



MS Roald Amundsen

19.2 – 7.3.2026



Legend

— HX Expedition

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Weddell Sea



Tierra del Fuego

Tolhuin

Cordillera
Darwin Icefield

Parque Nacional
Yendegaia

Ushuaia Puerto de Ushuaia

Puerto Williams

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Hoste Island

20 km

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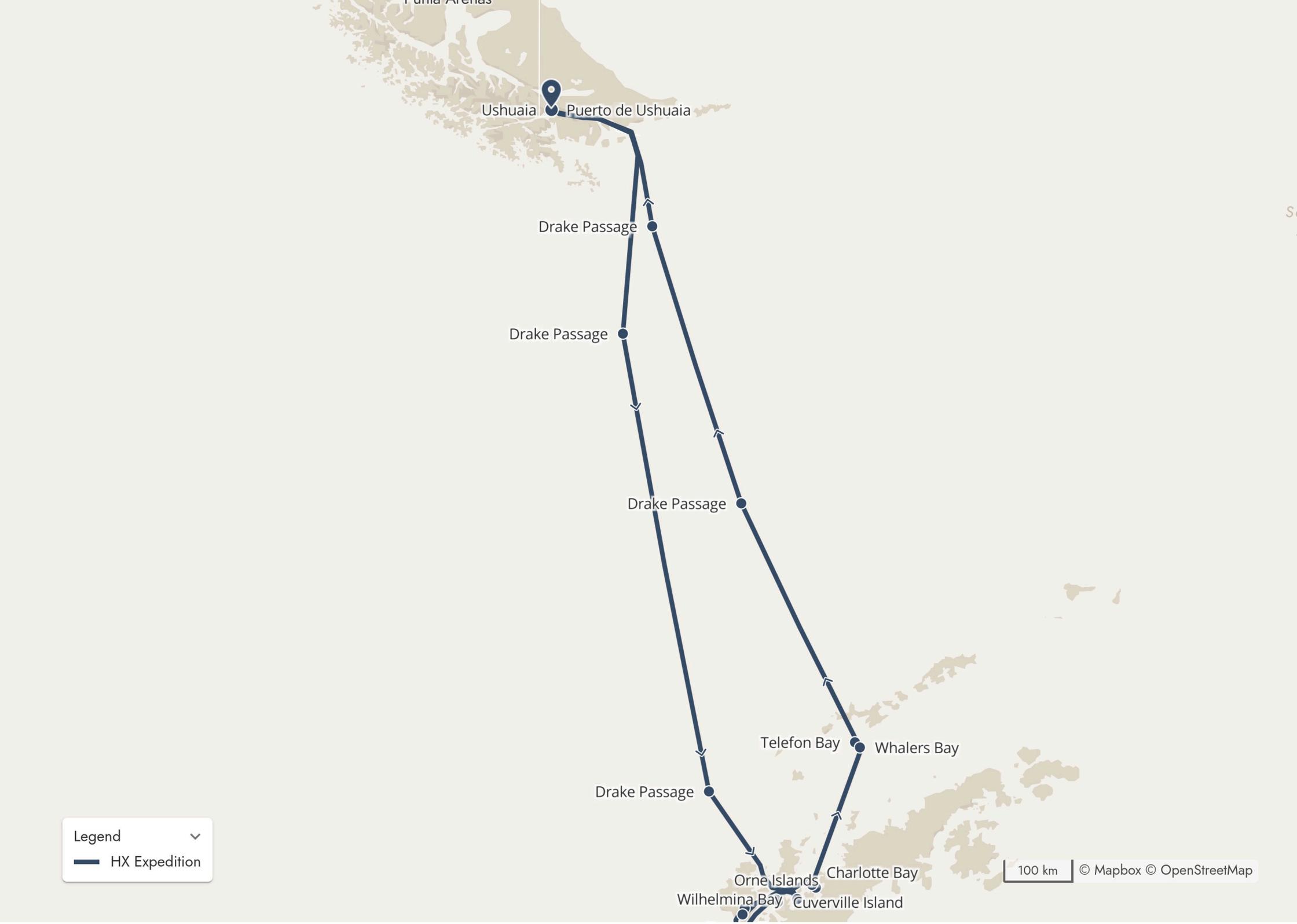
20 February – Ushuaia to Open Ocean

Guests arrived in Ushuaia and enjoyed time at the 'End of the World' before boarding MS Roald Amundsen in the afternoon. After collecting cabin keys and settling in, their exploration began: the Science Centre, restaurants, gym, and, of course, the slightly confusing quest to locate Deck 7, our wildlife observation deck.

In the evening, the guests attended the mandatory safety briefing,

followed by a lively survival suit demonstration, where the Expedition Team looked more like bright red lobsters than polar professionals! Soon after, we sailed into the breathtaking Beagle Channel, marking the true beginning of our Antarctic adventure.





Ushuaia Puerto de Ushuaia

Drake Passage

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Telefon Bay Whalers Bay

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Orne Islands Charlotte Bay

Wilhelmina Bay Cuverville Island

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21 February – Drake Shake & Expedition Initiation

Our first sea day carried us boldly into the legendary Drake Passage, where the ocean introduced itself with rolling swells and a reminder that Antarctica must be earned.

Between moments on deck scanning for albatrosses and petrels gliding effortlessly over the waves, our guests settled into expedition life — collecting our signature HX expedition jackets, mastering binocular techniques, and attending the all-important IAATO briefing that officially prepares our guests for stepping ashore on the White

Continent.

The day was a lively blend of inspiration and preparation: kayaking briefings, photography tips, science presentations, and a warm Captain's Welcome that set the tone for the adventure ahead. As the ship rose and fell to the rhythm of the Drake, some embraced the 'Drake Shake', while others perfected the art of walking in zig-zags, and all of us began to feel the thrill of heading south toward the ice.



