



Sublime Svalbard – From Hamburg via Norway's Springtime Fjords

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Greenland

Greenland Sea

Barents Sea

Kara Sea

Iceland

Sweden

Finland

Norway

Estonia

Latvia

Lithuania

Moscow

Yekaterinburg

Novosibirsk

United Kingdom

Denmark

Berlin

Poland

Belarus

Germany

Ukraine

France

Austria

Moldova

Croatia

Serbia

Legend

— HX Expedition

300 km

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Hamburg

Our guests embarked in Hamburg and ended their day with the mandatory safety briefing and the first onboard announcements behind them. They collected their animal-group patches, settled into the ship's rhythm, and enjoyed the anniversary cocktail while the Expedition Team shared the plan for the following day. By the end of

the evening, our guests had a clear sense of the programme ahead and the structure of the voyage. Sailing away from Hamburg, we navigated through the mouth of the Elbe River and out towards the Wadden Sea.





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Esbjerg

We arrived in Esbjerg early, and guests took the shuttle bus to the 'Men at Sea' statues and into the city centre to the Musikhuset performing arts centre, before continuing to explore Denmark's newest city at their leisure

Back aboard, our guests joined wildlife watches on deck attended the

introduction to the science programme. They participated in the art corner bottle decoration, a binocular workshop, and the NASA Cloud Observer Citizen Science activity. The photography lecture and Captain's Welcome followed, along with the evening briefing on tomorrow's plans.



Haugesund

We arrived in Haugesund, where guests joined an included excursion to Historic Avaldsnes according to their assigned animal group times. Guests witnessed the scenic sailing approach, attended lectures on

the historic ship Fram and the WAVE project for Arctic whales. They participated in a morning wildlife watch and ended the day with the mandatory boat briefing and plans for tomorrow.





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Fjærland

We arrived in Fjærland at 11:30 am and used our Zodiacs for tendering, with boat groups called from 12:15 pm onwards. Many guests joined the included excursion to learn about Norway's glacier heritage and explored the village at their own pace. Some laced up their boots for the Fjord Viewpoint Hike, while others headed out on

the science boat to collect samples for later study. On board, we gathered for wildlife watch on Deck 5, followed by a lecture on fjords as the legacy of glaciers. We closed the day reviewing our findings in the discovery session.



Åndalsnes

We reached Åndalsnes at 1 pm and tied up at Tindekaia. Once the gangway was released, many guests went ashore and took the Romsdalen cable car up to the 708-metre summit of Nesaksla in just a few minutes. Some chose to join the Trollstigen panoramic drive, while others participated in the Whispers of the Viking Era tour or set

off with the Expedition Team on the Høgaksla hike. On board, the Expedition Team hosted a wildlife watch, conducted a lecture on Norway's history, and deepened our knowledge on the rock cycle in a workshop. We ended the day with the briefing for tomorrow's plans.



At Sea

On this day at sea, guests used the time to explore the ship's amenities and recharge. In the morning, some guests visited the bridge, while others joined the 'Why a Knot?' workshop and the Photo Lecture catch up. In the lecture hall, the Expedition Team hosted talks on the geology of Norway. Throughout the afternoon,

guests settled into the Knitting Corner, painted watercolour postcards, and tested themselves in the Arctic wildlife guessing game. As we approached Torghatten, guests gathered outside on deck and took part in the Arctic Circle crossing ceremony, with some returning later to officially enter the polar waters on a polar plunge.





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Svolvær

Harstad

Narvik

Tromsø

Alta

Honningsvåg

Kiruna

50 km

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Svolvær

We pulled into Svolvær at 8 am and joined the locals celebrating Norway's Constitution Day. Once the gangway was released, our guests set off in groups with the Expedition Team for a guided walk through town. At 12 pm, we watched the children's parade, which started from the school in Svolvær. Back on board, guests joined Yuri

for the photo workshop on deck and we shared the scenic passage into Trollfjord together. We held our own Constitution Day parade on Deck 7 and rounded off the day with a wildlife watch and the evening talk on Umberto Nobile and the expedition to the North Pole.



