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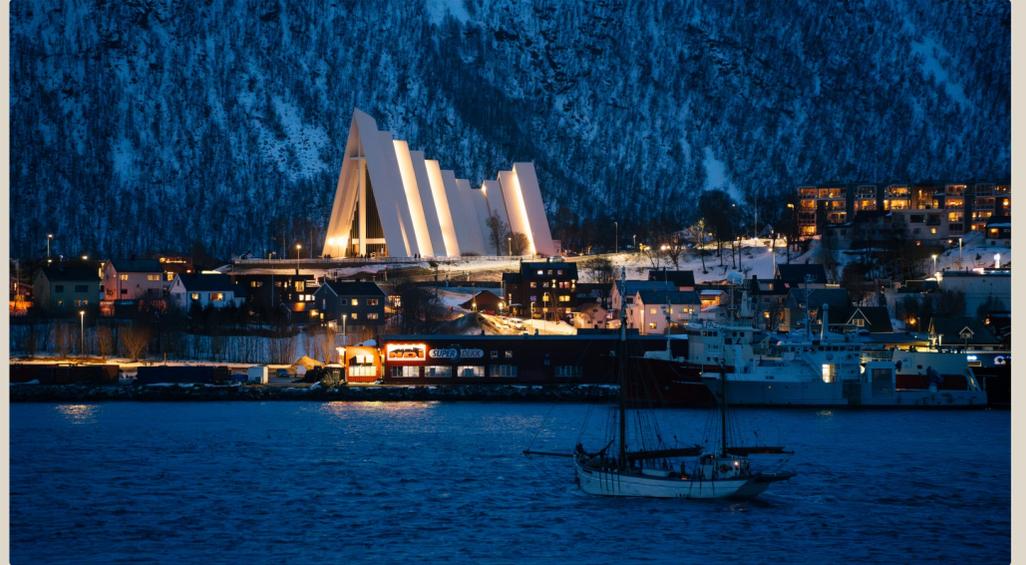
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Vestfjorden

30 km

Kiruna
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Ytre Karlsøy marine
verneområde