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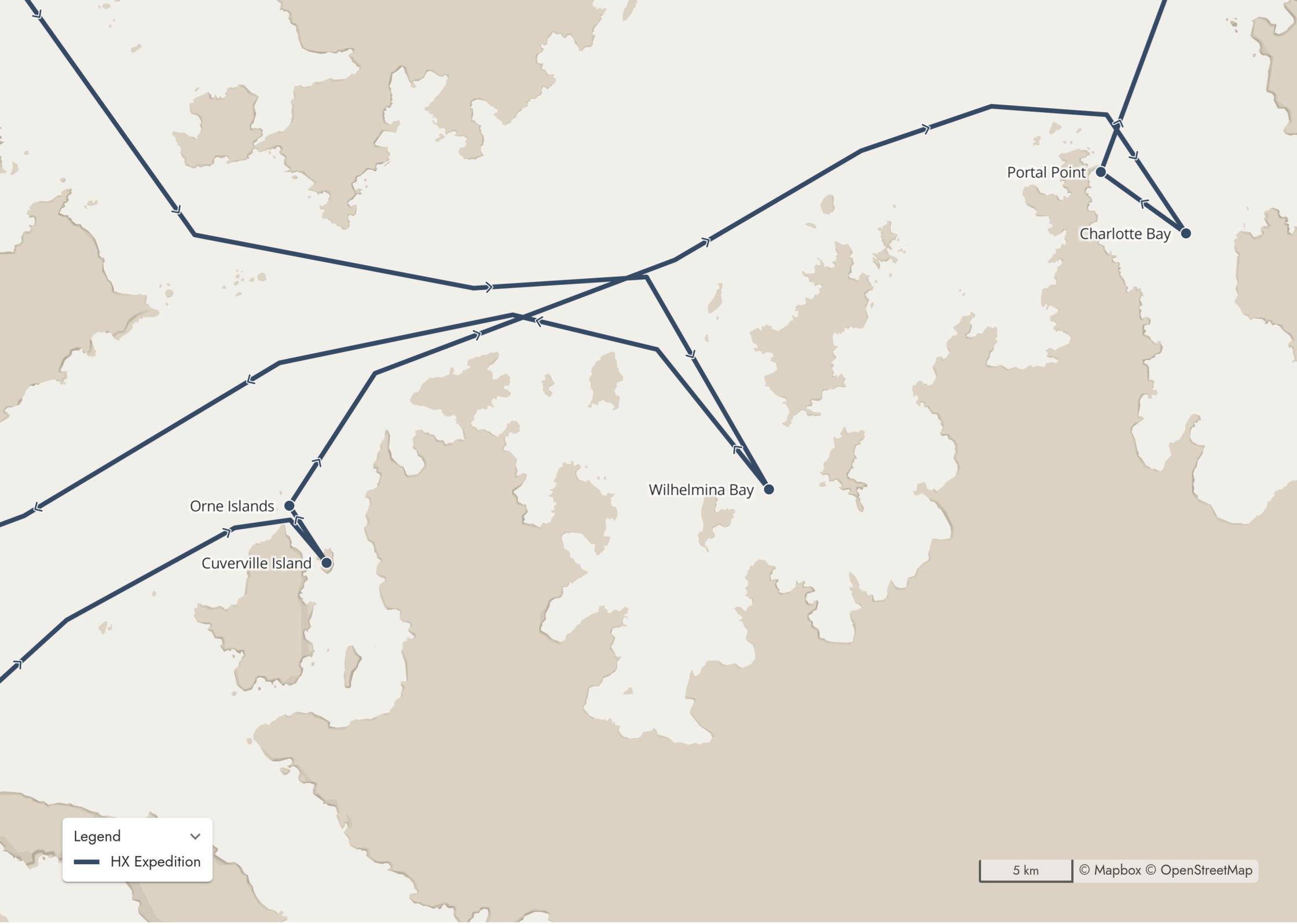


22 February – Drake Lake & More Expedition Prep

Our second day in the Drake Passage felt gentler – more 'Drake Lake' than 'Drake Shake' – giving everyone time to find their sea legs and dive into expedition mode. The day was filled with seabird sightings, knot-tying workshops, wave wisdom, and fascinating lectures on the *Belgica* and Antarctic science. Biosecurity vacuum stations buzzed as guests prepared their gear for landing, and thick socks made their debut at the boot pick-up station.

Citizen Science sessions, wildlife watches, and lively piano interludes kept spirits high. By evening, the buzz on deck was contagious as sharp eyes scanned the horizon... until it happened: our first iceberg! Now we were ready – jackets collected, boots fitted, and excitement building for our first Antarctic cruising together.





Orne Islands

Cuverville Island

Wilhelmina Bay

Portal Point

Charlotte Bay

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5 km | © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

23 February – First Taste of Antarctica

Today we cruised into spectacular Wilhelmina Bay, often nicknamed 'Whale-mina Bay' for good reason – and it didn't disappoint! The excitement continued with the collective challenge of mastering life vests, sailor grips, and graceful expedition boat entries and exits. Our first boat cruising delivered classic Antarctic 'whale soup', with humpbacks surfacing all around us in a breathtaking display of blows, flukes, and synchronized dives.

Nearly a third of our guests took to the water on discovery kayaks, paddling quietly among seals, seabirds, and feeding whales – a front-row seat to the unforgettable action. Between wildlife watches, engaging lectures, safety drills, and sweet treats, the day blended exploration and indulgence in true HX style.





Anvers Island

Orne Islands

Cuverville Island

Borgen Bay

Palmer Station

Damoy Point

Wiencke Island

Legend

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5 km

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24 February – First Footsteps

Today we explored Borgen Bay and Damoy Point, proving once again that Antarctica delivers wildlife, wonder... and a very distinct perfume. Our morning cruising in Borgen Bay treated us to relaxed crabeater seals hauled out on the ice, lively Gentoo penguins porpoising through the water, and a sky busy with seabirds riding the Antarctic breeze. Kayakers and our dedicated Science Boat teams headed out onto the water, collecting data and gliding quietly through a landscape that felt both wild and wonderfully alive.

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Borgen Bay

Damoy Point

Wiencke Island

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2 km | © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

24 February – First Footsteps on the Continent

We made our first landing in Antarctica, stepping ashore at Damoy Point – an unforgettable milestone marked not only by setting foot on the White Continent, but also by our first true embrace of the unmistakable aroma of a bustling gentoo colony! Curious penguin 'teenagers' inspected us with the confidence of locals who clearly run the place, and who also have absolutely no concept of personal

space!

Between wildlife watching and onboard sessions – from NASA GLOBE Citizen Science cloud observations and storytelling to Whale identification and polar lectures – helped our guests understand what makes Antarctica such a truly unique and dynamic place.



Lavoisier Island
Fish Islands & Prospect Point

Legend

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25 February – Crossing the Antarctic Circle

Today tested our expedition spirit! At Fish Islands and Prospect Point, the Expedition Team ventured out first, navigating swell and brash ice to assess landing conditions. After a thorough scout – and a fair share of icy spray! – it was decided the landing was cancelled; safety always comes first. The landing was cancelled, but adventure was not.

Instead, our Captain seized the moment and pushed southward,

making the most of the weather window to aim for an Antarctic milestone: crossing the Antarctic Circle. Cheers echoed across the decks as anticipation built for this once-in-a-lifetime achievement. On board, spirits stayed high with science talks, wildlife watches, and an afternoon Antarctic Circle ceremony, a cold-water, polar baptism – proof that flexibility is the heart of every great expedition.





