



MS Roald Amundsen

17–27.3.2026



Punta Arenas

Ushuaia

Drake
Passage

Scotia
Sea

Legend

 Driving

Parque Nacional
Tierra del Fuego

Cerro Esfinge

Monte Olivia

Martial Mountains

Ushuaia
Drake Passage/Ushuaia

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Legend

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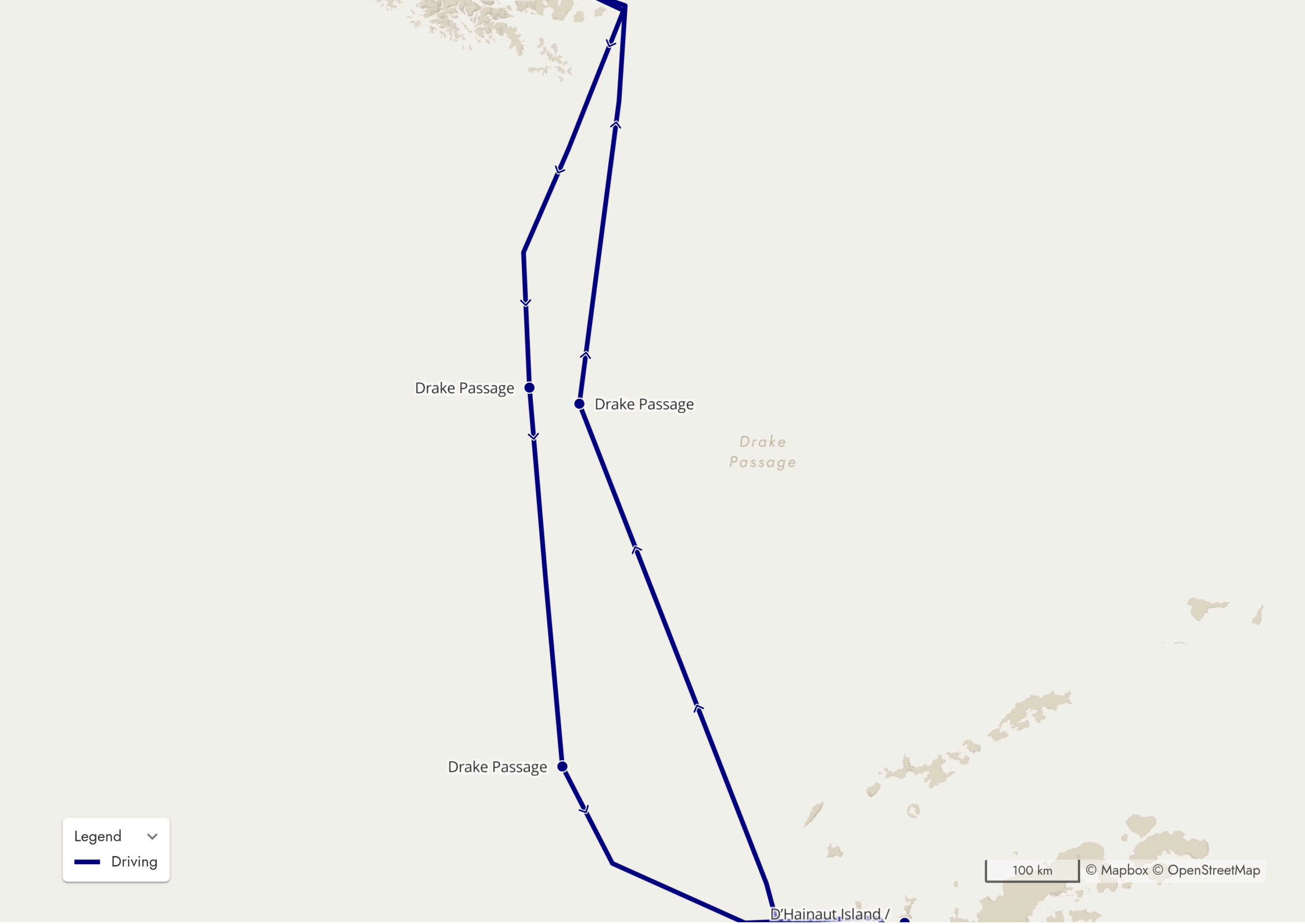


Embarkation Day

And here we go! Starting our adventure in Ushuaia, we were received on board the MS Roald Amundsen by the friendly crew, who were always smiling and open to assist us with our questions. We explored

the public areas and attended a welcome on board presentation that prepared us for the life on board. We departed Ushuaia to the Beagle Channel, to then enter the Drake Passage.





