



MS Fram

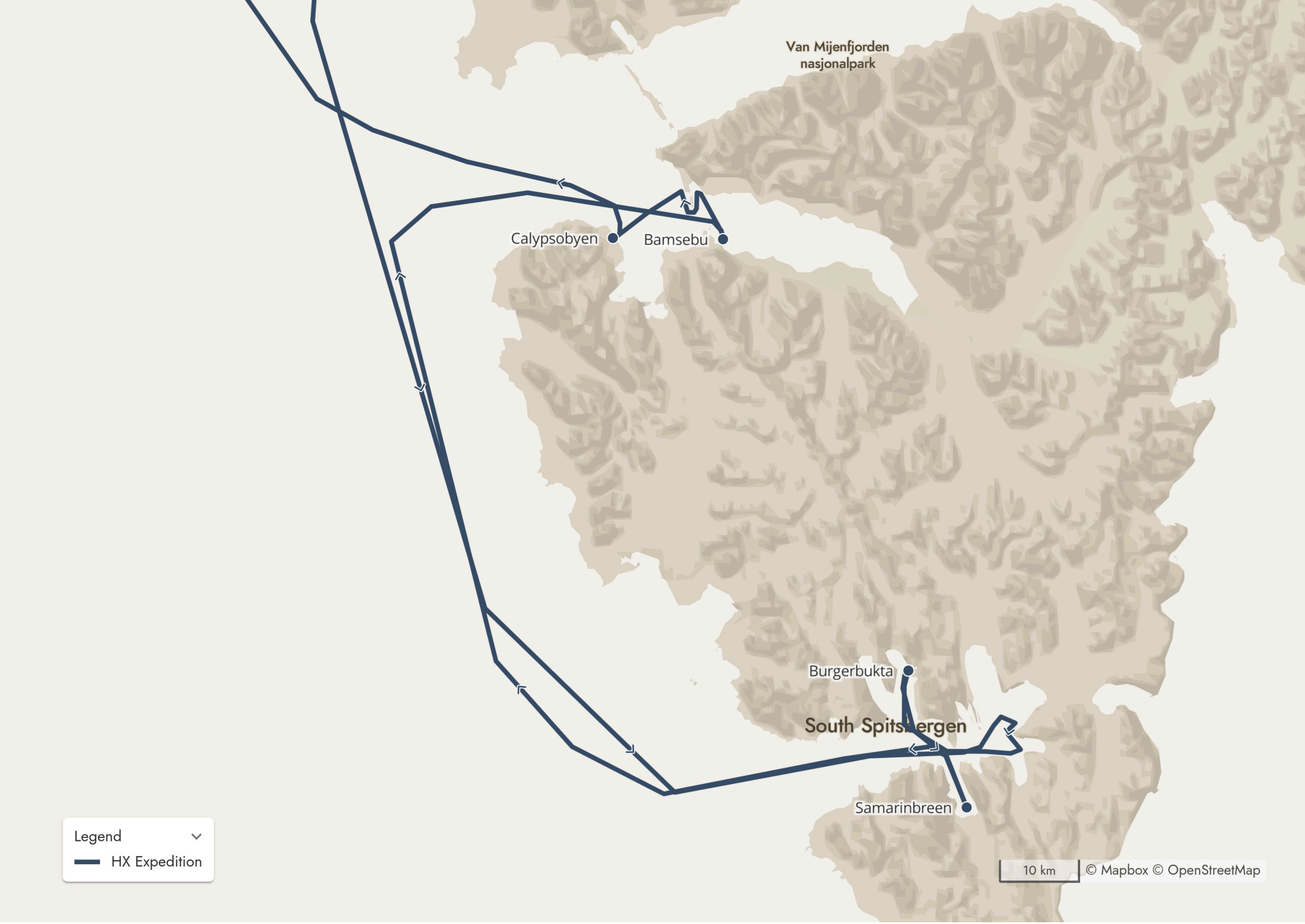
31 May – 7 June 2026

Day 1 – Longyearbyen

Guests boarded MS Fram, the expedition ship that will take them to the great land of the polar bear. The ship is comfortable and cosy, and the crew is welcoming and warm. Once guests had collected

their expedition boots, the Expedition Leader and Hotel Manager delivered the first presentation about life on board. We are ready for the adventure ahead.





Van Mijenfjorden
nasjonalpark

Calypsobyen

Bamsebu

Burgerbukta

South Spitsbergen

Samarinbreen

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10 km © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

Day 2 – Hornsund

During the morning, the Expedition Team delivered important sessions to prepare guests for landings and excursions in the Arctic. Ian gave a general presentation about AECO, and Chad led the session on kayaking. In the afternoon, we aimed for the first landing at Burgerbukta, but the wind was too strong. Instead, we navigated to

a more protected area called Samarinbreen for the first expedition boat cruise. The glacier face stretches for about 7 km, and the geography behind it is truly impressive. It was a great start to the voyage.