San Martín Base

Stonington Island

Red Rock Ridge

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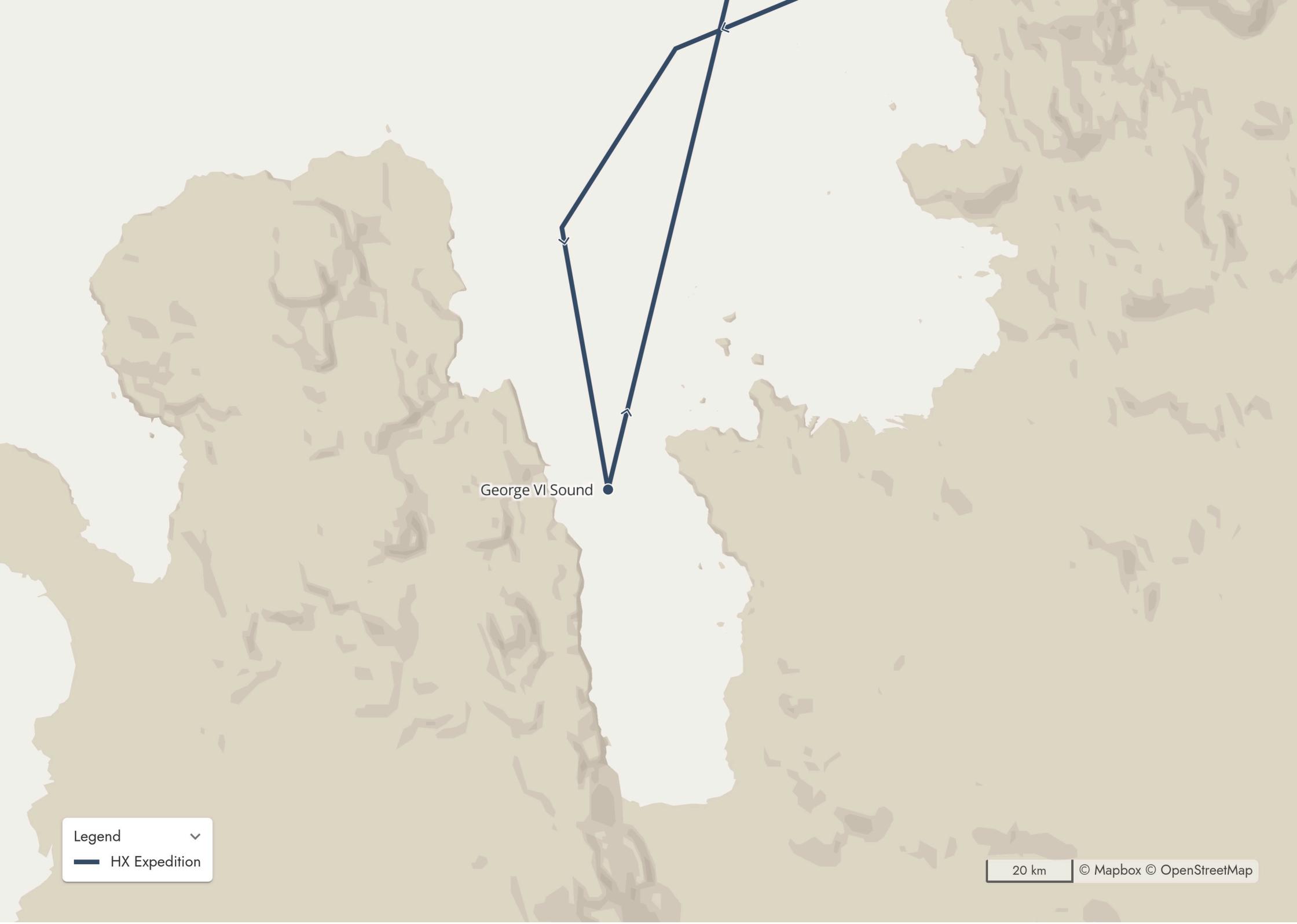
26 February – Stonington Stories & Sailing South

In the early morning light, we explored historic Stonington Island, a rocky outpost in Marguerite Bay. This historic island served as the site of the American East Base and British Base E, now it stands as a windswept reminder of heroic Antarctic research. As we went ashore, the glacier delivered dramatic active calving, cracking, and thundering into the sea. Southern polar skuas wheeled overhead, kelp gulls patrolled the shoreline, and a Weddell seal rested unimpressed

by our excitement.

Back on board, guests sharpened their skills during the Practical Classic Navigation workshop, plotting courses the old-fashioned way. In the evening, a piano songs filled the lounge, the perfect soundtrack to as we continued to sail south.





George VI Sound

Legend

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20 km | © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

Red Rock Ridge - Feb 26, 2026

George VI Sound - Feb 27, 2026

27 February – Ice, Emperors & a Polar Plunge

In the vast white wilderness of George VI Sound we achieved a rare milestone: a successful sea ice landing at 69.5° South. A short expedition boat ride delivered us onto solid sea ice – an expedition dream realized! Six curious emperor penguins kept a polite distance, inspecting their visitors with regal composure, while a gloriously lazy crabeater seal lounged nearby, entirely unbothered.

The grand finale? A bold polar plunge from the ship – 104 brave souls embraced the icy Southern Ocean with shrieks, cheers, and triumphant grins. Between thrilling wildlife encounters and frosty feats, it was a day that perfectly captured Antarctica at its wild, wonderful best.