Vannøya

Arnøya

Skjervøy

Reinøya

Storslett

Kvaløysletta

Tromsø

Tromsø

Årøya

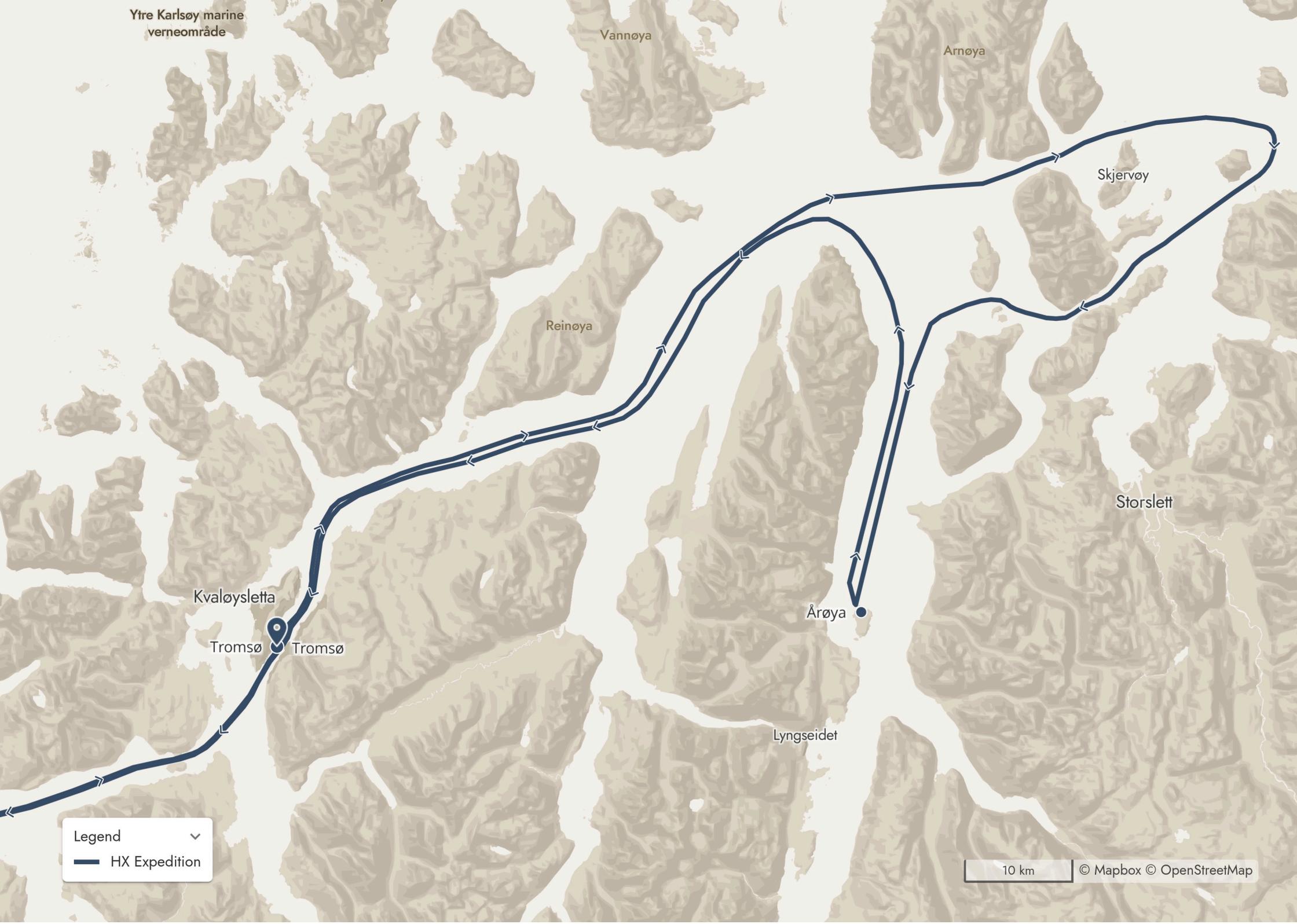
Lyngseidet

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10 km

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Day 1 - Tromsø

Our journey began in Tromsø, where a wet and rainy afternoon set the scene for embarkation. Despite the grey skies, there was a sense of excitement around the harbour as guests began arriving at the pier in the late afternoon, ready to board the expedition ship that would carry us through the Norwegian fjords in the days ahead.

Once on board, guests settled into their cabins and took some time to explore the ship and its welcoming indoor spaces while the rain continued outside. The atmosphere on board was warm and lively as everyone became acquainted with their new surroundings and prepared for the start of the voyage.

After dinner, we gathered for the Captain's Welcome, marking the official beginning of our journey. This was followed by a presentation from the Expedition Leader and the Hotel Director, who introduced themselves and shared practical information about life on board, along with a glimpse of what we could look forward to in the days ahead.

Later in the evening, the ship quietly slipped away from Tromsø. As the lights of the city slowly faded into the misty evening, we set course along the Norwegian coast, beginning our fjord adventure together.





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20 km

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Day 2 - Årøya

On the second day of our voyage, we spent the morning preparing for the adventures ahead while sailing toward Årøya. The day began with several mandatory briefings, where the Expedition Team introduced important guidelines for our upcoming landings and activities. Guests also gathered for the daily briefing, outlining the plans for the day and what they could expect once ashore. Shortly after, guests received their expedition gear, including rubber boots and warm winter suits, an exciting moment that made the upcoming outdoor experiences feel very real.

By the afternoon we arrived at Årøya, welcomed by calm conditions, light winds, and occasional glimpses of sun breaking through the clouds. The pleasant weather made for a comfortable landing and a perfect setting to begin exploring the island's quiet Arctic landscape.