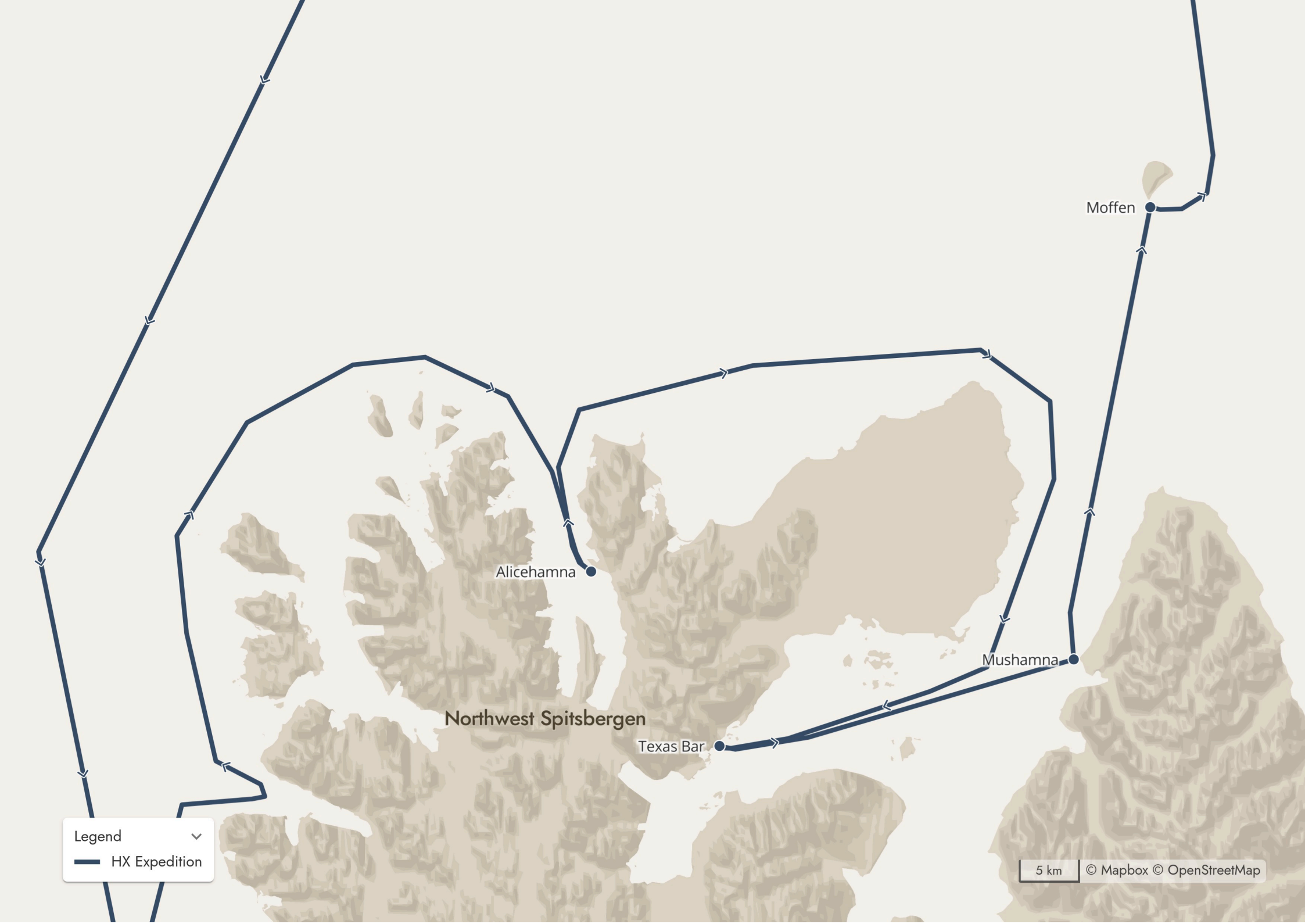
Day 3 – Bellsund

Our excursions on land today were fantastic. During the morning, we visited a hut that has witnessed some of the most iconic historical episodes of Svalbard. Its history spans from trappers and miners to the first two female scientists to overwinter in this place, devoting their

passion and energy to climate science. In the afternoon, we visited an old mining post from the 1800s, where we also found an old radio station used by the Germans during World War II. It felt like a journey through time.







