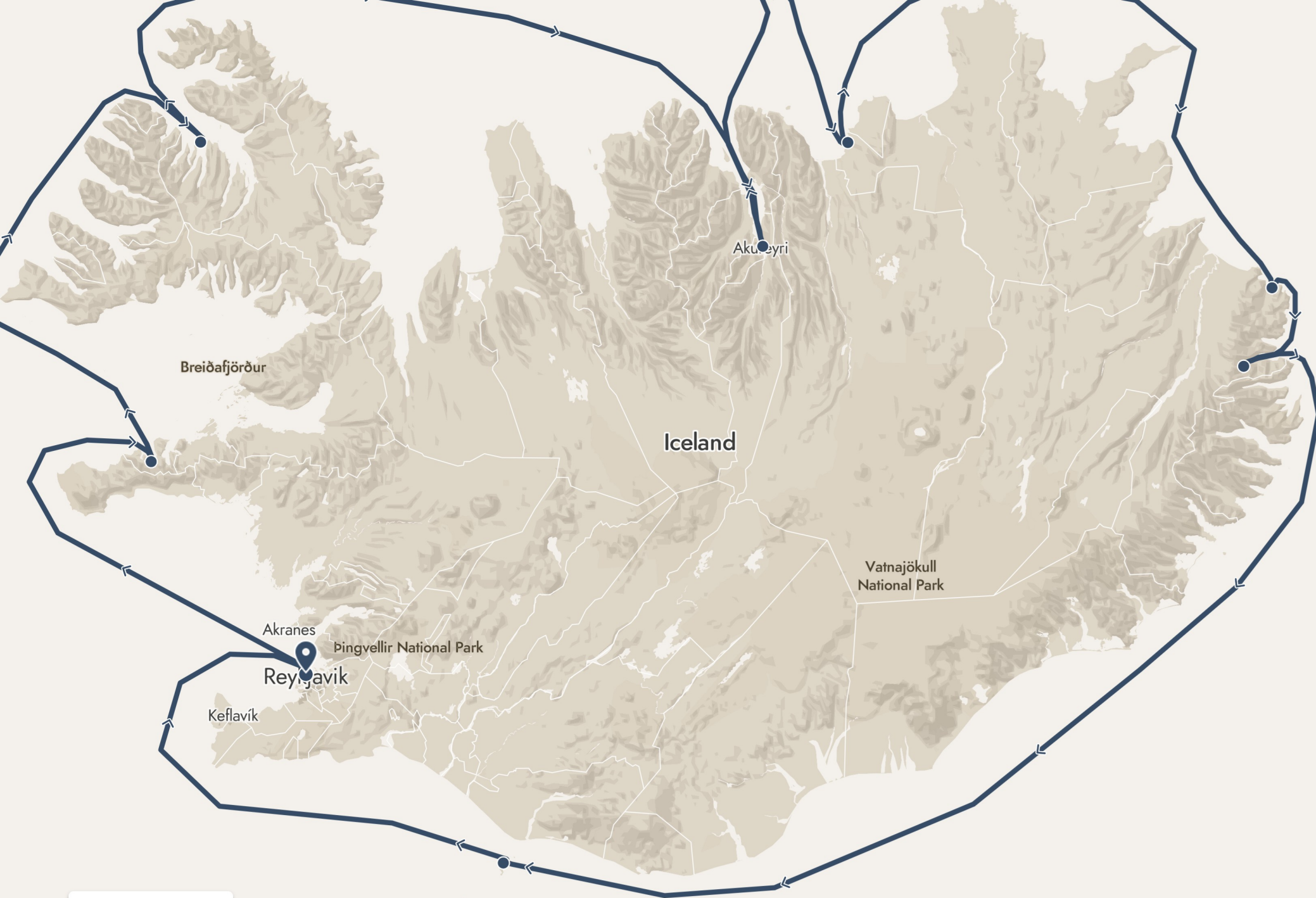




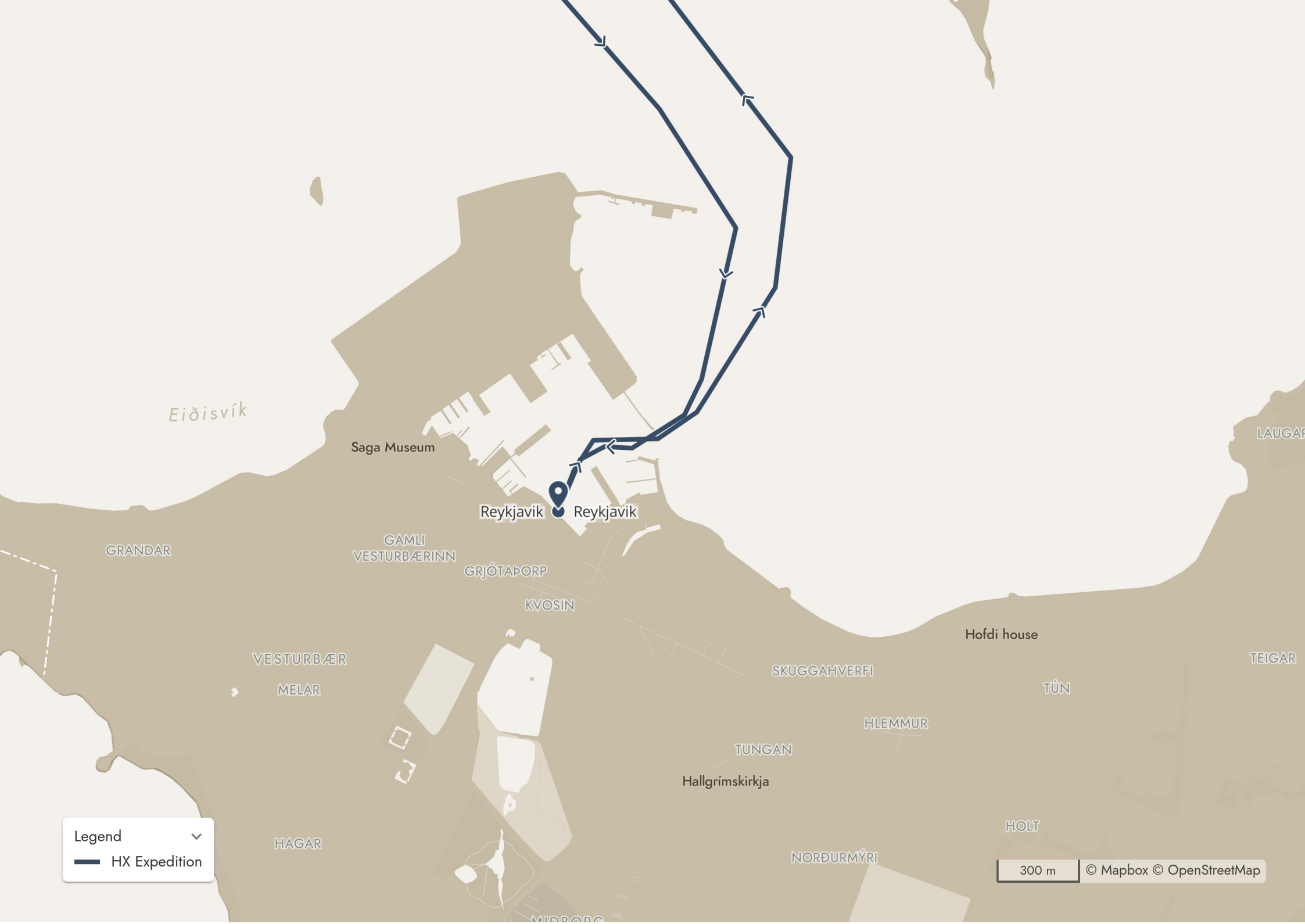
Elemental Iceland – Circular Saga from Reykjavik