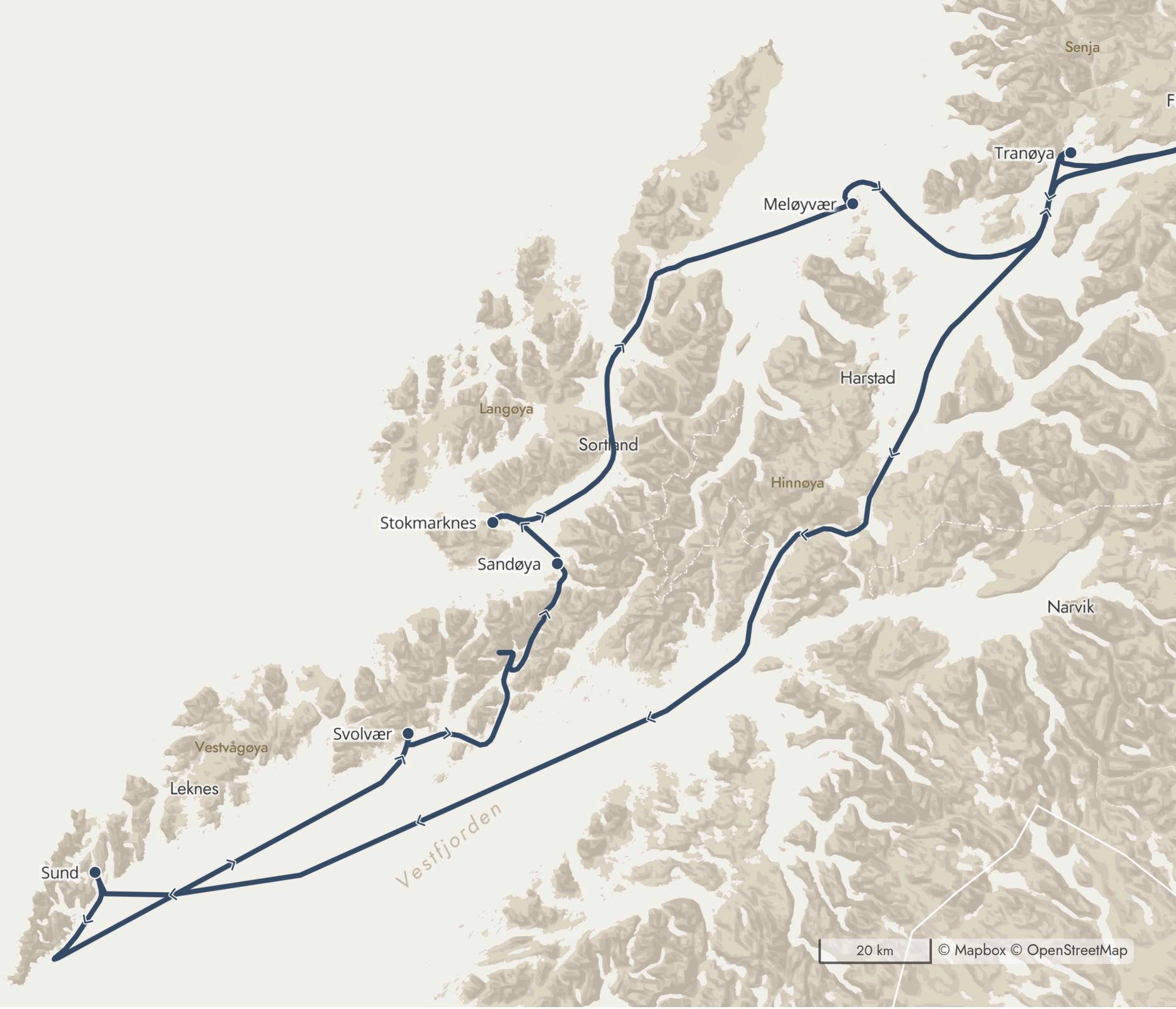
Guests were able to choose from a variety of activities. Some set out on snowshoes, venturing into the snowy terrain to take in the surrounding views, while others explored the coastline by kayak, gliding through the still waters. For those who preferred a slower pace, a guided walk offered a chance to experience the island and learn more about its history.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was gathering around several bonfires along the shore, where we enjoyed warm Norwegian fish soup. Nearby, we also had the opportunity to see remnants of World War II bunkers, quiet reminders of the island's past. With good weather, engaging activities, and a warm meal shared outdoors, our first landing of the voyage made Årøya a memorable start to our exploration of Northern Norway.