Drake Passage

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D'Hainaut, Island /

Legend

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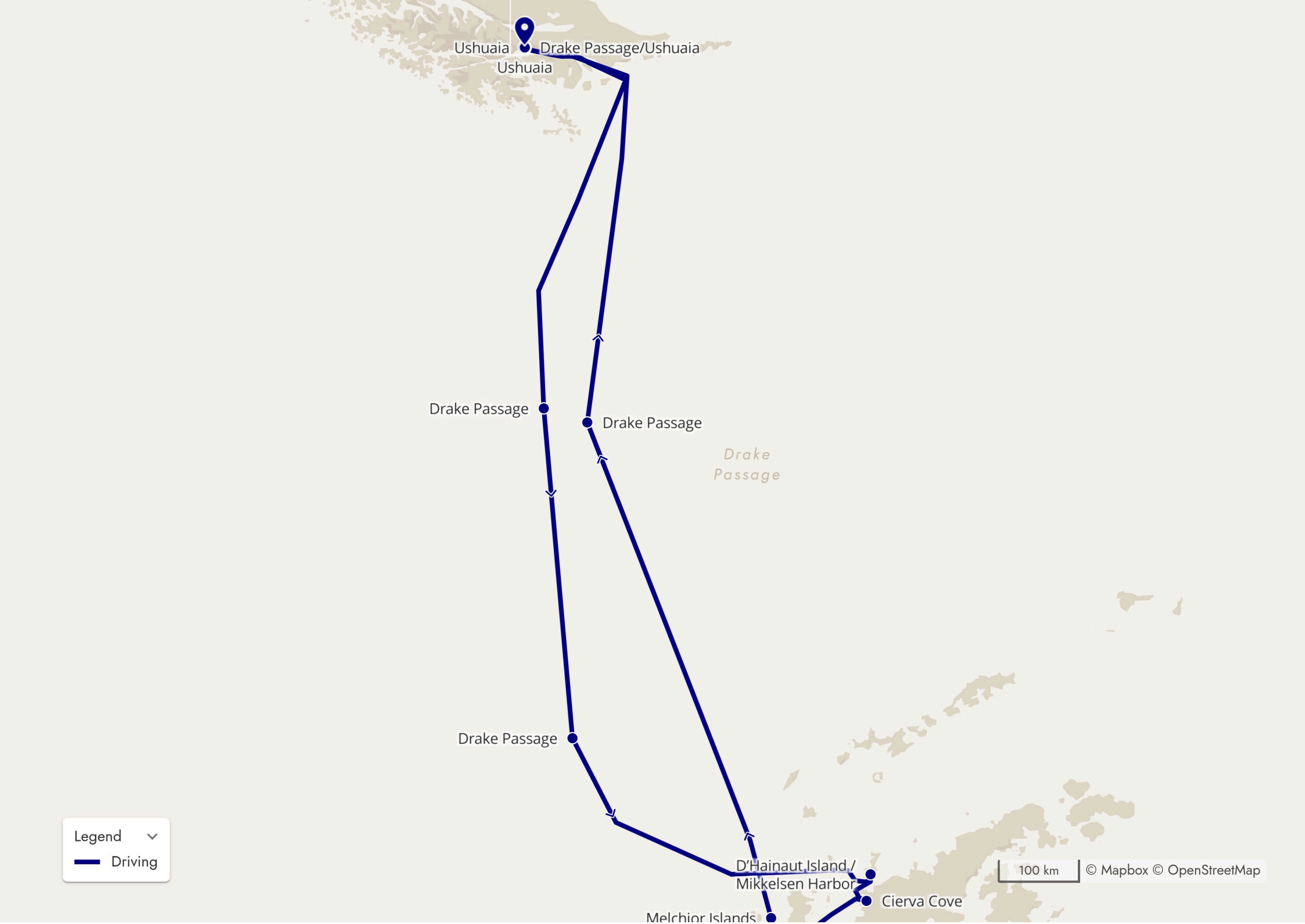
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1st Drake Day

Even though many of us were psychologically preparing for the 10-metre waves of the Drake Shake, we were lucky enough to have had only 4-metre ones... THAT FELT LIKE 10. This is why getting our sea legs was a bit more difficult than expected. We had several

presentations by the expedition team about Citizen Science and the excursions we will have during our expedition to Antarctica. The captain greeted us on deck 10 with his bridge team, and we also met the members of the expedition team.