MS Fridtjof Nansen, 19 – 26.5.2026



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Eiðisvík

Saga Museum

Reykjavik

Reykjavik

GRANDAR

GAMLI
VESTURBÆRINN

GRJÓTAÐORP

KVOSIN

VESTURBÆR

MELAR

HAGAR

SKUGGAHVERFI

Hofdi house

TÚN

HLEMMUR

TUNGAN

Hallgrímskirkja

NORÐURMÝRI

HOLT

TEIGAR

LAUGAR

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300 m

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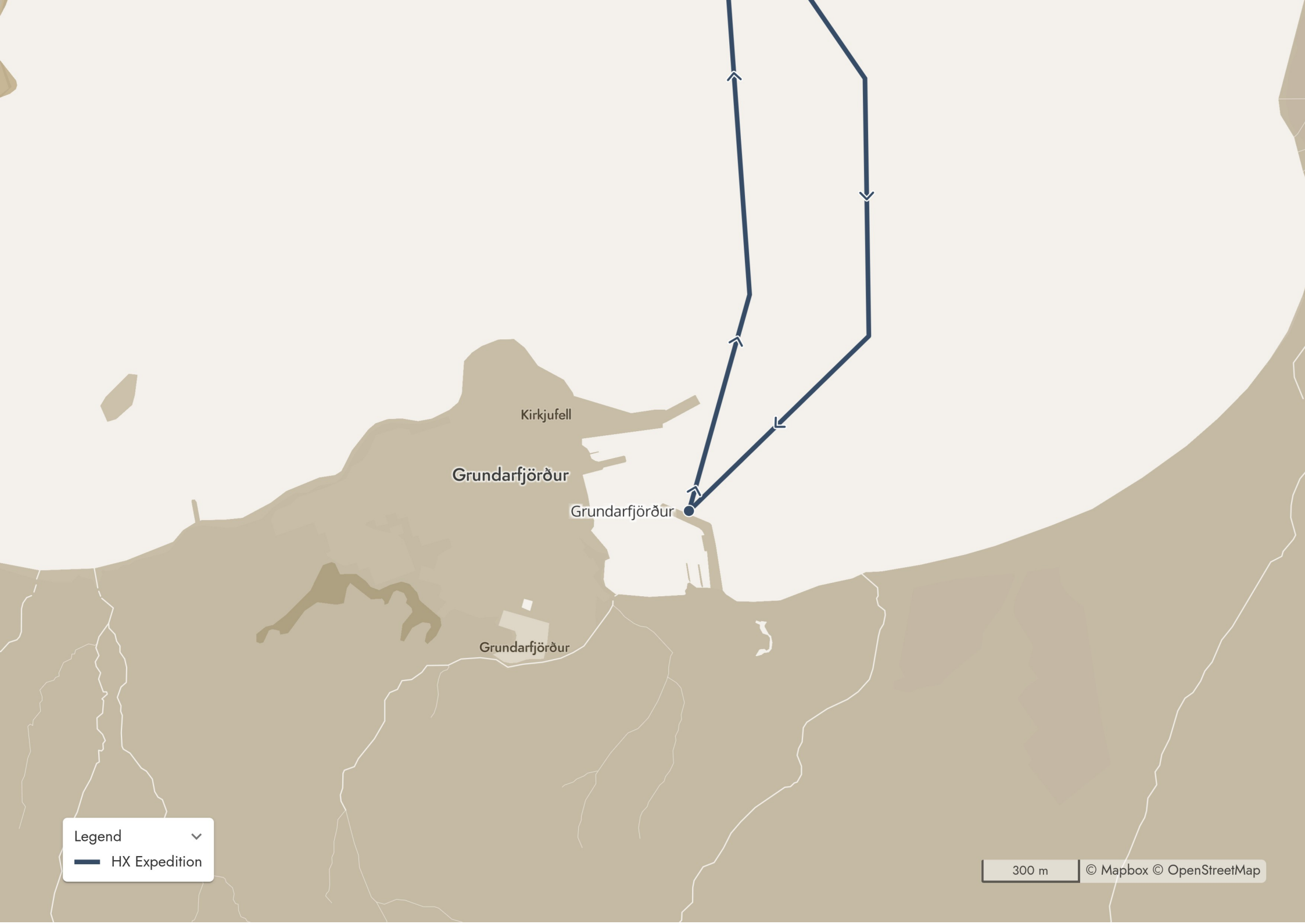
Day 1 - Embarkation in Reykjavík

Our guests embarked on MS Fridtjof Nansen in Reykjavík on a mild and sunny May afternoon, with calm water in the harbour and clear views across at the surrounding mountains. As the ship pulled away from the city, the excitement of beginning a full circumnavigation of Iceland started to set in. The itinerary promised a mix of remote

coastal towns, steep sea cliffs, volcanic landscapes, and long stretches of open water, with nearly continuous daylight giving the days an unhurried rhythm. Early summer conditions meant green hillsides were beginning to emerge beneath the last patches of snow, making it an ideal time to explore the island by sea.







Kirkjufell

Grundarfjörður

Grundarfjörður

Grundarfjörður

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300 m

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Day 2 - Grundarfjörður

Our first stop after departing Reykjavík was Grundarfjörður, where our small expedition ship arrived beneath clear views of Kirkjufell rising above the harbour. The afternoon was busy from the start, with several hiking groups heading off to explore the trails around Kirkjufell while a continuous shuttle service transported guests from the ship to the mountain area throughout the day. Other guests chose from a range of optional excursions across the Snæfellsnes peninsula,