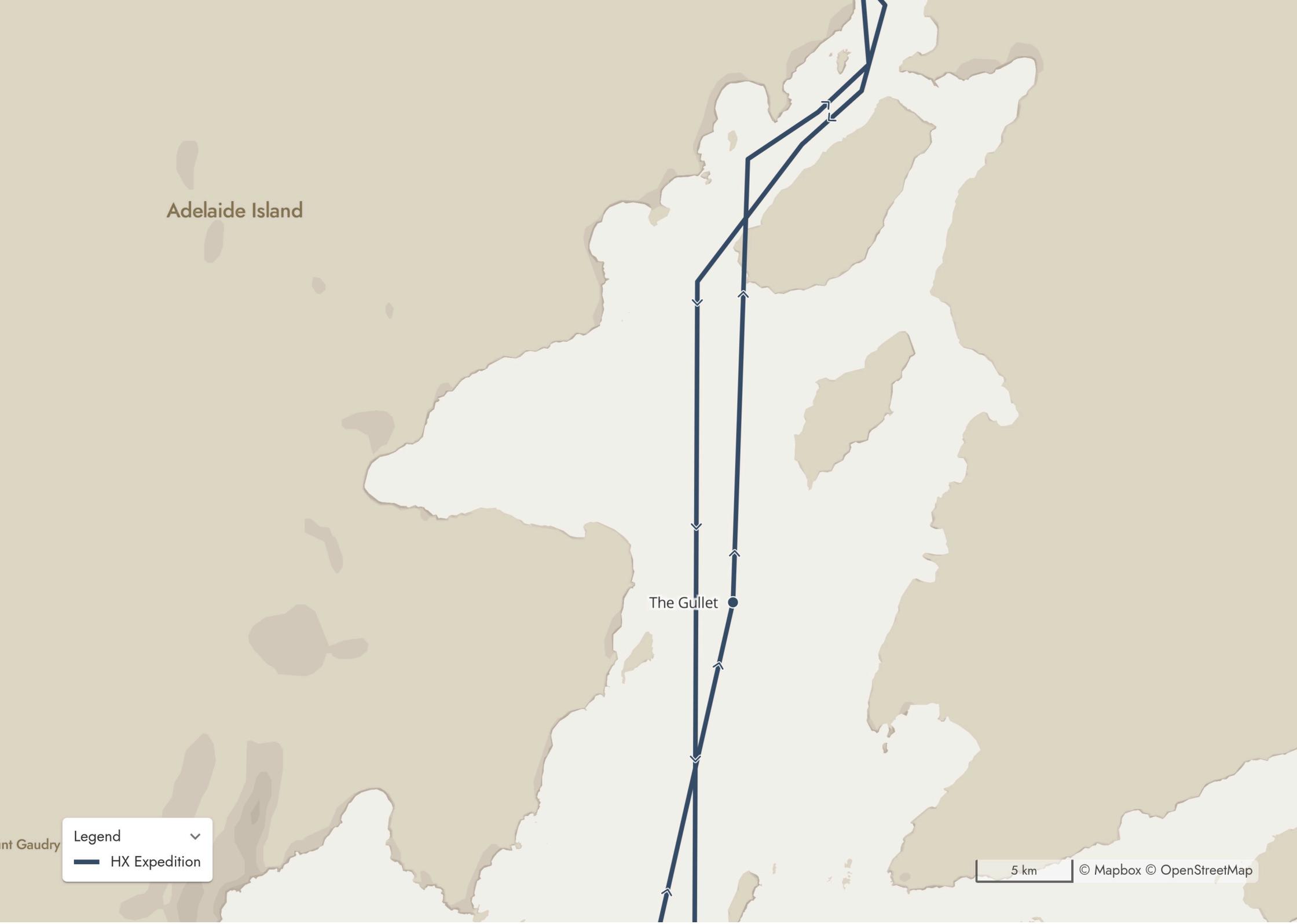
Adelaide Island

The Gullet

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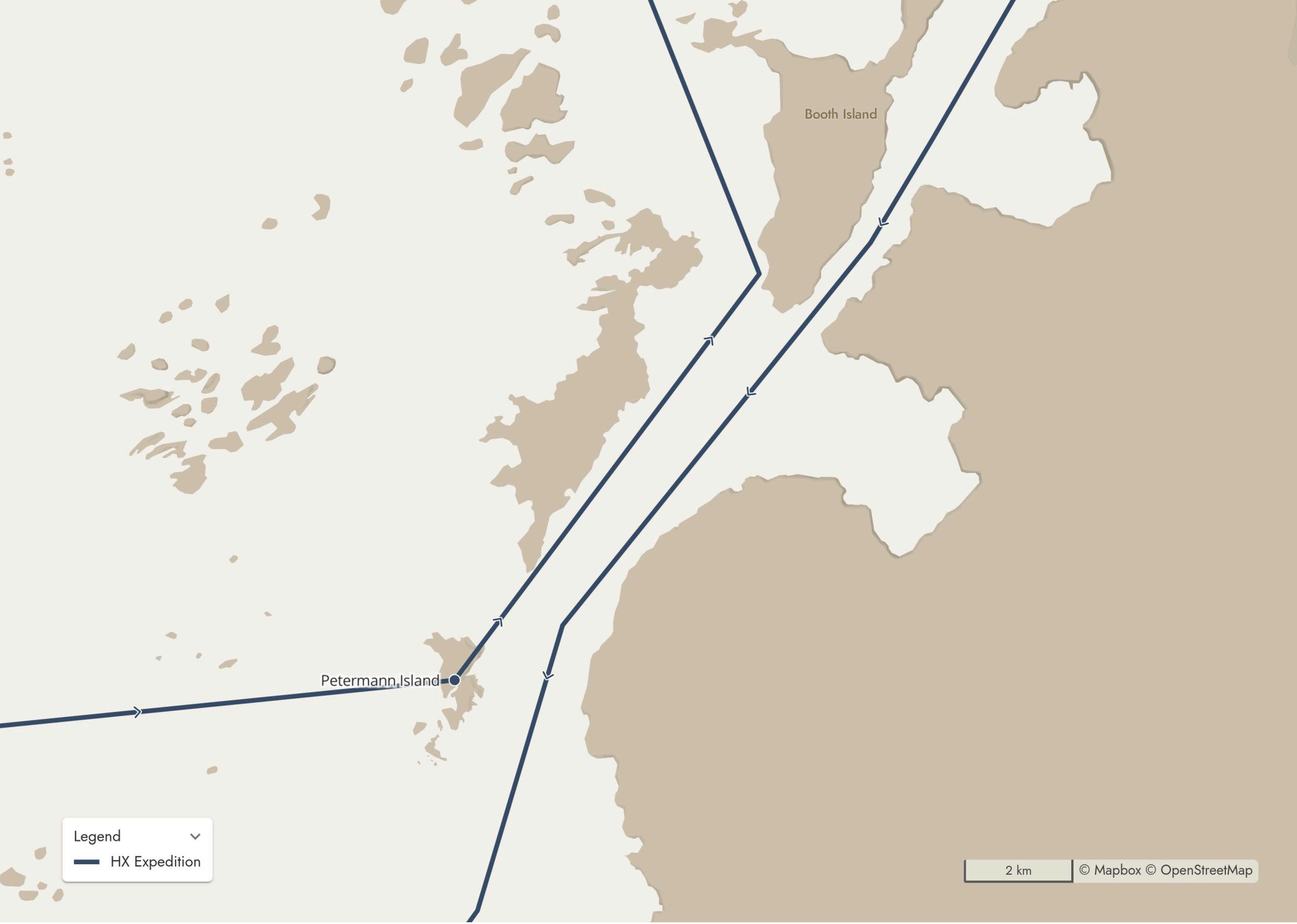


28 February – Orcas at Dawn & Wonders in The Gullet

This morning, the Captain slowed the ship after we spotted a pod of Type B orcas –complete with a calf – gliding powerfully through Antarctic waters. We watched in awe as they surfaced and breathed in unison, a rare and unforgettable encounter before we continuing sailing toward The Gullet.

During our scenic cruising at Stonehouse Bay, a playful leopard seal swam curiously beneath the boat, while a lazy Weddell seal rested on a small ice shelf like a sunbather without the sun. Seabirds wheeled overhead, and in the distance we sighted both humpback and Antarctic minke whales. A day of pure polar magic, framed by towering ice and glassy seas.





Booth Island

Petermann Island

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1 March – Penguins & Polar Science at Petermann Island