Ushuaia Drake Passage/Ushuaia
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D'Hainaut Island /
Mikkelsen Harbor

Cierva Cove

Melchior Islands

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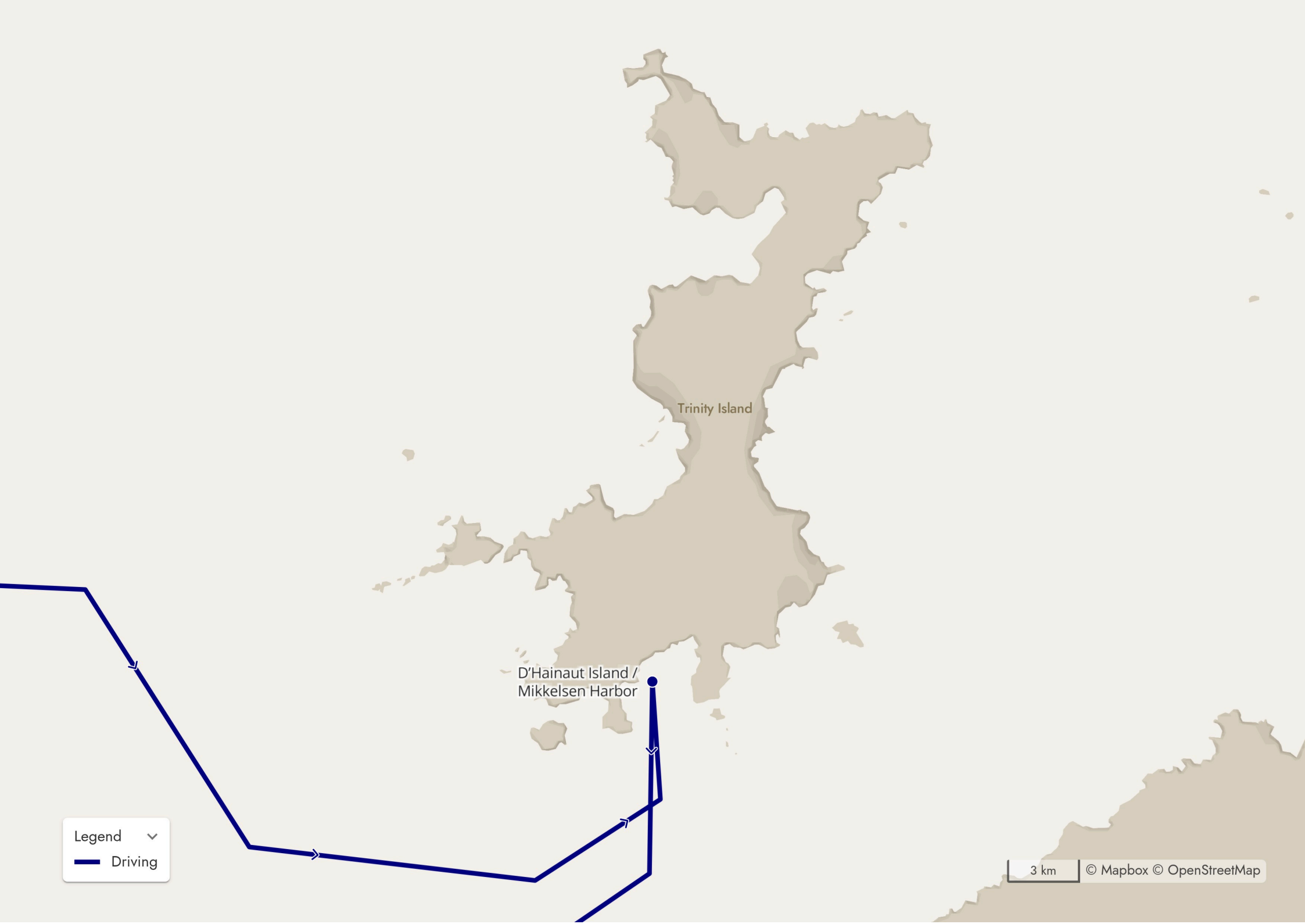
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2nd Drake Day 19.03

Today the Drake was also kind, but kept us wondering and guessing what the Antarctic has prepared for us, since the fog accompanied us during the entire day. The Expedition team gave us their first niche lectures such as tubenose birds, paddling, tsunamis and whales, and

so on. We were also explained about the IAATO guidelines we must follow, received our rubber boots and vacuumed our outdoor gear for biosecurity. Everyone is excited about our first day in Antarctica!





Trinity Island

D'Hainaut Island /
Mikkelsen Harbor

Legend

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3 km

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Mikkelsen Harbour

Today was our first day in the Great White Continent! Or at the very least, in the South Shetland Islands. We had a magnificent landing, and the operation was very smooth. The expedition team helped us in and out of the boat, and the scenario was unbelievable. We saw our first penguins and fur seals! They welcomed us like we were regular

guests. One could feel the whaling past with all the whale bones and whale boats still there. In the afternoon we had our first zodiac cruise navigation at Cierva Cove, and the polar landscape with all the ice around us was absolutely stunning. And the rough weather? The most genuine part of the experience.







