we also spotted our very first iceberg!





Salisbury Plain

Peggotty Bluff

Cape Rosa

Fortuna Bay

Hercules Bay

Stromness

Grytviken

South Georgia

St. Andrews Bay

South Georgia
and South
Sandwich
Islands

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Peggotty Bluff

We arrived in the morning at Peggotty Bluff in South Georgia, where we attempted our first landing. We saw many fur seals, giant petrels, and elephant seals hiding in the high tussac grass. Some guests went all the way up to the viewpoint on the hill. During the afternoon, we offered expedition boat cruising at Cape Rosa, where Shackleton's

men arrived after the famous journey with the small boat *James Caird*. Today we followed in his footsteps, since Peggotty Bay was the place where he and his men started their hike towards the whaling station in Strømness. It was a true 'Shackleton day'!





Salisbury Plain

The sun was shining for our visit to Salisbury Plain this morning. The waters here were teeming with life, and it was wonderful to watch the fur seals porpoising through the water. Our scenic stroll was

abundant with fur seals and king penguins, with a special treat when we reached the vast king penguin colony.



Hercules Bay

In the afternoon, we went expedition boat cruising at Hercules Bay under perfect conditions – pure sunshine and no wind. We spotted lots of macaroni penguins on the rocks surrounding the bay, and at

the end of the bay was a beach with a big waterfall where we saw elephant seals, fur seals, king penguins, gentoo penguins, and even a few chinstrap penguins. What a day!



Fortuna Bay

Fortuna Bay was our morning landing site. Here, we expertly navigated through fur seal territory to reach a large king penguin colony. We stood at the viewpoint and looked into the valley filled with thousands upon thousands of king penguins. Some embarked on

the iconic Shackleton hike, enjoying mountain views seeped in history, while the rest sailed onwards to Strømness to meet the hikers there.



Strømness

During our landing at Strømness we shared the sad history of the whaling industry on South Georgia. Some were lucky to spot a blonde fur seal pup at the beach. After leaving Strømness, MS Fram

sailed into the other side of the bay, where we spotted the abandoned Leith Harbour whaling station.



Grytviken

Today's visit to Grytviken was deeply moving for our guests. We spent time at Shackleton's grave and explored the old whaling station, where the solemn atmosphere lingered. The museum offered a vivid look at South Georgia's whaling past and its shift toward conservation,

while guides from the South Georgia Heritage Trust shared powerful stories about the lives of the whalers who once lived and worked here.



St Andrews Bay

After leaving Grytviken, we sailed towards St Andrews and enjoyed the view from the ship over the biggest king penguin colony of South

Georgia.



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Point Wild, Elephant Island

At Sea, Scotia Sea

At Sea, Scotia Sea - Feb 18, 2026

At Sea, Scotia Sea

Today the sea confronted us with up to 9m waves, and our guests truly deserved their seafarer certificates! It was a day of rest and recharge, while still enjoying a variety of onboard activities which built even more excitement for Antarctica. Our guests learned about

Antarctic ecology by our Geologist Lois and learned a lot about penguins from our Ornithologist Julia. Everyone took great care in cleaning their boots and clothes ahead of the next landing, and many joined the kayak briefing.

At Sea, Scotia Sea - Feb 19, 2026

At Sea, Scotia Sea - Feb 20, 2026

At Sea, Scotia Sea, Day 2

Today was filled with a wide range of onboard program. Guests attended a lecture about ORCA's onboard research program and also learned about feathers from our Ornithologists. Many attended the

wildlife watch out on deck. During the evening they heard a story about the cat on Shackleton's expedition called Mrs Chippy.

Point Wild, Elephant Island - Feb 20, 2026

Point Wild, Elephant Island

At around noon, we arrived at Elephant Island and the Captain sailed into a bay where we could see Point Wild, the place where Shackleton's men stayed for several months. Here we saw fin whales, penguins, and several different bird species around the ship. It was spectacular to see so many fin whales! We had a relaxing day today, with many

learning more about subjects such as the Antarctic ice and the deep-diving mammals here. Our Ornithologists ran a bird identification session for people to bring their photos to, and we enjoyed a sunny wildlife watch and NASA GLOBE Cloud Observer session. We also shared information about the Belgica Expedition.