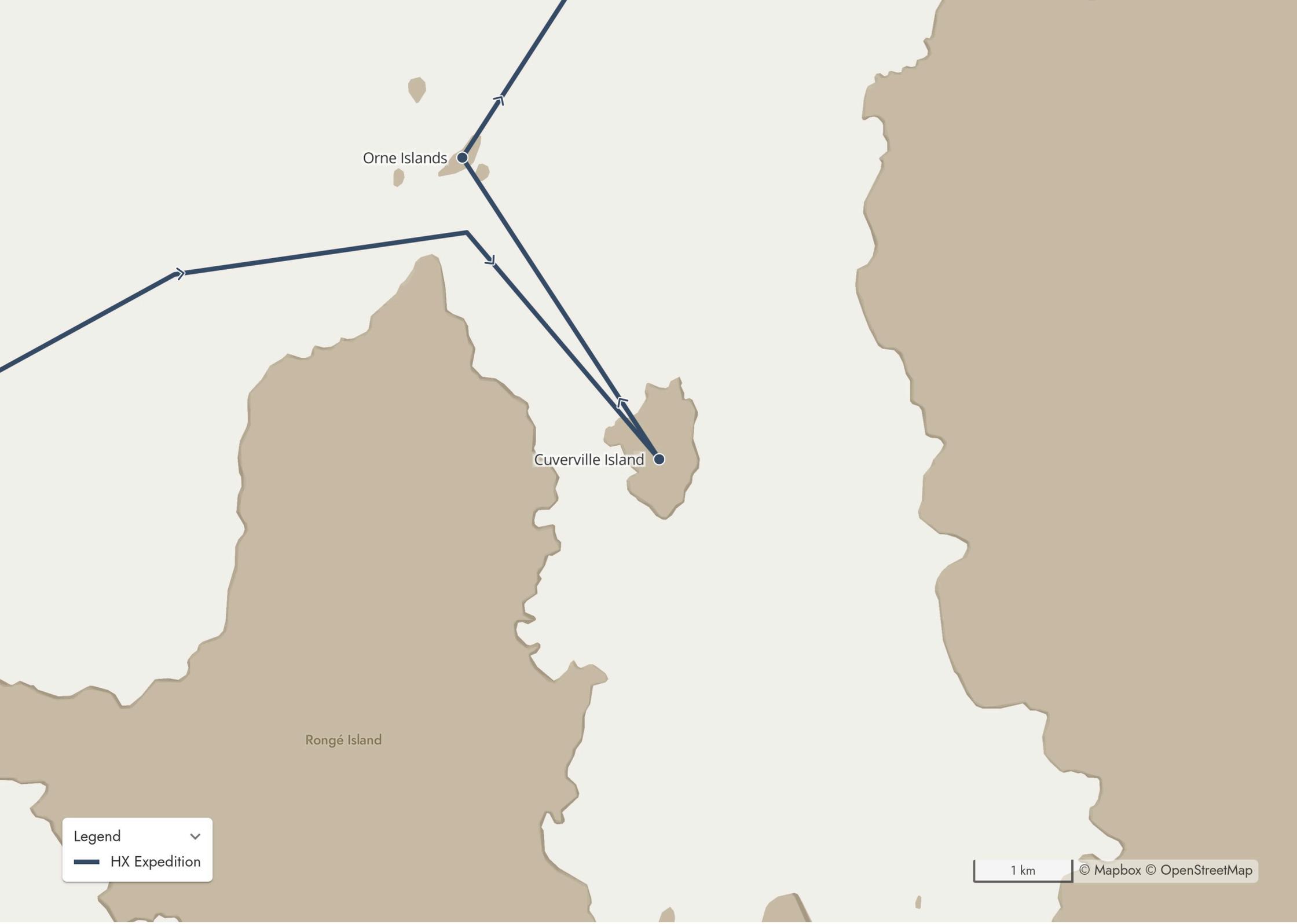
In the afternoon, we landed at Petermann Island, greeted by a thriving gentoo penguin colony – and its unmistakable 'eau de penguin'! The snow was criss-crossed with penguin highways, moulting adults stood looking delightfully dishevelled, and energetic 'teenaged' penguins practiced their flipper skills in the shallows. Nature delivered high drama when a leopard seal caught a penguin in the bay, while seabirds hovered for leftovers in a vivid lesson on the Antarctic food web.

Meanwhile, kayakers explored the icy coastline as our science boat deployed a Secchi disk and CTD, measuring chlorophyll, salinity, and

temperature – blending wild encounters with hands-on polar research.

The evening brought energy of a different kind with the lively HX Foundation auction in the Explorer Lounge, where spirited bidding and generous donations supported meaningful projects across the regions we explore – proving that even at the end of the world, community makes a difference.





Orne Islands

Cuverville Island

Rongé Island

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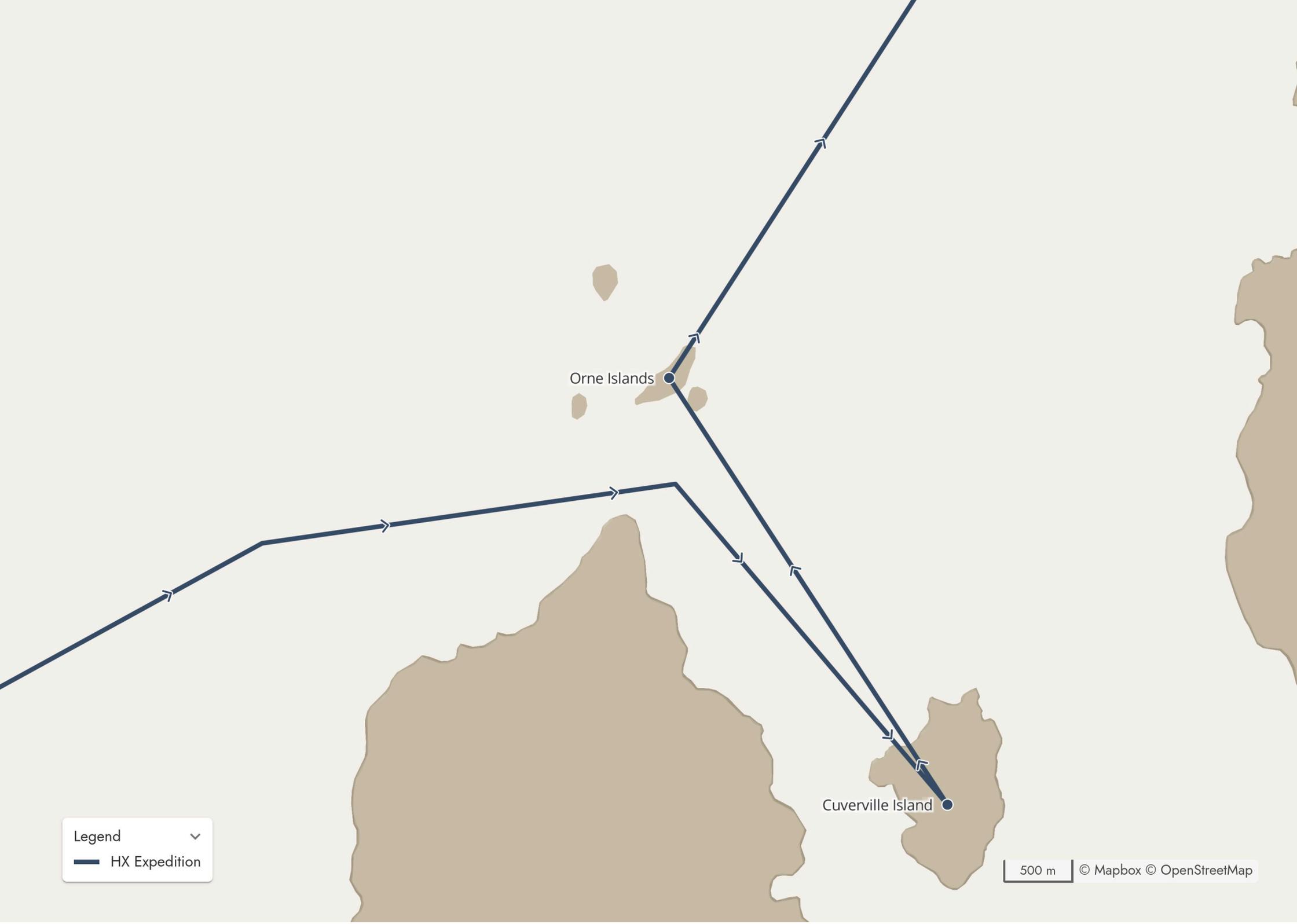
2 March – Gentoo Chicks, Humpback Whales & Hands-On Science

At Cuverville Island, we admired a bustling gentoo colony – complete with playful chicks that investigated our blue perimeter cones before flopping onto our hiking pole bags for a well-earned nap! Offshore, humpback whales breathed, fluked, and fed, while gentoo penguins turned a tiny iceberg into a diving platform.

