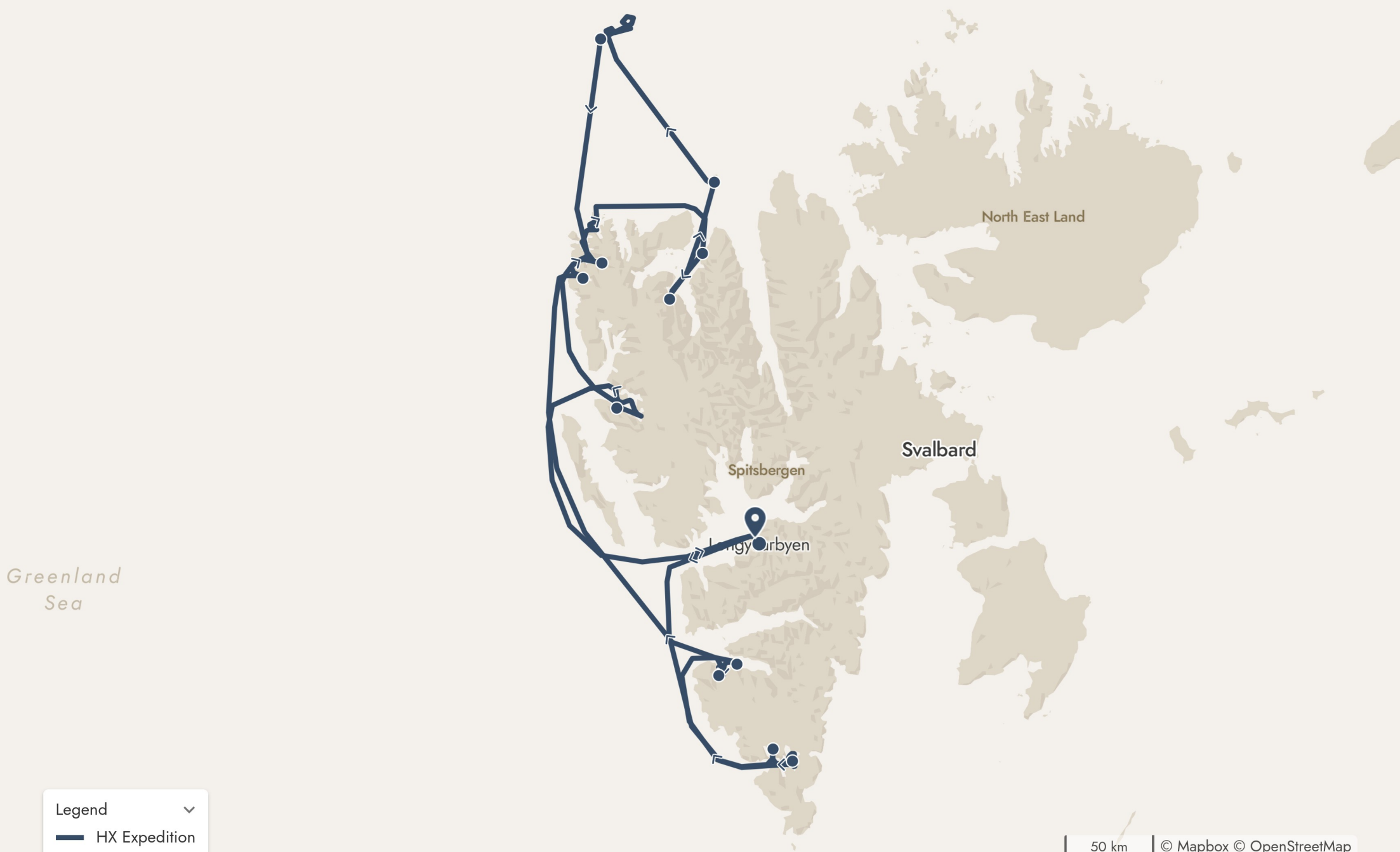




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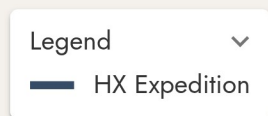


Longyearbyen

Guests boarded MS Fram today, and the ship lived up to its reputation — well-appointed and warm, with a crew ready to welcome every arrival. Once settled, the Expedition Leader and Hotel Manager led the first session of the voyage: an introduction to life on board,

covering what guests could expect in the days ahead. With briefings complete and expedition boots ready, the journey north was about to begin.





Brepollen & Burgerbukta

The morning brought a series of briefings to prepare guests for landings and excursions in the Arctic. The Expedition Team presented the AECO guidelines, and Lara led the kayaking session. After lunch, guests made their first landing at Burgerbukta. Conditions were

favourable, and the wildlife did not disappoint: Arctic terns, gulls, a harbour seal, a bearded seal, possibly a walrus, and — most thrillingly — the fresh footprints of a polar bear.