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Day 3 - Tranøya

Our third day brought us to the quiet island of Tranøya, where we made a morning landing under bright and sunny skies. The calm start to the day created beautiful conditions as we stepped ashore, with the surrounding landscape illuminated by soft Arctic light.

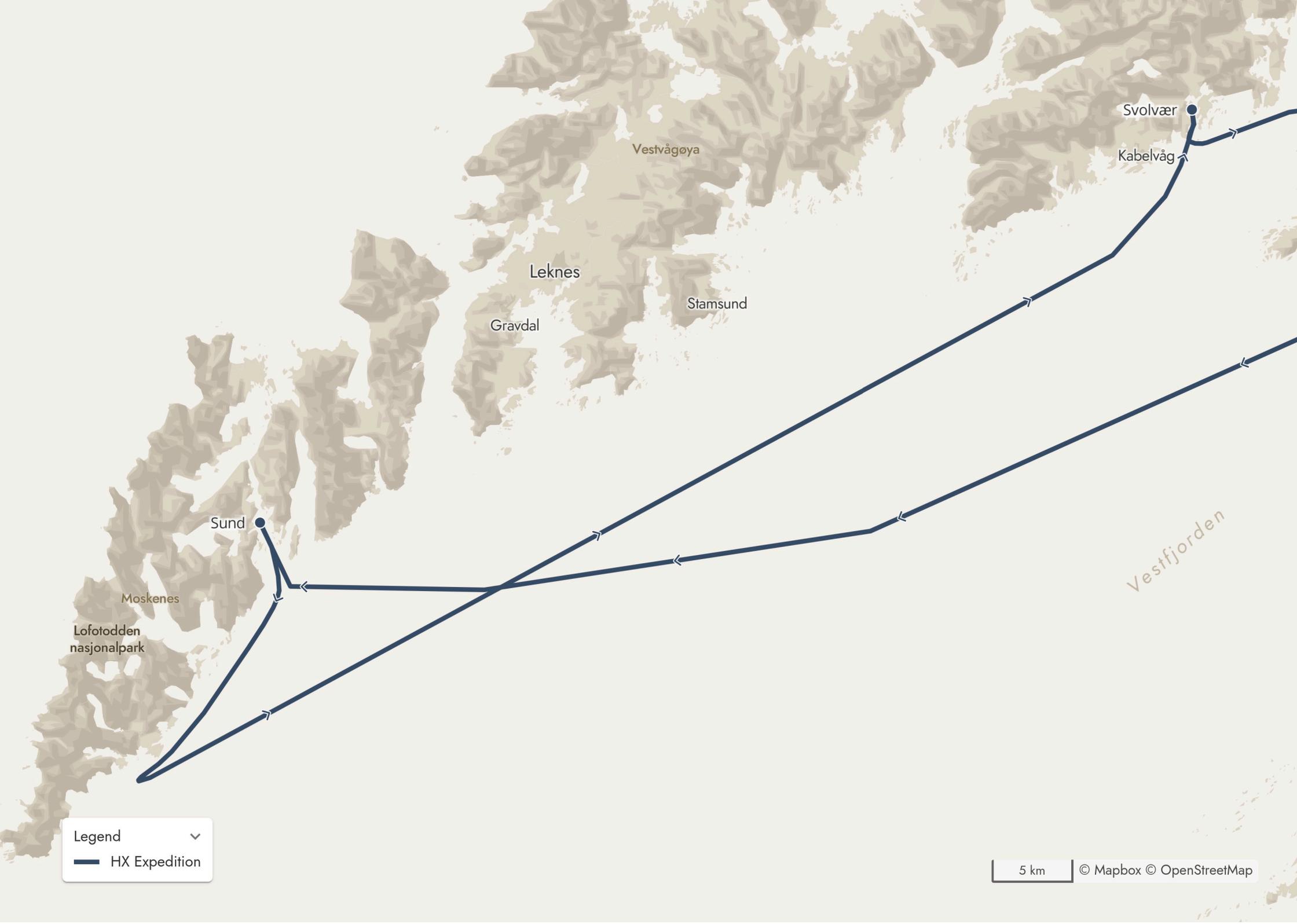
Guests once again had the opportunity to choose between several activities. Some set out on snowshoes, exploring the snowy terrain and enjoying the peaceful surroundings, while others took to the water by kayak, paddling along the island's sheltered coastline. For those wishing to explore at their own pace, a free-roaming area allowed guests to wander toward the island's historic church and take in the quiet atmosphere of this small community. A visit to a local farm