Neko Harbor ●

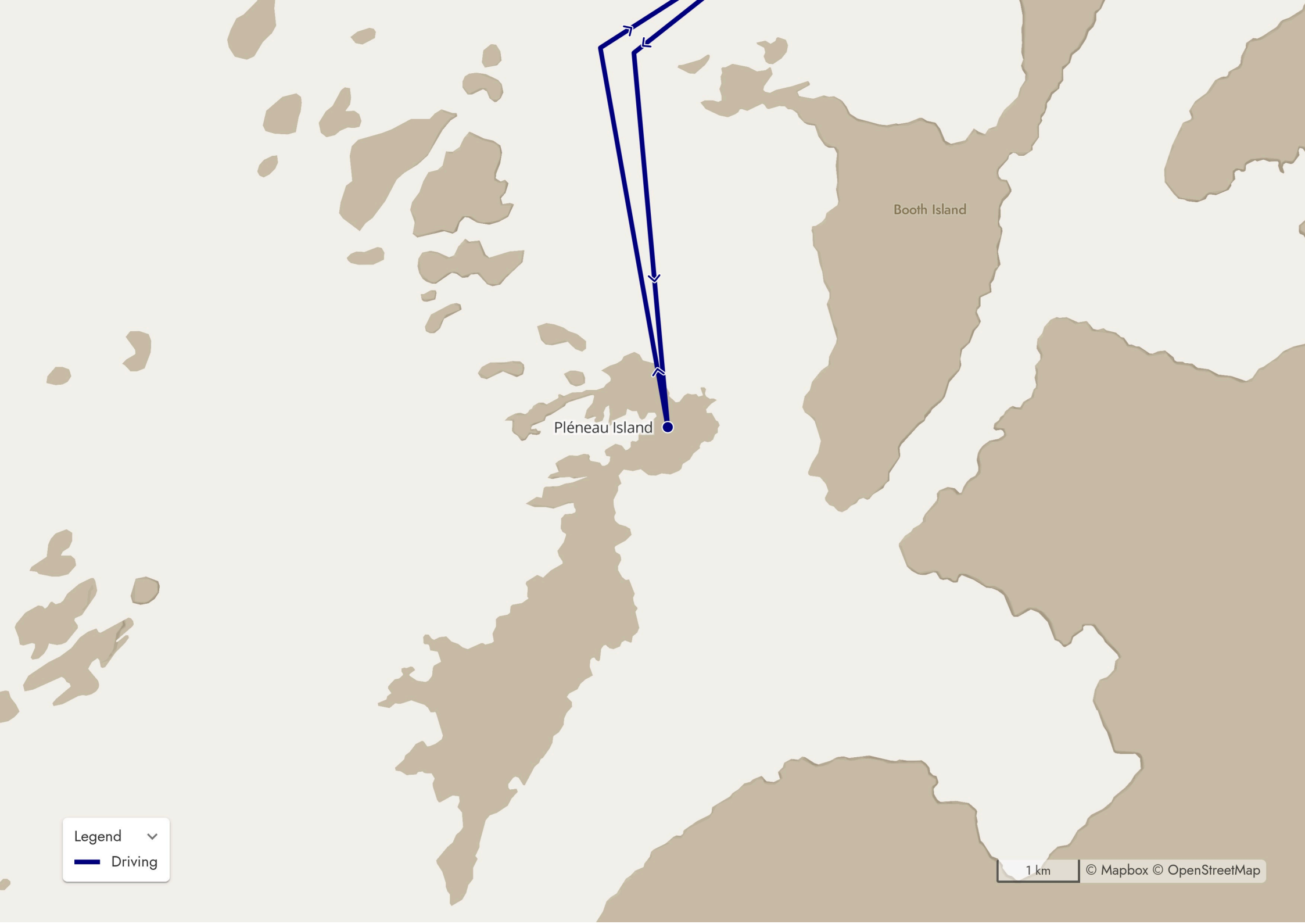
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Neko Harbour

Neko Harbour was our first Antarctic adventure per se. The landing site was super close to the glacier, and since it was recently very active, the landing site was full of floating glacier ice that gave the zodiac boats plenty of hard work. Most of us managed to land and

see the Gentoo penguins on land, but suddenly the ice situation became so unstable and difficult, that the operation had to be modified and eventually cancelled due to safety. It was definitely the best decision to keep us all safe.