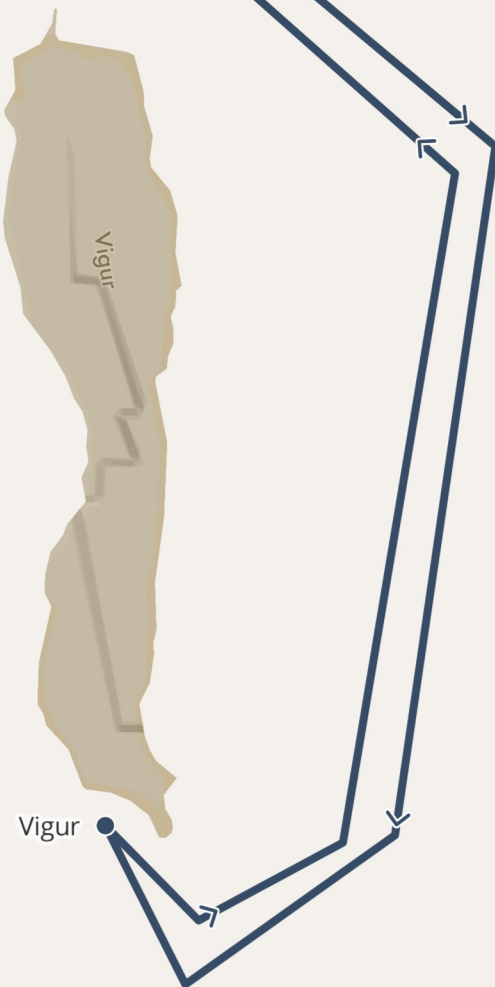
including the Highlights of Snæfellsnes bus tour, the Top of the Diamond tour, and the Caves, Craters and Coves tour, each offering a different perspective on the peninsula's volcanic landscapes, coastal scenery, and small fishing communities. As the first landing of our circumnavigation of Iceland, it was an energetic and well-organized introduction to the variety of landscapes waiting around the island.





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Day 3 - Vigur

Approaching Vigur felt like arriving at a hidden corner of the world, with the calm waters of the bay reflecting the rugged Icelandic landscape around us. Guests were warmly welcomed by the local family who call the island home, their hospitality immediately setting a friendly and personal tone for the visit. Then they enjoyed a guided walk through the southern part of the island, where countless seabirds

filled the cliffs and grassy meadows with movement and sound, offering incredible opportunities to observe Iceland's rich birdlife up close. Later, guests boarded Zodiacs for a cruise across the bay, gliding quietly through the cold Arctic waters while taking in sweeping views of the island, surrounding mountains, and the thriving wildlife that makes Vigur such a special destination.





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Háskólinn á Akureyri

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Akureyri

Akureyri Art Museum

SUÐURBREKKAN

LUNÐARHVERFI

Sjúkrahúsið á Akureyri

TEIGAVERFI

Jaðarsvöllur

NAUSTAHVERFI

Veigastaðir

Brúahlíð

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500 m

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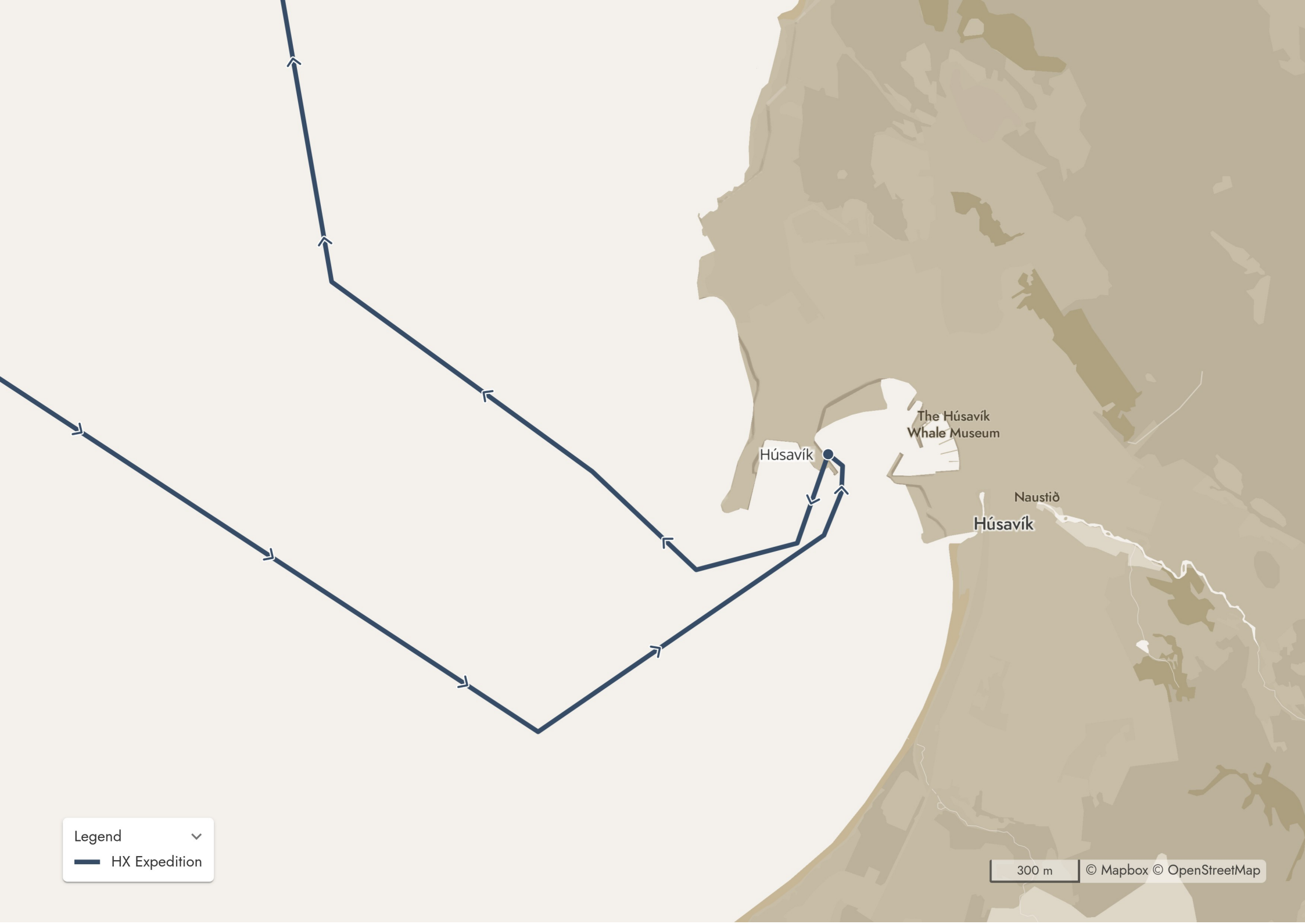
Day 4 - Akureyri