Tromsø

We arrived in Tromsø at 8 am and tied up at Pier 8. Some set off with the Naturalists on the guided hike to Prestvannet, while others explored Tromsø by e-bike or took a bus tour through the Arctic capital. Some visited the Polar Museum on their own, making use of the minivan shuttle between the pier and the museum. Back on board,

guests expanded their knowledge in the Science Centre session on the biology of birds and contributed to the NASA GLOBE Cloud Observer Citizen Science programme. Those interested in kayaking attended the mandatory briefing, and we closed the day with a talk on Arctic geopolitics.



Honningsvåg

Guests and Expedition Team members gathered outside on Deck 5 for a wildlife watch as we sailed along the coast of Magerøya toward Honningsvåg, taking in the cliffs and the open Arctic landscape on our approach. We came alongside at 10 am. Almost all guests boarded the buses for the included excursion to the North Cape, with groups departing in the morning and the afternoon. Others chose the

optional Bird Life tour at the North Cape. Many joined the Expedition Team on the guided hike around Honningsvåg, offered in two sessions, morning and afternoon. Back on board, we reviewed our observations in the Science Centre session and closed the evening with the Expedition Team quiz.

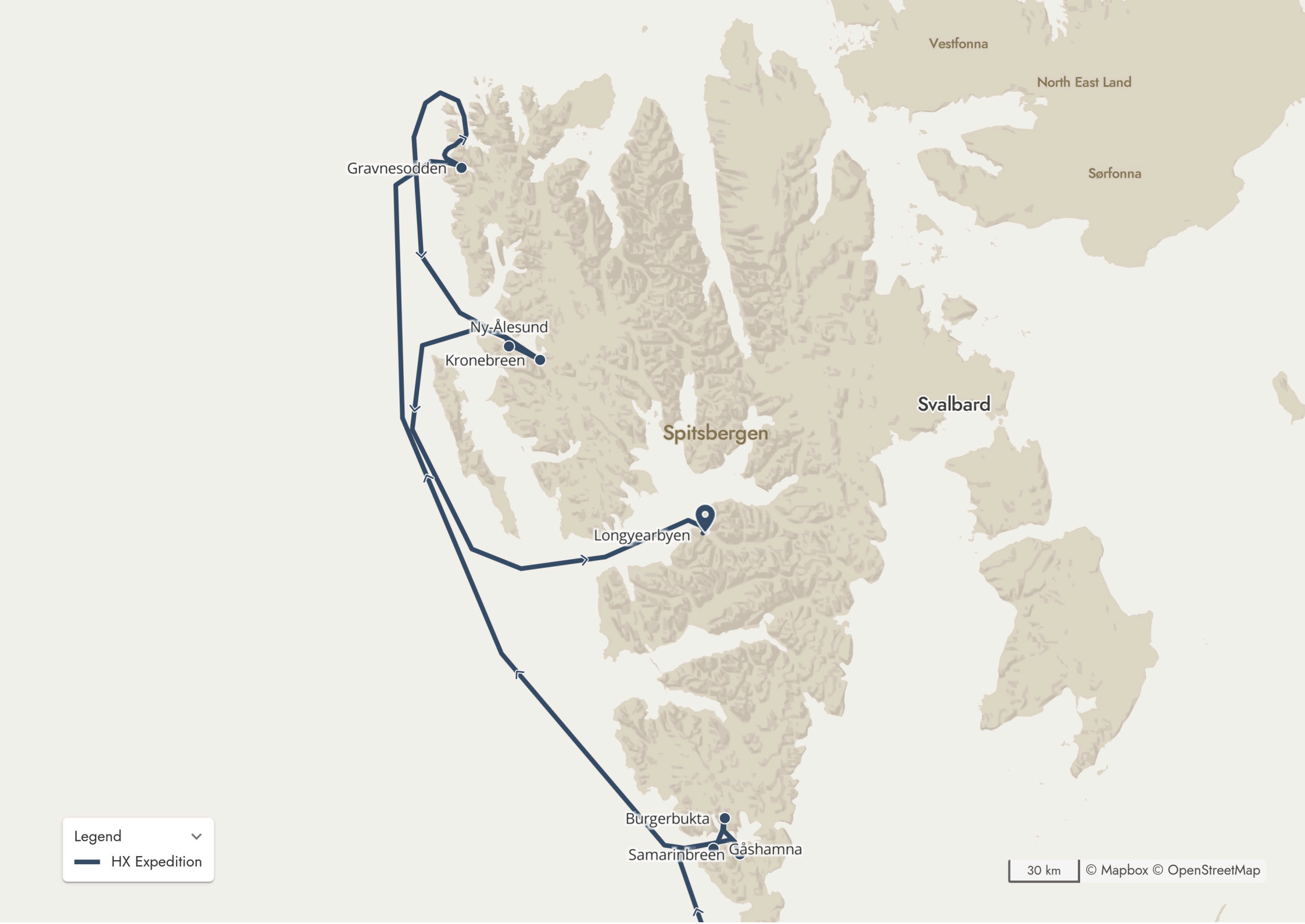


Bear Island

We spent the day at sea heading north and used the time to prepare for the days ahead. The morning began with a wildlife watch on Deck 5, followed by a lecture on Svalbard's geological landscape. Then, some guests participated in the NASA GLOBE Cloud Observer Citizen Science project outside on Deck 7. Others settled into the Knitting Corner, while the animal groups attended the mandatory polar bear safety briefing across two sessions. The afternoon opened

with a half circumnavigation of Bjørnøya ('Bear Island'), where guests gathered on deck to watch the steep cliffs that host colonies of black-legged kittiwakes, common and Brünnich's guillemots, northern fulmars, and Atlantic puffins. Guests then joined the live photo editing session and the lectures on Arctic birds and the Galápagos. We closed the day with the charity auction in the Explorer Lounge.





Vestfonna

North East Land

Sørfonna

Gravnesodden

Ny-Ålesund

Kronebreen

Svalbard

Spitsbergen

Longyearbyen

Burgerbukta

Samarinbreen Gåshamna

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Hornsund

We reached Hornsund in southern Spitsbergen and opened our first day in Svalbard with a Zodiac cruise in front of the Samarinbreen glacier. Boat groups were called in turn from Deck 2, and guests cruised along a long stretch of fast ice that lay across the bay, encountering bearded seals hauled out on the floes and guillemots resting nearby.

In the afternoon, our planned landing at Burgerbukta was set aside