Pléneau Island

Booth Island

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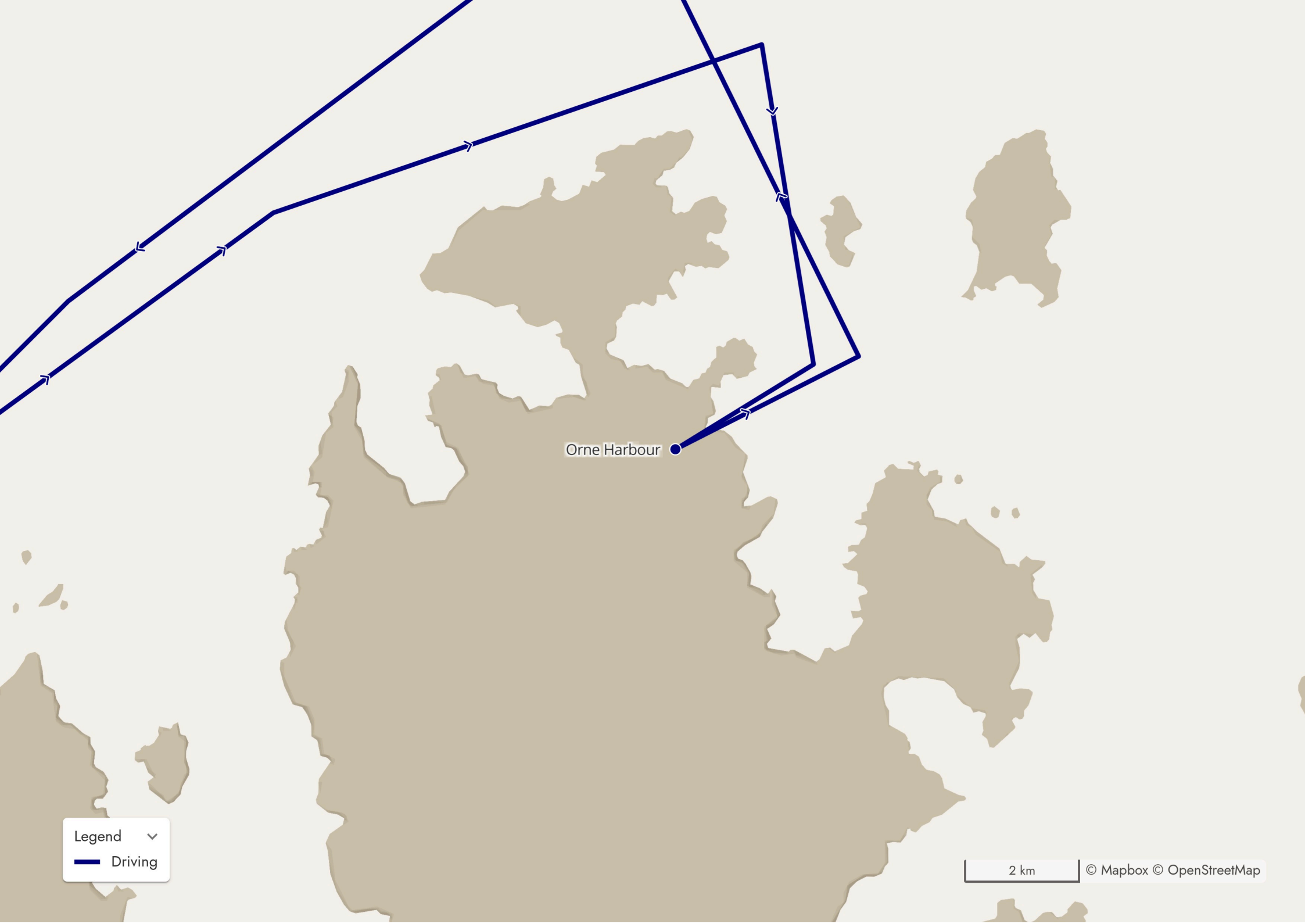
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Lemaire Channel and Pleneau Island

This was by far the most glorious sunrise we could have asked for, since it was while we were navigating the most spectacular passage in the Antarctic: the Lemaire Channel. It was unbelievable how narrow the passage is and how steel the walls of rock and solid ice are. Afterwards we had cruising and landing at Planeau Island which truly

took everyone's breath away. To finish the day, we made it all the way back to the Lemaire Channel and repeated the experience, which felt surprisingly fresh, since all the lighting was different. This is a passage we will never forget.