Akureyri offers the perfect opportunity to explore the dramatic landscapes of northern Iceland, with an included full-day excursion to Lake Mývatn which departed after lunch on board. This scenic bus tour took our guests through some of the region's most iconic natural wonders, including the spectacular Goðafoss waterfall, known as the 'Waterfall of the Gods', and the striking lava formations of Dimmuborgir, where volcanic landscapes create an almost

otherworldly atmosphere. Along the way, there were opportunities to admire geothermal scenery, volcanic craters, and the unique beauty that makes the Mývatn area so famous. For guests seeking a more relaxing alternative, an optional excursion combined a visit to the soothing waters of the Forest Lagoon with time at Goðafoss, offering a perfect blend of Icelandic nature and wellness experiences.







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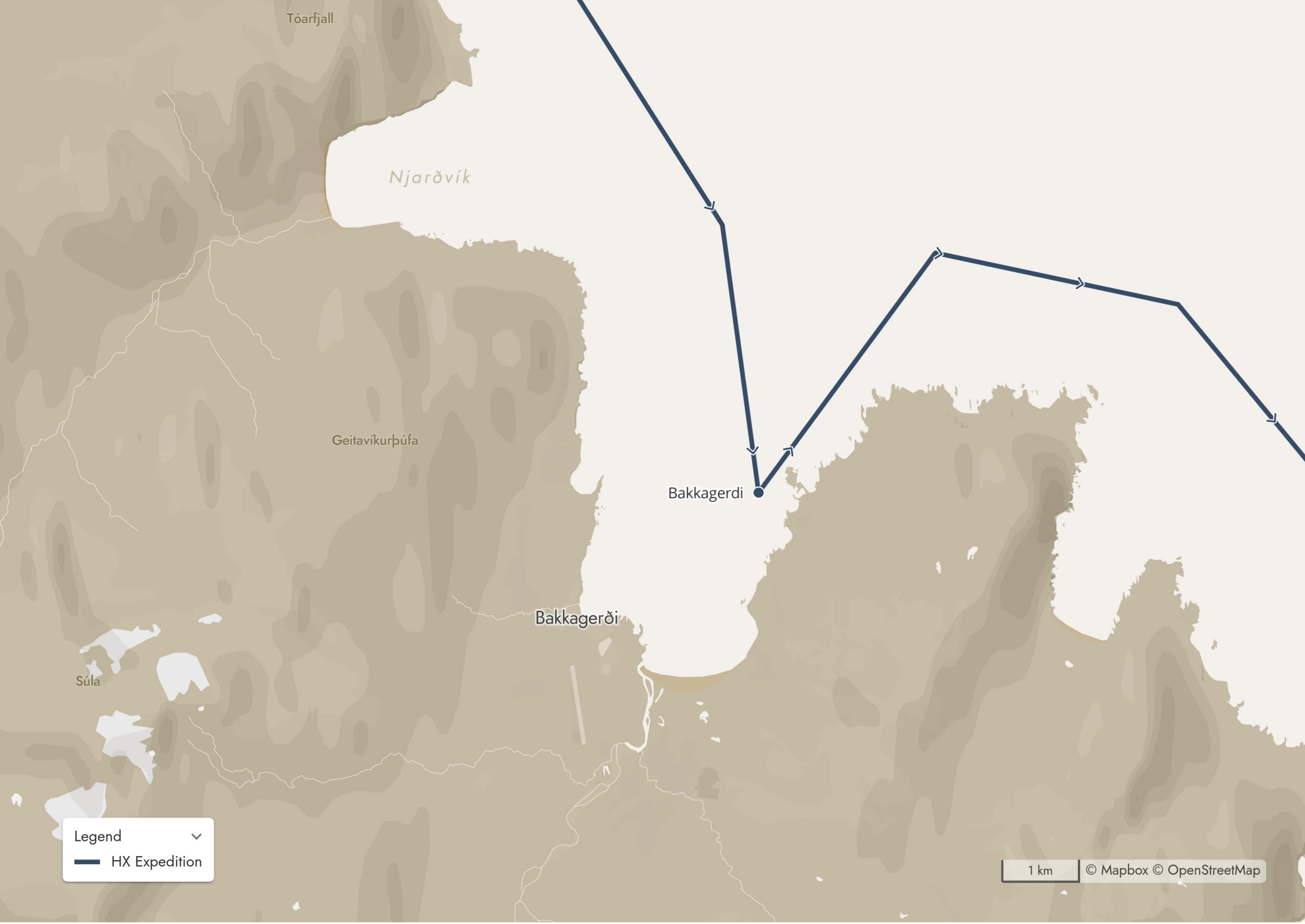
Day 5 - Húsavík