The afternoon offered cruising and kayaking among whales, plus

hands-on science: we towed a net to collect zooplankton and phytoplankton and examine on board with our microscopes. Around Orne Islands, we spotted chinstrap penguins, Antarctic fur seals, imperial shags, snowy sheathbills, and resilient mosses and lichens. We wrapped up with 'What Did We See?' and an evening of storytelling and piano tunes.





Orne Islands

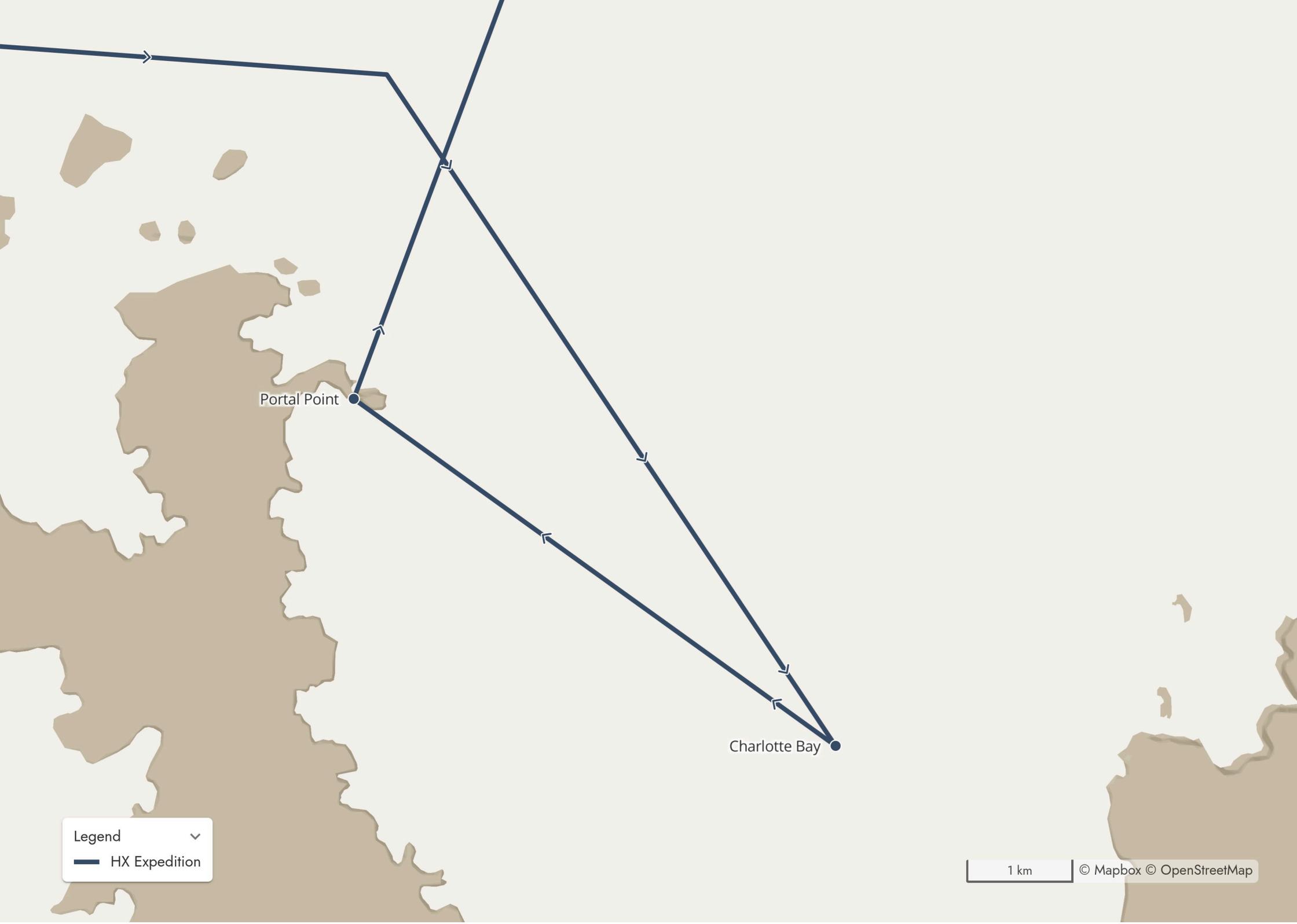
Cuverville Island

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Portal Point

Charlotte Bay

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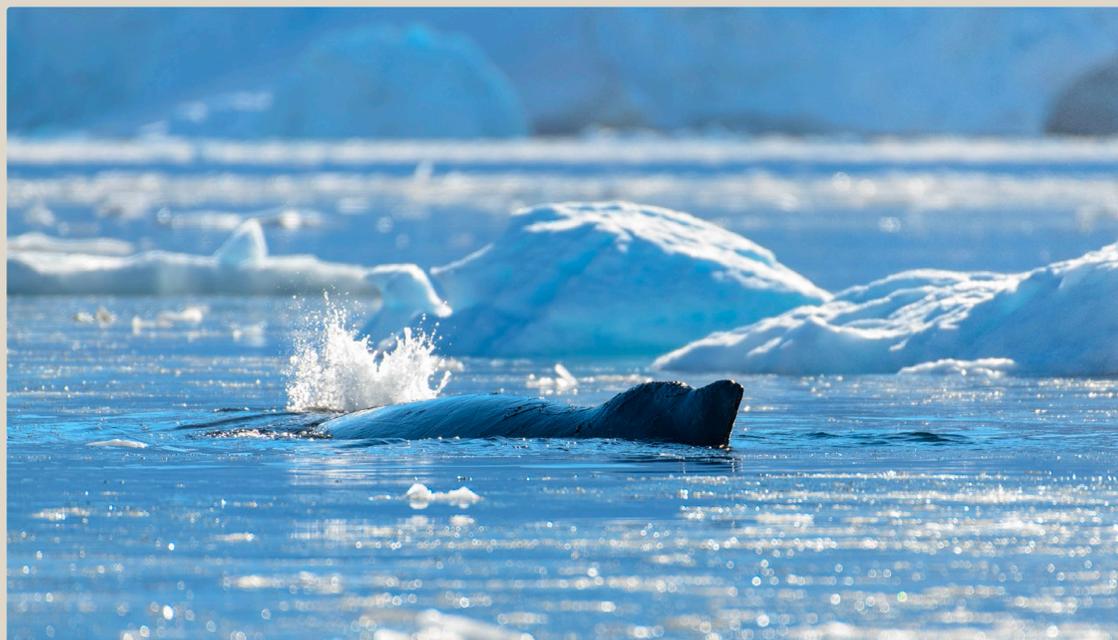
3 March – Charlotte Bay & Portal Point

Today's highlights began with peaceful cruising in Charlotte Bay, where humpback whales rested at the surface before thrilling us with their powerful flukes. Weddell and Antarctic fur seals lounged on drifting icebergs, while others swam gracefully nearby, all set against a breathtaking, glassy seascape.

Our continental landing at Portal Point was unforgettable. Lazy fur seals basked in the sun, as dominant males sparred on a small island

framed by glaciers and blue skies. We also spotted imperial shags and chinstrap and gentoo penguins along the rocky, snowy shoreline.