and church offered a glimpse into the island's past, with stories and traditions that reflect the long history of life on Tranøya.

As the day progressed, the weather shifted, with light rain arriving on and off throughout the afternoon, a gentle reminder of the changing nature of the Norwegian coast.

As evening fell, the day concluded with a truly unforgettable moment. The Northern Lights appeared above us, painting the sky in flowing shades of green with hints of other colours dancing across the darkness. Many gathered outside on deck to watch the display, making it a spectacular end to another remarkable day of our voyage.





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Day 4 - Sund

On the fourth day of our voyage we arrived at the small coastal settlement of Sund for a morning landing. Reaching the shore was part of the experience itself, as our guests enjoyed a long and scenic expedition boat cruise through the surrounding coastline. Steep mountains, quiet coves, and small fishing structures created a picturesque approach, even under a moody and cloudy sky.

Once ashore, the Expedition Team led a variety of activities. A science-focused walk offered guests the chance to learn more about the local environment, from coastal ecosystems to the seasonal changes shaping life in this northern landscape. Others explored a marked hiking route that led up to a viewpoint overlooking the surrounding islands, while some guests chose to head back onto the water for a kayaking excursion along the rugged shoreline.

Throughout the day, wildlife sightings added to the experience. Several white-tailed eagles were spotted soaring above the coast, while Arctic hares occasionally appeared among the vegetation. With most of the snow now melted, the island revealed patches of lush green plants along the shore. One particularly striking sight was an Arctic hare still wearing its bright white winter coat standing out vividly against the darker, snow-free ground.

Later in the afternoon, we gathered around a bonfire where a traditional lamb stew was served, providing a warm and welcoming end to our time ashore. As night fell, the day offered one final treat, a gentle appearance of the Northern Lights, briefly dancing across the sky and bringing another memorable Arctic day to a close.





Hadseløya

Melbu

Sandøya

Møysalen
landskapsvernområde

Austvågøya

Flaget

Stormolla

Svellingsflaket
landskapsvernområde

Svolvær

Kabelvåg

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Day 5 - Svolvær & Trollfjord

Our fifth day began with an early morning arrival alongside in Svolvær, the lively gateway to the Lofoten Islands. A light drizzle greeted us as we docked, but the weather gradually improved throughout the morning, with brighter conditions appearing as the day unfolded.