As we cruised past the remote island of Grímsey, excitement spread across the ship as we prepared to cross the Arctic Circle early that morning. Guests gathered out on deck to mark the special moment, celebrating with a light-hearted Arctic Circle ceremony and traditional 'baptism' featuring splashes of icy water for the brave participants. Later that morning, we arrived in the charming harbour town of

Húsavík, often regarded as Iceland's whale-watching capital. Some guests visited the Húsavík Whale Museum at their own pace, while others chose from a variety of optional excursions, including whale-watching adventures at sea, the scenic Diamond Circle tour, or a peaceful hike to the beautiful Botnsvatn Lake.







Tóarfjall

Njarðvík

Geitavíkurbúfa

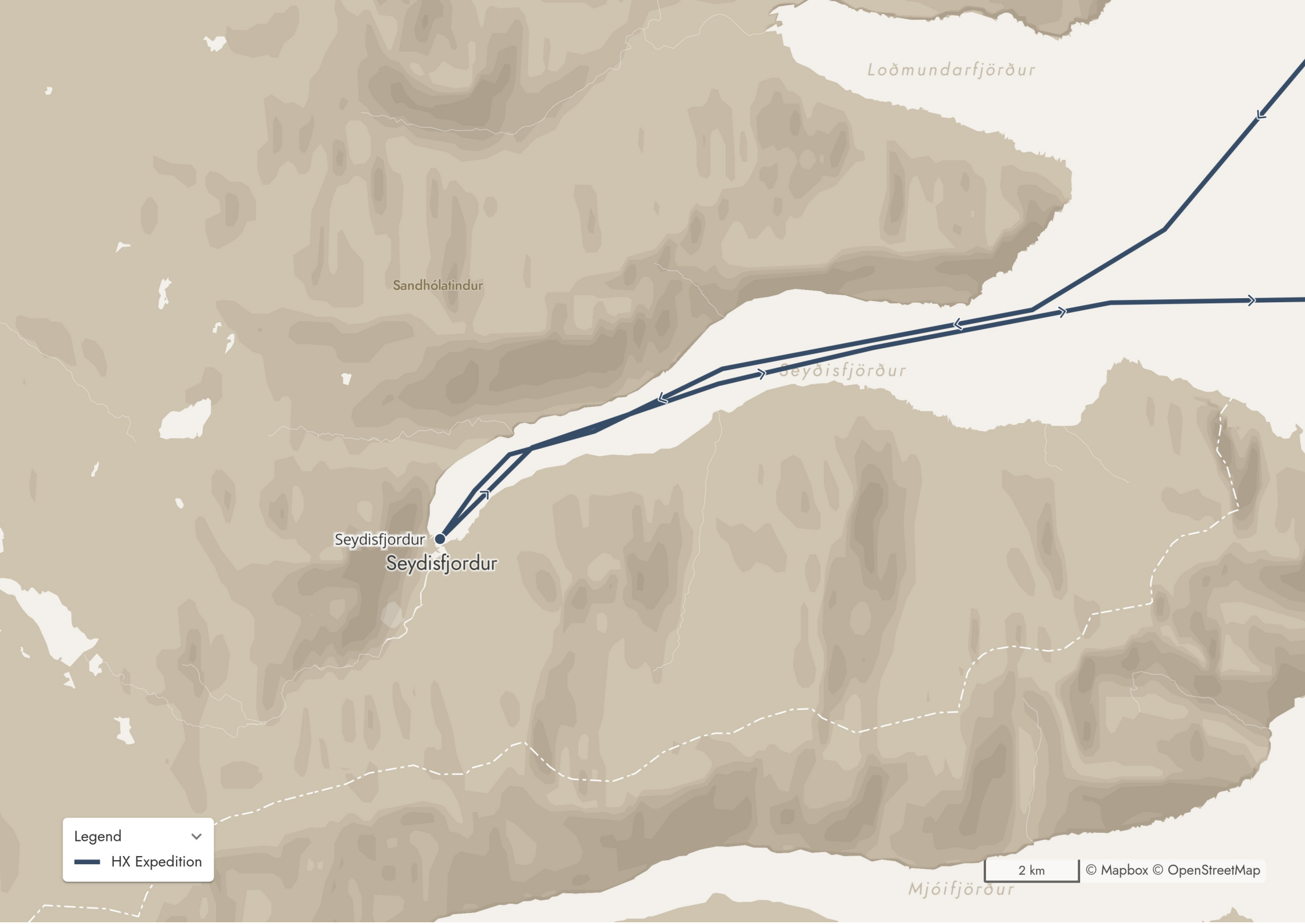
Bakkagerdi

Bakkagerði

Súla

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Loðmundarfjörður

Sandhólatindur

Seyðisfjörður

Seydisfjordur
Seydisfjordur

Mjóifjörður

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2 km

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Bakkagerdi, Iceland - May 24, 2026