Back on board, wildlife watching continued with more humpback encounters. The lecture on marine mammals with our Guest Scientists deepened our understanding of whale–krill interactions and their global importance, followed by the interactive Antarctic food web workshop, which connected today's sightings to the wider ecosystem.





Telefon Bay

Deception Island

Whalers Bay

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Portal Point - Mar 3, 2026

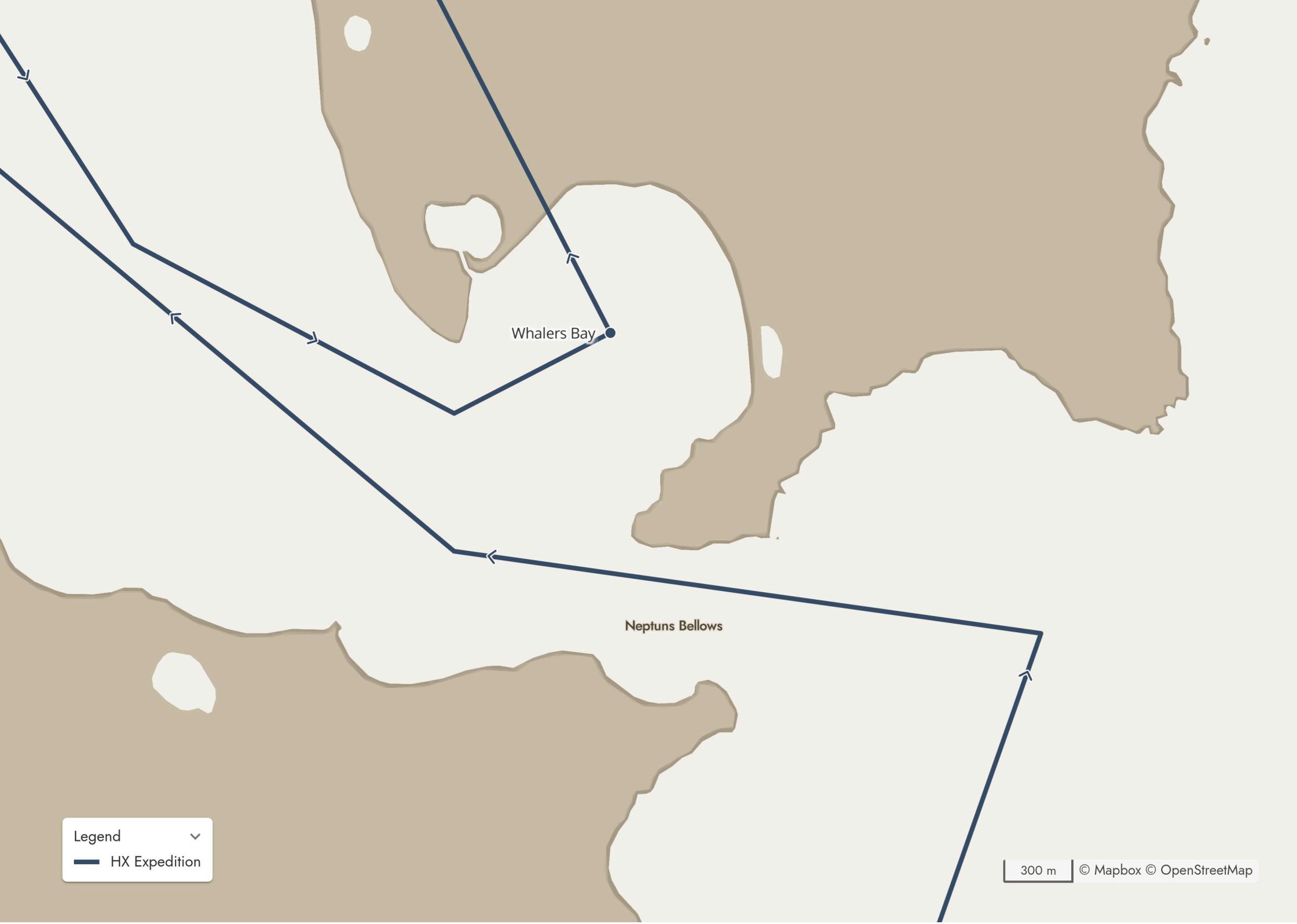
Telefon Bay - Mar 4, 2026

4 March – Telefon Bay

Our final landing in Antarctica brought us to the dramatic shores of Deception Island. At Telefon Bay, an early morning hike began with a Weddell seal greeting us at the landing site, as strong winds urged us up the volcanic slopes. From the rim, we admired sweeping views of the flooded caldera and the vast Southern Ocean beyond.

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Whalers Bay

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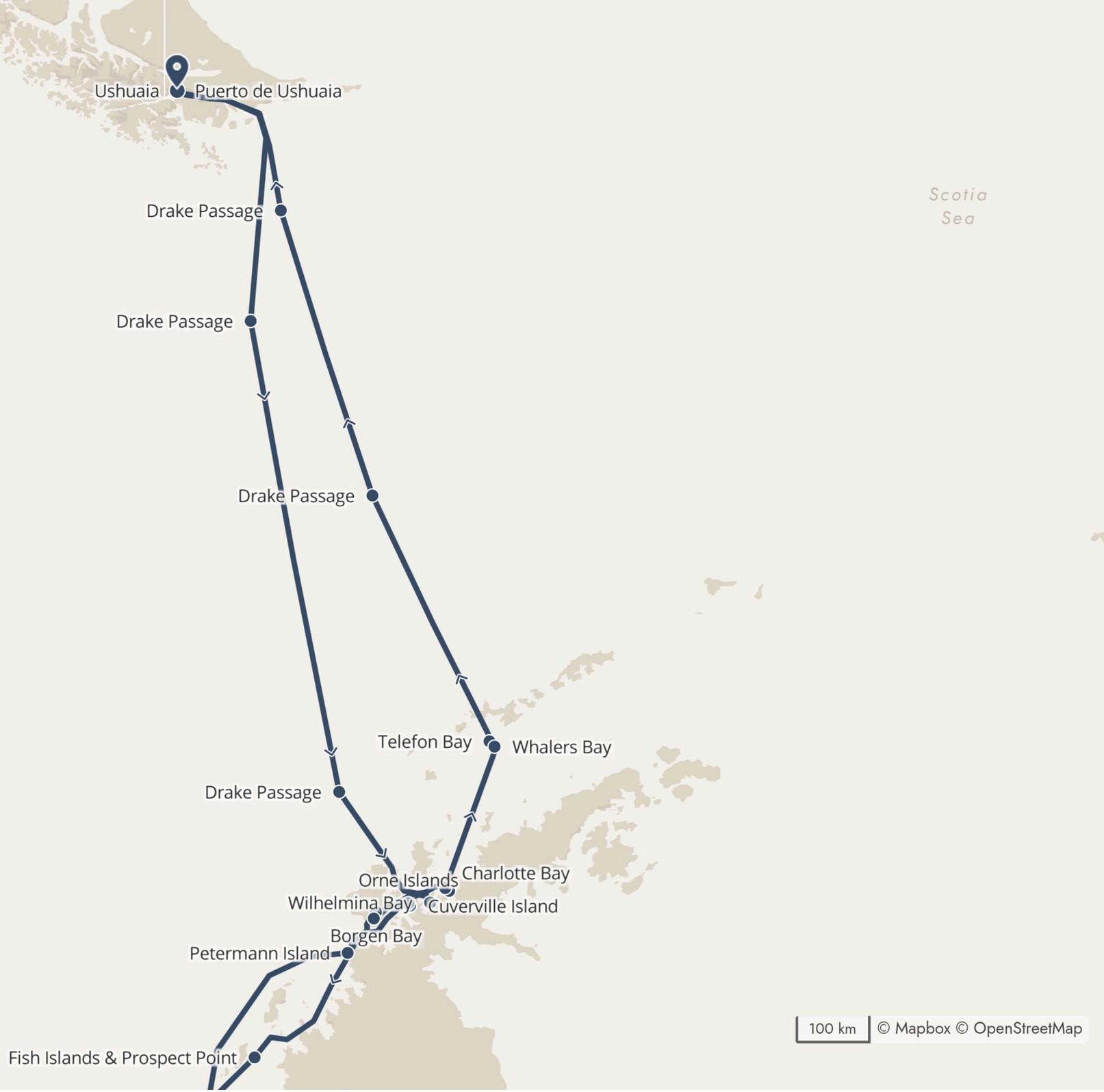
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4 March – Whalers Bay