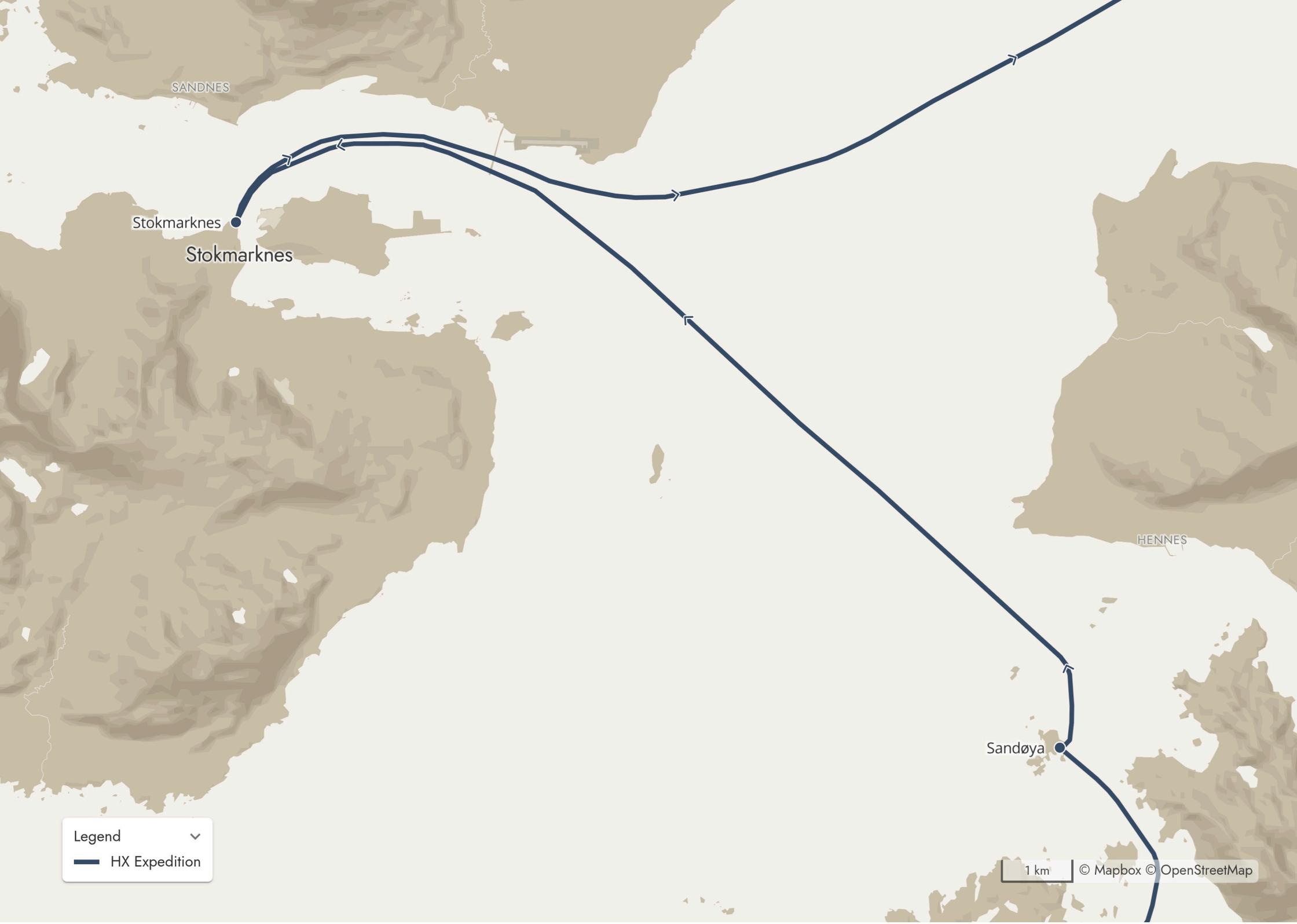
Guests had a variety of excursions to choose from while in port. Some joined an eagle boat safari, heading out onto the surrounding waters in search of the majestic white-tailed eagle that inhabits the area. Others explored the town on a historical walking tour, learning about Svolvær's fishing heritage and cultural history. For those looking for a more Nordic-style adventure, a sauna experience followed by a refreshing polar plunge offered an invigorating way to experience local traditions. A shuttle service was also available, allowing guests to explore the town independently and enjoy its cafés, shops, and

harbour atmosphere at their own pace.

In the late afternoon we departed Svolvær and set course for the famous Trollfjord. As darkness settled over the landscape, the ship carefully approached the fjord's narrow entrance. Towering cliffs rose steeply on either side as we slowly transited into the fjord, creating a dramatic setting.

At the end of the fjord the ship performed a graceful turnaround, illuminated by the ship's powerful searchlights that swept across the rugged rock walls. The play of light and shadow added to the atmosphere, making the passage through Trollfjord a truly unforgettable evening experience and a highlight of the voyage. The day was brought to an end with dancing Northern Lights throughout the evening.