284.5 km

Seydisfjordur, Iceland - May 24, 2026

53.3 km

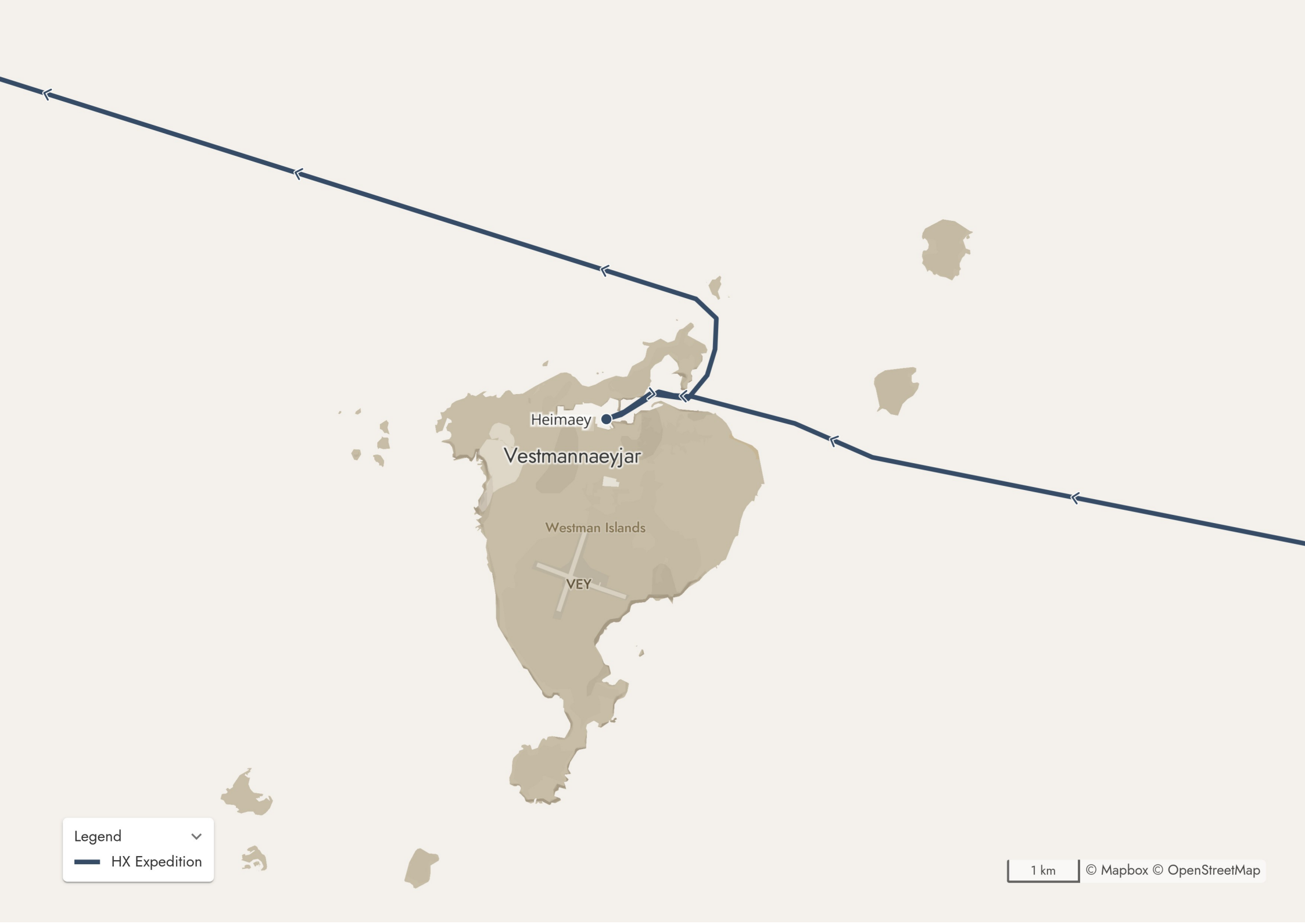
Day 6 - Seyðisfjörður

Our plan for the day was to arrive in Bakkagerði and begin tender operations ashore so guests could visit the famous puffin colonies. However, with winds gusting over 50 knots in the bay, conditions made it unsafe to launch the tenders, and we were unfortunately forced to cancel the landing. While disappointing, the expedition spirit carried on, and we adapted our plans by sailing into the shelter

of Seyðisfjörður instead. There, guests enjoyed a wonderful afternoon exploring the town on guided walking tours, with many joining a scenic hike to a beautiful waterfall tucked along the north side of the fjord. It was an unforgettable alternative in the dramatic East Iceland landscape.







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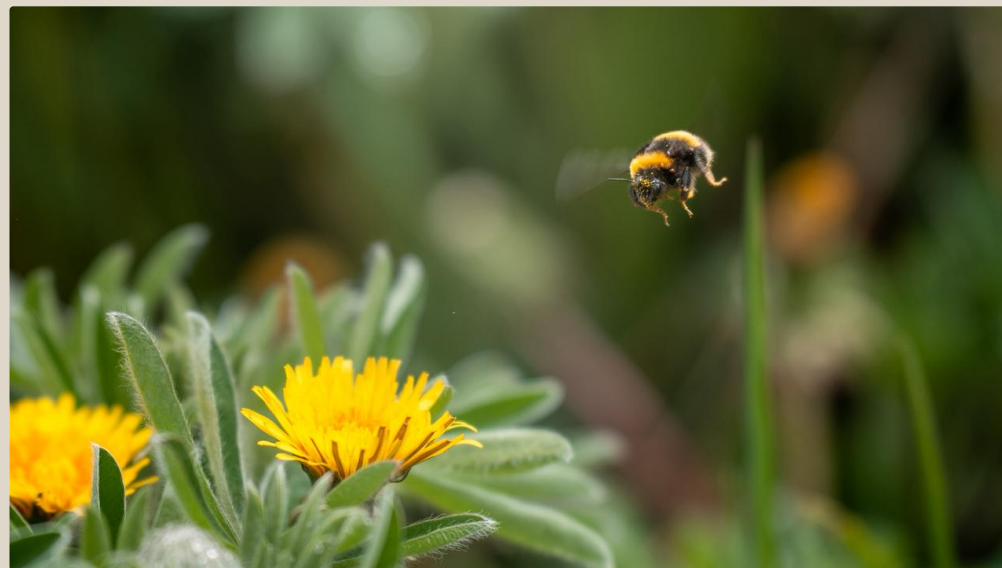
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Day 7 - Heimaey

Our visit to Heimaey offered guests a fascinating glimpse into Iceland's dramatic volcanic history and unique wildlife. Upon arrival, guests could choose between two included excursions: a guided lava and history walk through the town, where the effects of the 1973 volcanic eruption can still be seen today, or a visit to the SEA LIFE Trust Beluga Whale Sanctuary, home to rescued beluga whales and a

puffin rescue centre. For those looking for even more adventure, optional excursions included a scenic boat tour around the island's striking cliffs and sea caves, an exhilarating RIB boat safari along the rugged coastline, or a rewarding volcano hike offering panoramic views across the Vestmannaeyjar archipelago.





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Reykjavik, Iceland - May 26, 2026

246.5 km



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