In the afternoon, we explored Whalers Bay, where Antarctic fur seals rested among the haunting remains of old whaling stations, a powerful reminder of the island's history. By evening, we started

sailing north toward Ushuaia, celebrating an unforgettable expedition with a lively crew band show on board.





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5 March – Drake Passage

Today, the Drake served up a healthy dose of rolling waves as we sailed north toward Ushuaia. Walking in a straight line quickly became huge challenge! To keep spirits high (and sea legs busy), we launched the legendary Penguin Scavenger Hunt – a ship-wide quest that had guests searching high and low, from stairwells to lounges, for

our cleverly hidden feathered friends. Laughter echoed through the corridors as teams compared clues and celebrated victories. Between wave watching, wildlife spotting from deck, and the occasional dramatic ship sway, the day proved that even in the mighty Drake, adventure – and a little silliness – never takes a day off.



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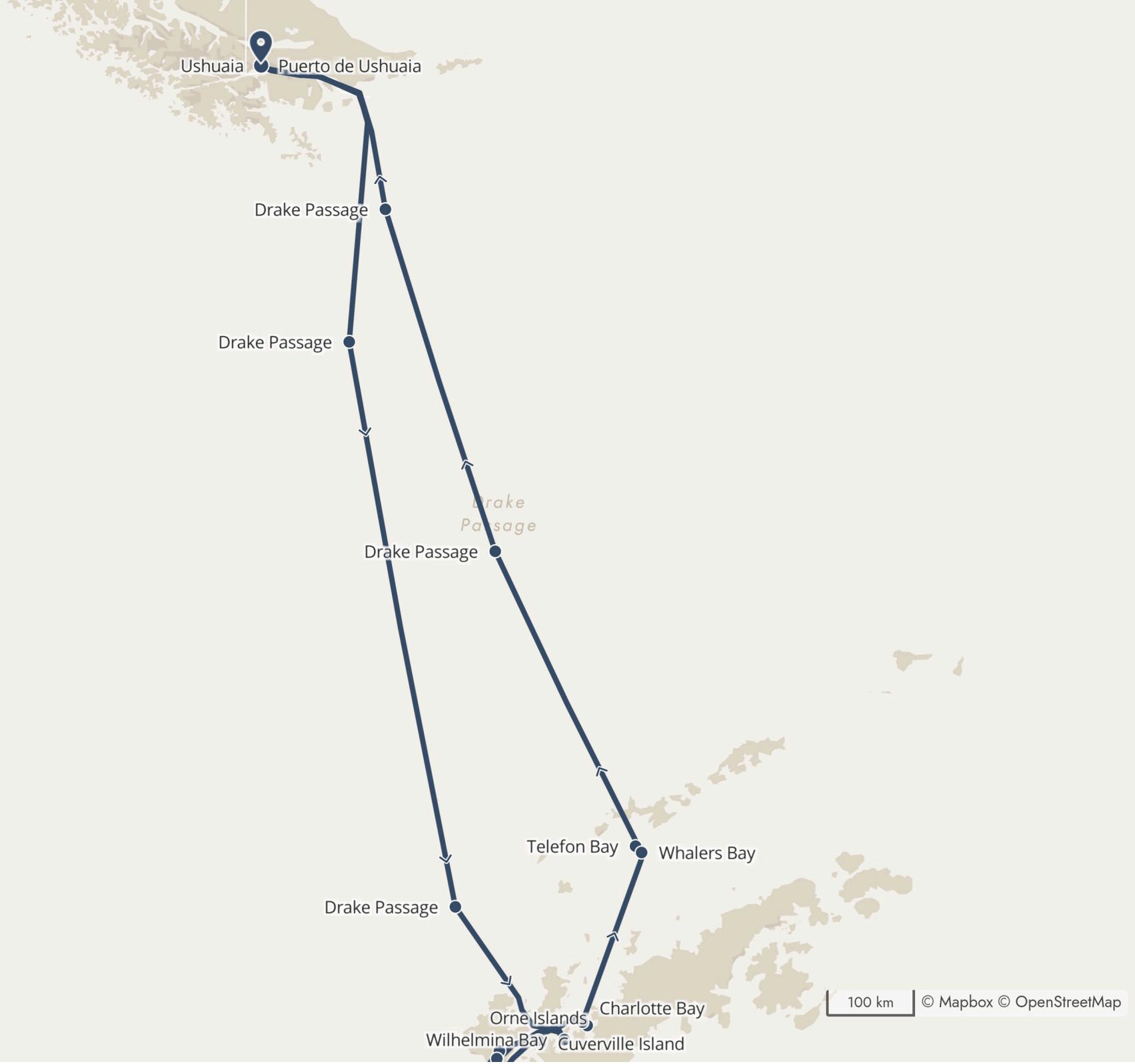
Orne Islands Charlotte Bay

Wilhelmina Bay Cuverville Island

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6 March – The Legendary Crossing Home Farewell

Our final full day at sea in the legendary Drake Passage delivered classic rolling waves –just enough to remind us that the ocean always gets the last word. Between practicing our sea legs and carefully balancing coffee cups, guests enjoyed a full program of talks on navigation, Cape Horn’s wild sailing history, and the incredible

seabirds that call this stormy ocean home.

The Legendary Crossing Home farewell and photographer’s slideshow of voyage highlights brought laughter, memories, and the shared realization: Antarctica had left its mark.





7 March – Farewell in Ushuaia

The final morning began with our last breakfast at Aune Restaurant—a slightly quieter affair, coffee cups were refilled, pastries quietly adopted, and there was plenty of “one more for the road” energy around the tables. Soon after, we arrived in Ushuaia, the southernmost city, and our gateway back to the normal world. Luggage rolled off, goodbyes were exchanged with the crew, and suddenly, the ship that had been home felt very far away. From there, it was time for the HX charter flight to Buenos Aires, carrying us north with full cameras, happy memories, and a slight suspicion the ground might still be moving.

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