Orne Harbour

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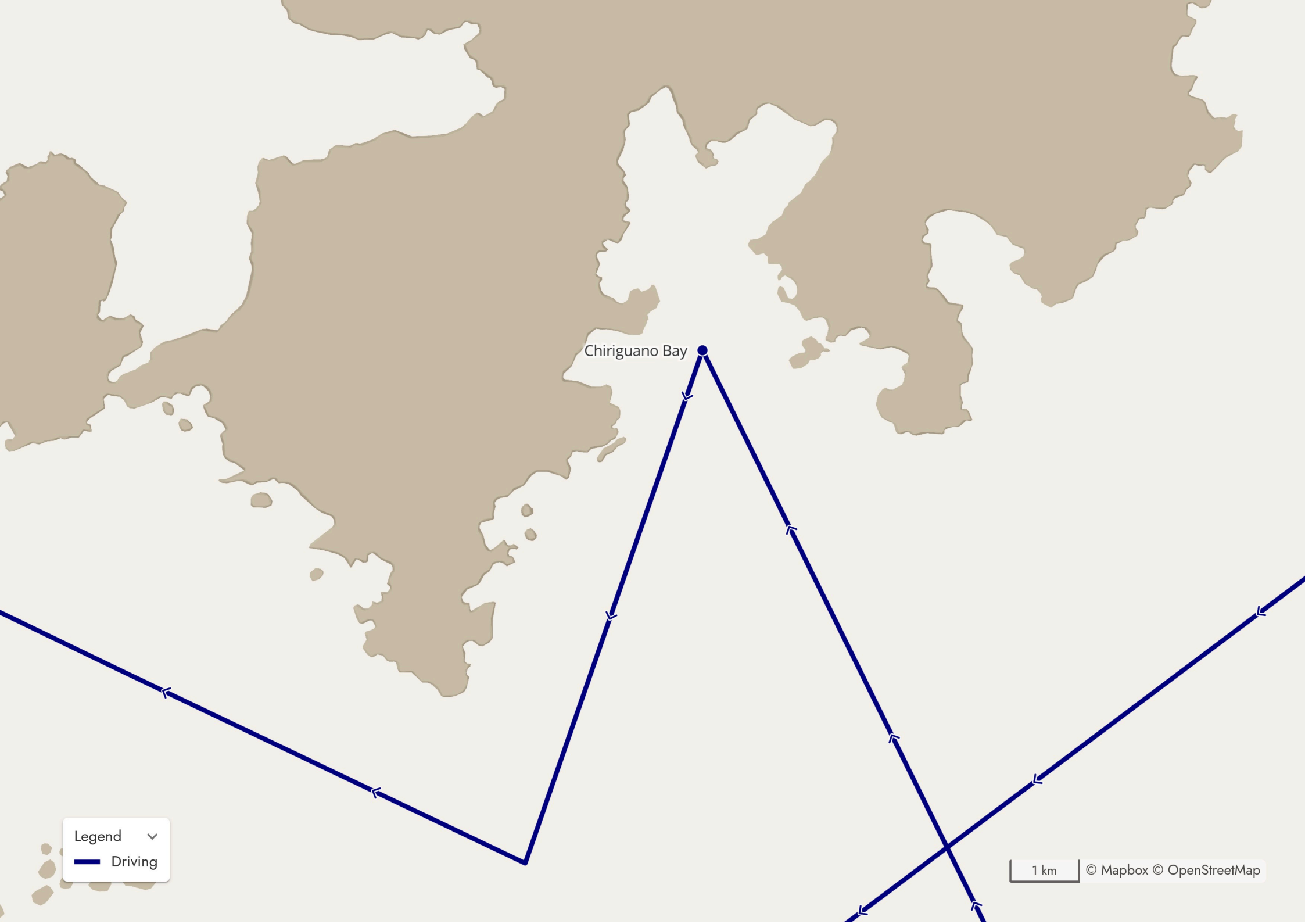
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Orne Harbour and Chiriguano Bay

Orne Harbour in the morning was something nobody had expected. The expedition team tried to give us a landing, but there was too little snow for it to be safe, so we did zodiac cruising instead. The navigation was with strong wind, but it was so much worth it, since never ever had we seen so many whales in every single direction. Blows and flukes left and right, and penguins jumping on top of the


small icefloes and small icebergs... it was indeed a highlight in our voyage. After lunch we stopped at Chiriguano Bay and many of us took a deep breath and jumped into the freezing waters from the ship for our polar plunge. The logistics were so smooth and the feeling was so exciting and invigorating!