when we spotted a playful polar bear, and everyone gathered on the open decks to watch it. We then relocated to Gåshamna and went ashore there in groups, walking along the bay. Others joined the science boat for sampling. Back on board, we gathered in the Science Centre for the discovery session on what a single drop of water can reveal, and closed the day with the briefing on tomorrow's plans.







Gravnesodden

We sailed into Magdalenefjord in the morning where some guests gathered on Deck 5 for a wildlife watch as the landscape opened up around us. Some attended the short presentation on the polar bear in the Science Centre and the lecture on glaciers in the lecture hall, while others joined the NASA GLOBE Cloud Observer Citizen Science project on Deck 7 or stepped outside on Deck 5 for the scenic approach to Gravnesodden (also known as Gravneset). Those

heading out by kayak collected their gear in preparation for the afternoon.

After lunch, we set off ashore at Gravneset, called by boat groups, while some joined the science boat session and others headed out on the water by kayak. We closed the evening with the briefing for tomorrow's plans and the scenic sailing past Smeerenburg.



Kronebreen & Ny-Ålesund

Many guests started their morning with a Zodiac cruise around Kongsbreen, called to Deck 2 by their boat groups, while others set off from the expedition launch on a kayaking activity. In the afternoon, guests came alongside at Ny-Ålesund and met the Expedition Team on the pier in staggered groups for a guided walk through the settlement, learning about its history as a former mining town and its

current role as a research base. We took time to wander past the Amundsen bust and the mooring mast once used for the airship expeditions to the North Pole, and some guests stopped at the small post office to send a card from the northernmost civilian settlement. Back on board, we gathered on deck for a last look at Kongsfjord as the ship turned south.







Longyearbyen

Our time together drew to a close as our guests disembarked in Longyearbyen, carrying with them the memories, discoveries, and connections gathered along the way. The journey had begun in the late afternoon light of Hamburg, when we cast off along the Elbe and turned north towards open waters. This departure marked the beginning of a voyage shaped by exploration, learning, and the shared anticipation of what lay ahead in the Arctic. As we sailed

along the coast of Norway, the scenery of fjords, mountains, and quiet harbours unfolded around us, offering a sense of the landscapes that would carry us further north. From there, the voyage drew us into Svalbard's long northern light, among glaciers, tundra, and a stillness that settles into memory long after the ship has turned for home.



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