SANDNES

Stokmarknes

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Sandøya

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Day 6 - Sandøya

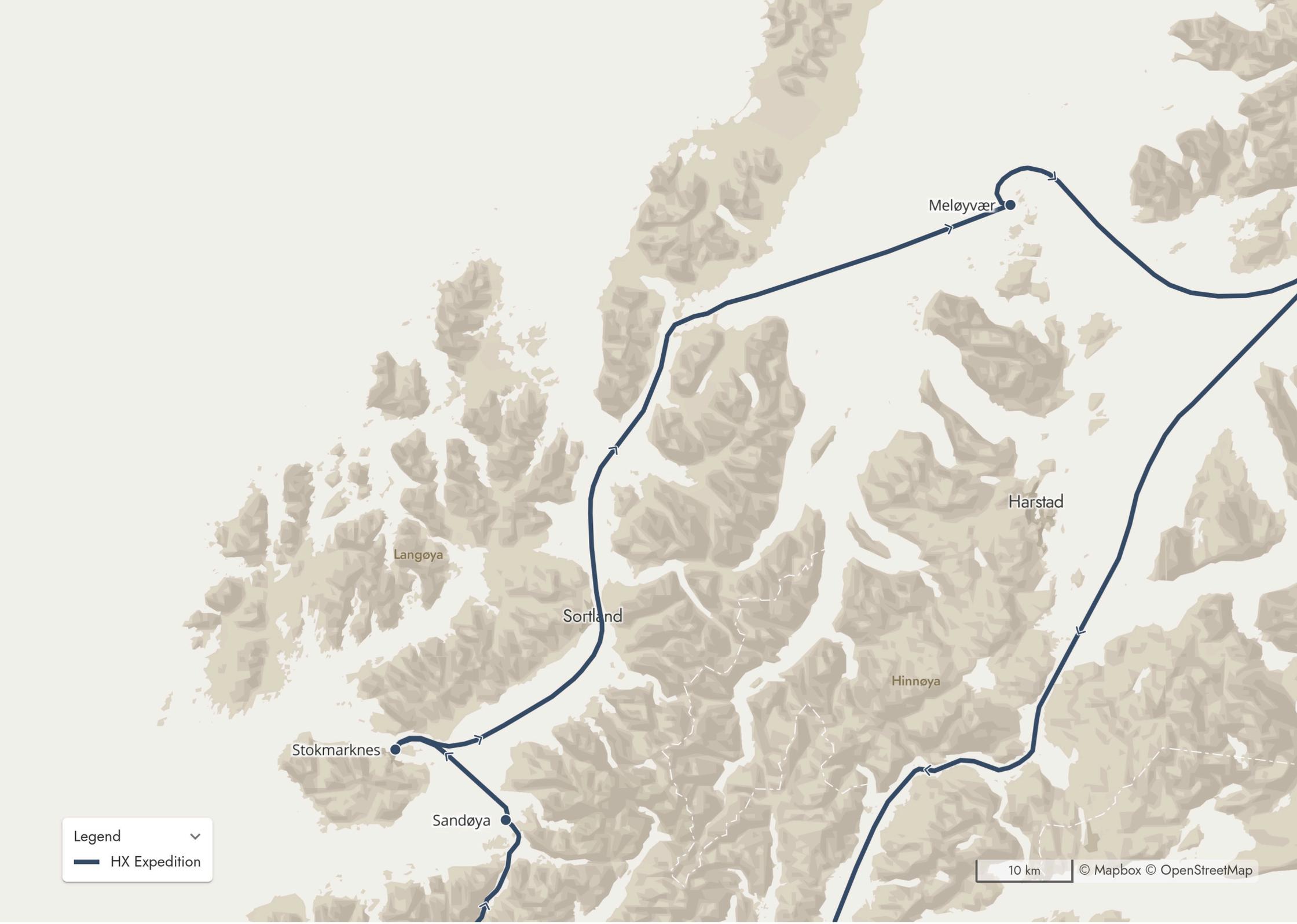
On the sixth day of our voyage we arrived at the peaceful island of Sandøya for a morning landing. The day began calm and quiet, though a fresh breeze gradually picked up as the morning went on. Our landing site surprised many guests: a wide stretch of golden sandy beach, an unexpected sight along this rugged northern coastline.