Moffen

Alicehamna

Mushamna

Texas Bar

Northwest Spitsbergen

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5 km © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

Day 4 – Alicehamna

The weather dictated that we skip the morning excursion and look for an alternative, and our revised plan did not disappoint. The afternoon landing site was surrounded by a sublime mountainous Arctic

landscape, full of ice and snow. The highlight was the lookout at the top of the hill, offering a sight that will be etched into memory.



Day 5 – Texas Bar & Mushamna

Even though the idea of a Texas-style bar sounded exotic for these latitudes, we were received by a very cosy hut at the landing site. The weather was favourable and the geography around us was tremendously impressive, with birds nesting all the way up the cliff. During the afternoon, our landing at Mushamna featured even more

trappers' huts. One felt like a one-star accommodation, while the other felt like a five-star accommodation, complete with its own sauna. We were fortunate to spot a walrus close to the landing site, adding to the majestic scenery.

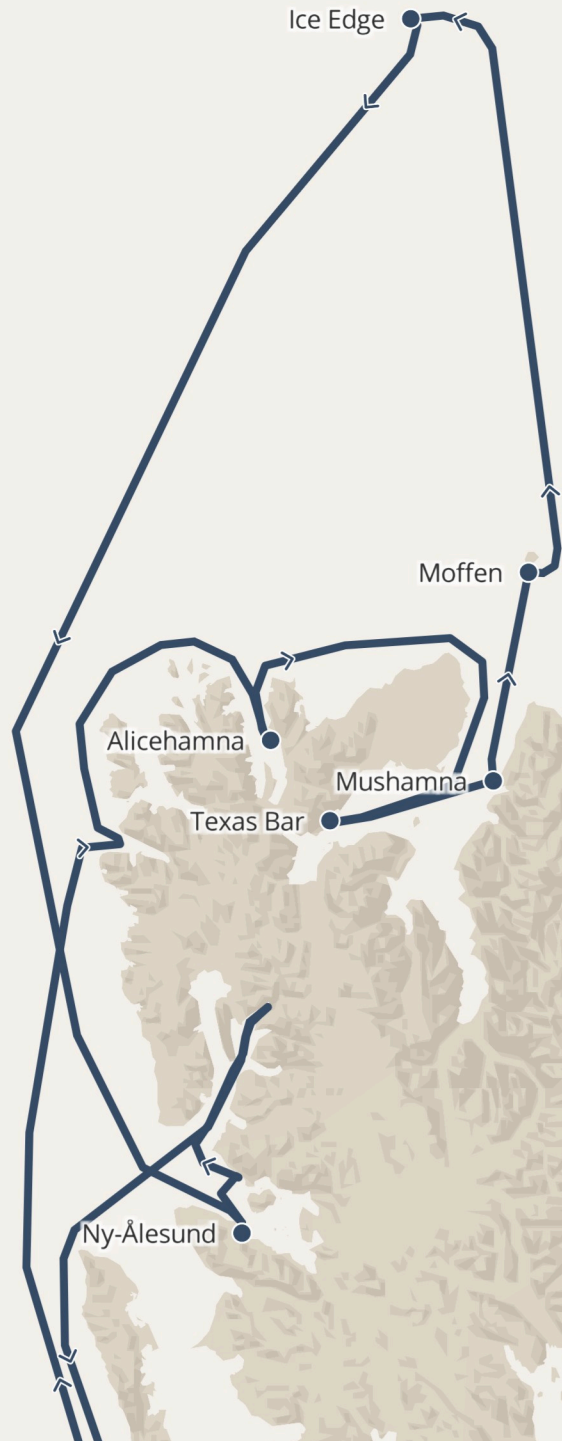






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Spitsbergen

30 km | © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

Vestfonna

Day 6 – Ice Edge

During the morning, guests stayed on board to attend lectures delivered by the Expedition Team. After lunch, we reached the edge of the sea ice. It was the furthest north we had ventured, and looking at the ice from the expedition boats in perfect weather made us

imagine the historical expeditions that attempted to reach the North Pole. Feeling privileged not to endure the hardships those early explorers experienced, we returned to the ship to enjoy a warm beverage and an excellent dinner.



Day 7 – Ny-Ålesund

The northernmost town in the world is perhaps the most charming place we have visited so far on this expedition. The weather once again blessed us with clear skies and warm temperatures, and the Expedition Team led a guided tour to wrap up the voyage. On our

final day on board, we spotted a polar bear walking along the shoreline as we left Ny-Ålesund. Now it is time for guests to pack their bags and attend the Captain's Farewell with the Expedition Team, enjoying one last evening on board the magnificent MS Fram.





Day 8 – Longyearbyen Disembarkation

A wonderful journey has come to an end. We have experienced so much, from landings and cruising to history and wildlife. We look

forward to seeing you back on board for another expedition. Safe travels home.



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