Half Moon Island

Pendulum Cove

Brown Bluff

James Ross Island

Orne Harbour

Danco Island

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Brown Bluff & Esperanza Base Research Station

Our Captain brought us to the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula and we went expedition boat cruising at Brown Bluff in the Antarctic Sound. Here we also saw lots of icebergs with Adelie penguins standing on them. This was our first time spotting this type of

penguin. The wind was picking up and we sailed towards Hope Bay, where we could see the large Chilean Esperanza Base research station. Many stayed outside for a long time and enjoyed the beautiful light and all the huge icebergs that we passed.



Half Moon Island

During the morning, we landed at Half Moon Island, where we saw a colony of chinstrap penguins, skuas, Wilson's storm petrels, lots of fur seals, and even a Weddell seal. It was lovely to walk around on this

island with a fantastic view over the surrounding mountains and glaciers and spot all the wildlife. Some guests went on a kayaking adventure with our Activity Guides.



Pendulum Cove, Deception Island

During the afternoon we sailed into the caldera of Deception Island, a volcano. We landed on a place inside the caldera called Pendulum

Cove, where we had a stroll in a very special landscape. It felt like we had landed on the moon!



Orne Harbour

Our day started with our sailing into Orne Harbour, where we were greeted by many humpback whales. The ship was literally surrounded by their blows! The scenery was magical – calm water, sunshine, and being surrounded by high mountains and glaciers. Then we went

ashore with the expedition boats and landed on the continent! Some fur seals greeted us and many guests went up the slope to enjoy the view over the bay. During the entire landing the humpback whales stayed nearby where we could here their powerful breaths.



Danco Island

In the afternoon we landed at Danco Island and saw a gentoo penguin colony. Again, we had pure sunshine, and many enjoyed another kayaking adventure. During the evening we sailed into

Paradise Bay where we spotted even more humpback whales and even a leopard seal that was resting on an ice floe. Magical!



Lemaire Channel

In the early morning we started sailing through the famous and breathtakingly beautiful Lemaire Channel, which is often blocked with

icebergs. Our Captain navigated MS Fram through the entire channel, and we were all out on deck to witness this special sailing.



Petermann Island

Tomski surprised us with a landing south of the Lemaire Channel, and we went ashore at Petermann Island, which is connected to a French Expedition led by Charcot. We were lucky again with the weather and

arrived in pure sunshine! Here we saw Adélie penguins and many young gentoo penguins, which have been very funny to observe. A wonderful last day in Antarctica.



At Sea, Drake Passage

We woke up in a relatively calm Drake Passage on our way north. We had between 3–5m waves. During the morning, many guests visited the bridge and learned about the human side of polar hero Roald Amundsen. Guests learned how to use Happywhale and spent time with our Ornithologist Enzo talking about bird biology and their

skeletons. In the afternoon our guests attended Antarctic Tiny Talks and in the evening, they learned about Hoosh – the food of the early explorers. Many ended the day relaxing in the Explorer Bar & Lounge listening to the live piano music.



At Sea, Drake Passage - Feb 26, 2026

Puerto Williams, Chile - Feb 26, 2026

Beagle Channel & Puerto Williams

Today we were closer to Puerto Williams and the Beagle Channel and the sea was calm. In the distance we could spot Cape Horn on our way to Puerto Williams. In the afternoon guests had the opportunity to ask our officers any questions they wanted to ask. They also learned

about the giant petrels and the women of Antarctica. During the evening we passed Cape Horn and entered the channels towards Puerto Williams. We enjoyed a wonderful sunset with lots of black-browed albatrosses and sei whales around the ship.



Glacier Alley & the Chilean Fjords

As we continued deeper into the Beagle Channel, we entered the famous and breathtaking stretch known as Glacier Alley. The sea remained exceptionally calm and the sun stayed with us, making it a perfect morning to spend out on deck. We took in the untouched

landscape of dense forest, towering glaciers, and abundant wildlife, including giant petrels, fur seals, and humpback and sei whales. Some guests also joined the history and art walk around the decks of MS Fram.





Disembarkation

Today was the last day of an incredibly special shared experience. It was an emotional farewell as our guests not only said goodbye to many new friends but also to the crew and the Expedition Team.

We're sure that new friendships have been formed, since experiences like this connect us more with each other and our natural world.





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