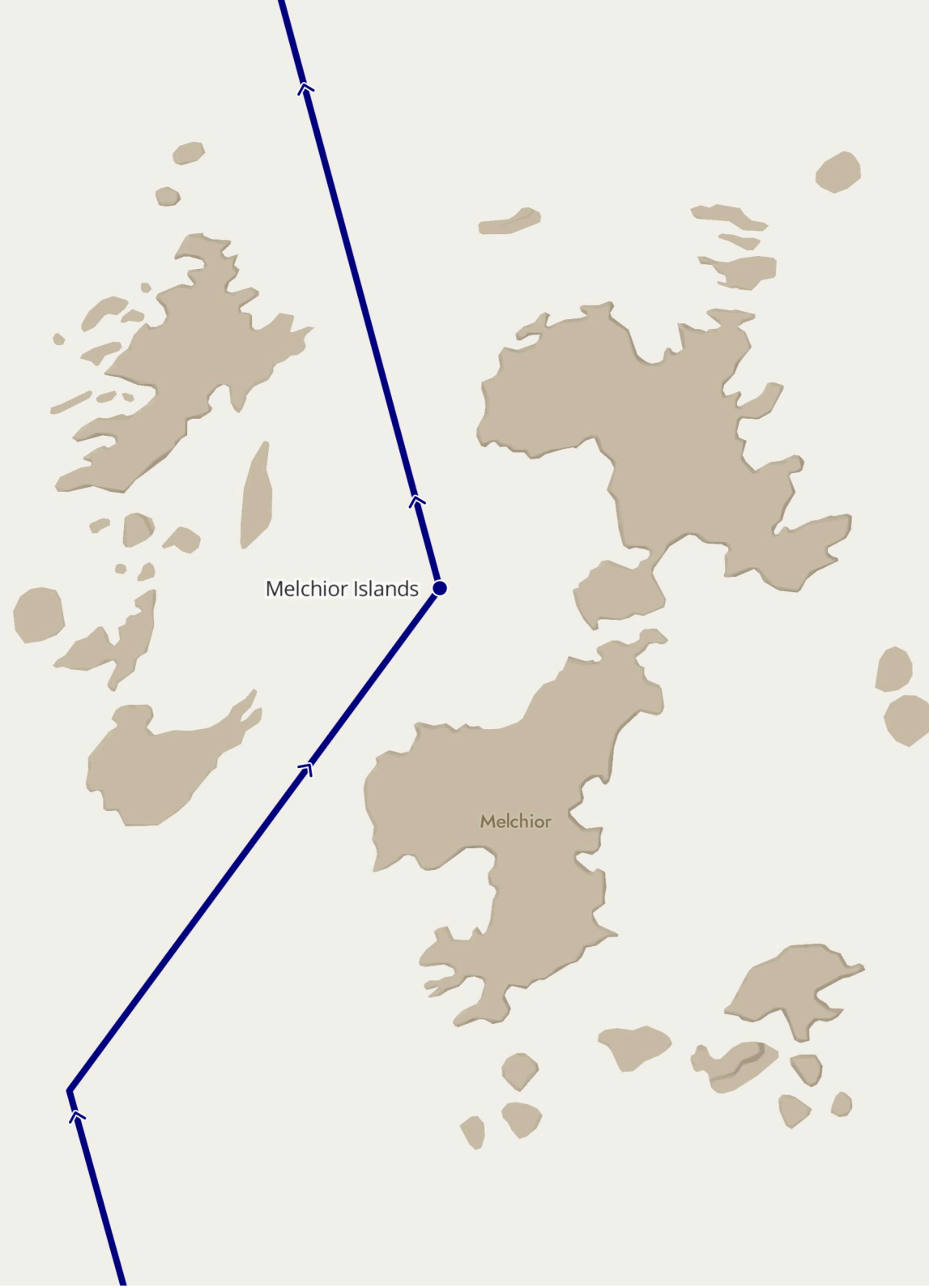
Chiriguano Bay

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Melchior Islands

Melchior

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Melchior Island

Our last day in the Antarctic did not disappoint. We concluded our excursions with an absolutely unique zodiac cruise through the narrow passages of Melchior Island. The glaciers were unbelievable with their unique crevasses, whose blue was deeper than we had ever seen. What also made this excursion unique is how close we were to the ice. It was still safe, and the shots we were all able to take were

unbelievable. We also had the chance to spot Antarctic fur seals for the last time, who did not even mind our presence, so in case there was someone who had not taken a good picture of them, this was the moment to do so. Immediately after we departed, the Drake Shake started to rock the boat...