After stepping ashore, guests had time to freely explore the area at their own pace. The beach and surrounding shoreline offered beautiful views out toward the sea, and the intertidal zone quickly became a point of interest. With the tide revealing its hidden details, many spent time searching among the rocks and seaweed,

discovering a variety of shells and small treasures brought in by the ocean. For those feeling adventurous, the beach also provided the perfect setting for a polar plunge. A number of brave participants ran from the sand into the cold Arctic water, greeted by cheers and laughter from those watching from the shore.

To warm up afterward, we gathered around a bonfire, where a barbecue of reindeer hotdogs was served. The simple pleasure of sharing warm food by the fire, surrounded by sea views and fresh coastal air, made for a relaxed and memorable landing. With time to wander, explore, and enjoy the landscape, Sandøya offered a wonderfully peaceful day along this tranquil Norwegian island.





Meløyvær

Harstad

Hinnøya

Sortland

Langøya

Stokmarknes

Sandøya

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Day 6 - Stokmarknes

Later that evening we arrived alongside in Stokmarknes, a town closely connected with the history of the Norwegian coastal voyage. After a short walk from the pier, guests visited the Hurtigruten Museum, where the story of the coastal route and its importance to life along Norway's shores comes to life.

During the visit, our guests explored the museum's fascinating exhibits that illustrated the development of the coastal service over the years. The evening also included dinner and drinks within the museum, creating a relaxed and social atmosphere while surrounded

by maritime history. As a special surprise, guests were treated to a musical performance that added an unexpected and memorable touch to the evening. It was a beautiful and atmospheric way to experience this historic location.

Back on board, the evening continued with a cheerful sail-away waffle party as we departed Stokmarknes. Fresh waffles, warm conversations, and the gentle movement of the ship provided a cosy ending to another memorable day in the Norwegian fjords.





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10 km

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Day 7 - Meløyvær

On the final day of our expedition activities, we arrived at the island-rich waters of Meløyvær. Grey skies hung overhead, but the calm conditions created excellent weather for exploring the area by expedition boat. With minimal wind and smooth seas, it was the perfect setting for our last day of operations in the field.

Guests set out on a scenic expedition boat cruise through the archipelago, weaving between the many small islands that make up this remarkable coastal landscape. The area consists of dozens of scattered islands, each offering its own character, from smooth rocky outcrops to stretches of beautiful sandy beaches. The waters around us appeared a striking shade of blue, contrasting beautifully with the muted tones of the cloudy sky.

Wildlife sightings added to the experience throughout the cruise. Several white-tailed eagles were seen soaring above the islands, while rock ptarmigans and a variety of seabirds were occasionally spotted along the shoreline and among the rocky slopes. The quiet conditions allowed us to drift peacefully while taking in the rich birdlife of the archipelago.

For some guests, the day also included a kayaking excursion, with the calm water providing ideal conditions for paddling between the islands. It offered a closer perspective of the coastline and a peaceful way to experience this unique environment.

With scenic cruising, wildlife encounters, and excellent weather for being out on the water, Meløyvær proved to be a wonderful place to conclude our final day of expedition activities.



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Day 8 - Tromsø

Our journey came full circle as we returned to Tromsø, often called the 'Gateway to the Arctic'. A gentle snowfall dusted the quay, and a soft breeze welcomed us back to the city's quiet streets awakening in the morning light. Over a final breakfast, guests gathered one last time to share stories and reflect on the remarkable days we had spent exploring this stunning region.

As the time to say goodbye approached, there was a shared sense of gratitude for the voyage — from serene walks through snowy

landscapes to evenings warmed by bonfires, and from towering mountain views to the magical glow of the Northern Lights.

Each day brought its own unique experience, weaving together memories that we hope will linger with you long after we've left the fjords behind. Friendships were made, new challenges met, and the spirit of the Arctic embraced by all who joined this unforgettable adventure.



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