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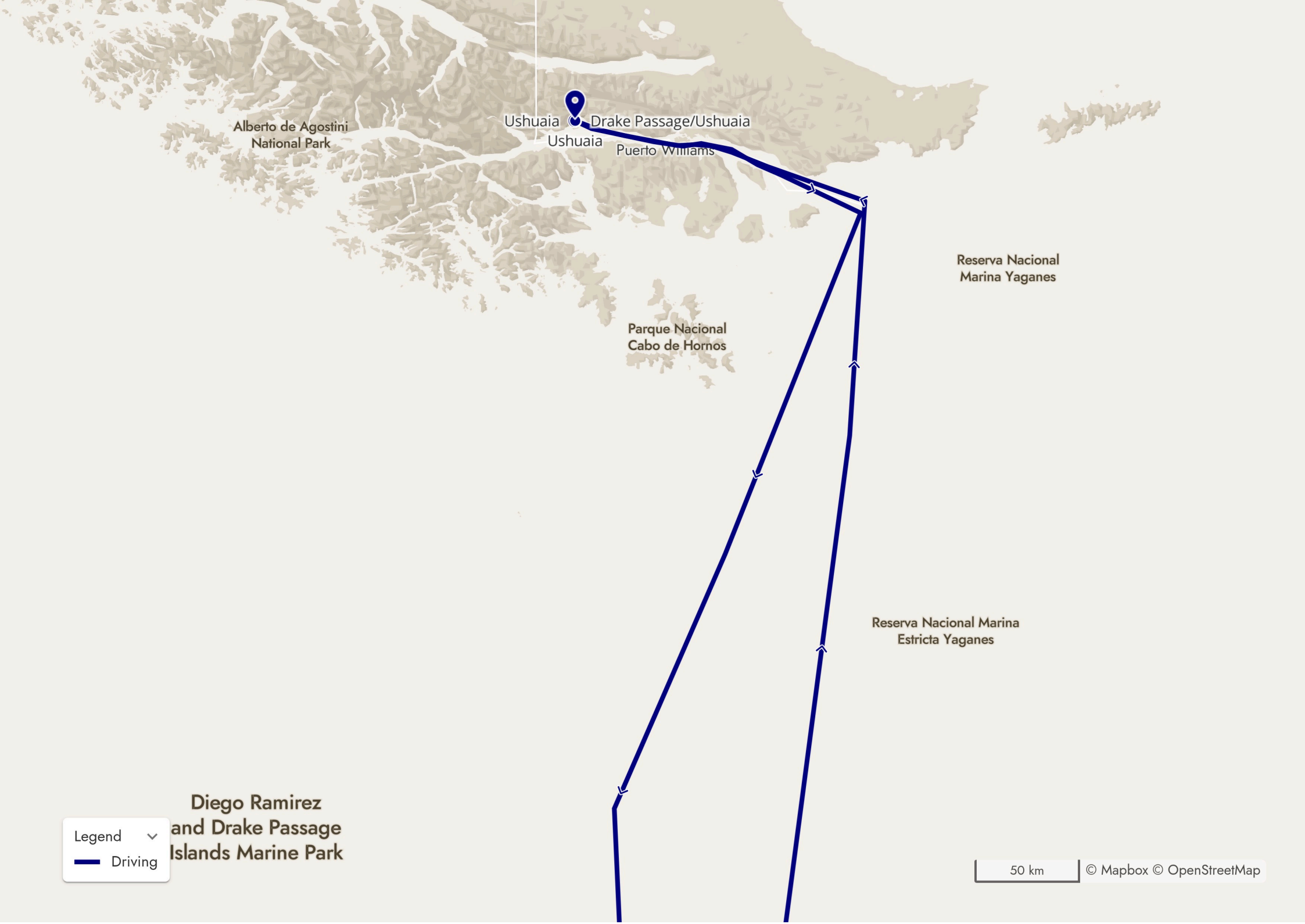
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Drake Shake

In case we were not satisfied with the size of the waves and the swell on the way down to the Antarctic, Poseidon decided to test us one more time, since we had waves as high as 5 meters. On the one hand, we already had the training from a couple of days before, but

this time it really pushed many of us. The expedition team gave us some more lectures that kept us entertained and the crew band in the end of the day made us all dance to the rhythm of the music and the motion of the waves.





Alberto de Agostini
National Park

Ushuaia Drake Passage/Ushuaia
Ushuaia Puerto Williams

Parque Nacional
Cabo de Hornos

Reserva Nacional
Marina Yaganes

Reserva Nacional Marina
Estricta Yaganes

Diego Ramirez
and Drake Passage
Islands Marine Park

Legend

 Driving

50 km | © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

Drake Passage/Ushuaia, Argentina - Mar 26, 2026

Farewell on the second Drake day

Today the Drake was more merciful than the day before. The expedition team gave us the last lecture and it was also time to bid farewell to our rubber boots that were our most loyal companions during our excursions in the Great White Continent. Our captain and

the expedition team bid us the warmest farewell ceremony, and many of us felt deeply moved by Oscar's recap video, where he marvelously put together the moments that made our voyage truly unforgettable. We reached Ushuaia at about 7pm.

Ushuaia, Argentina - Mar 27, 2026



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