Bamsebu, Norway - Jun 9, 2026

146.9 km

Asbestodden - Jun 9, 2026

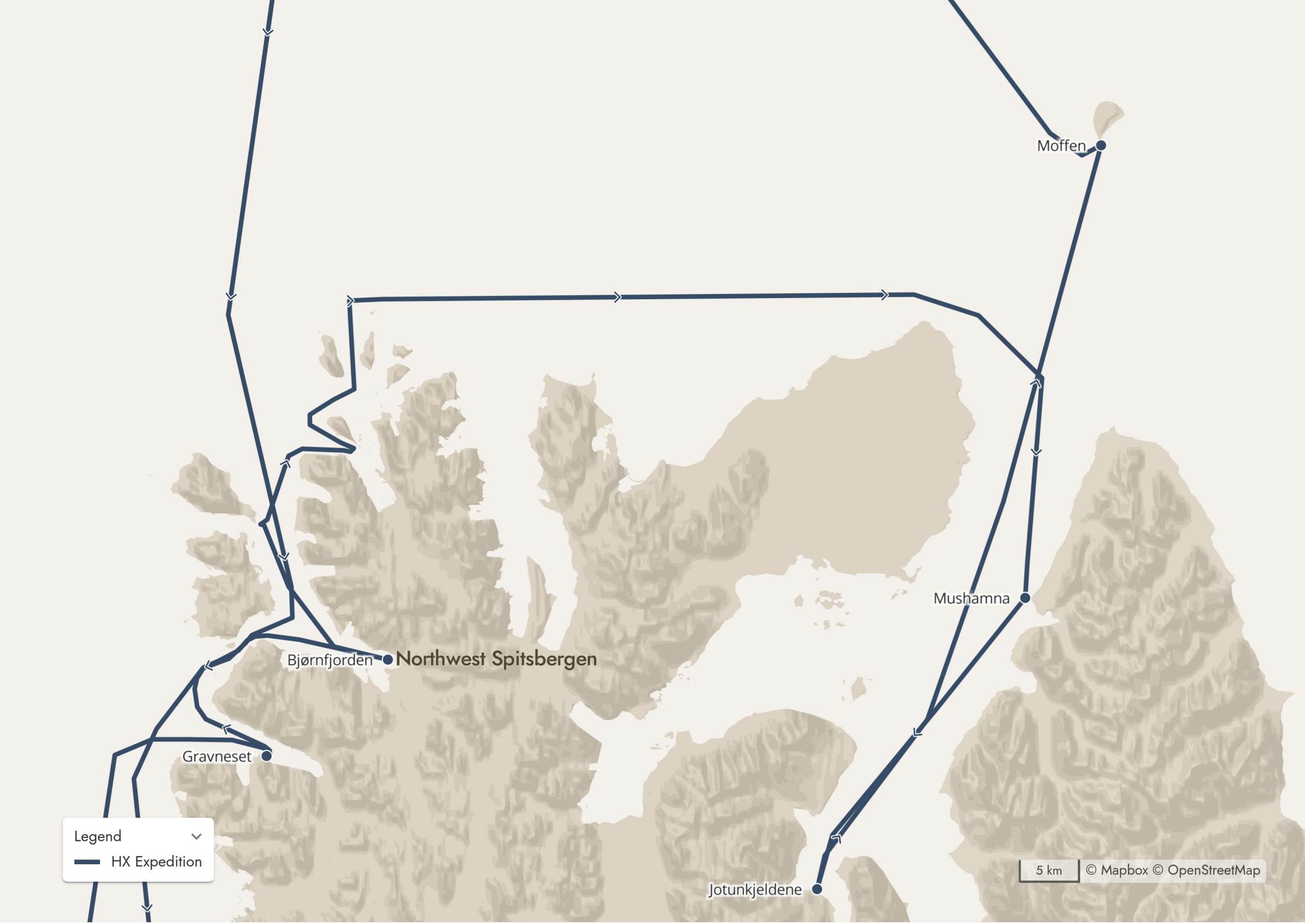
28.4 km

Asbestodden

The morning began with the educational programme — lectures and wildlife watch on deck, led by the Expedition Team. After lunch, with the landing site prepared, guests came ashore at Asbestodden. The terrain opened onto a landscape of Arctic vegetation threaded with

unexpected colour, including flowering plants in full bloom. Some guests spotted reindeer in the distance. The geography here is dramatic in scale, and it drew a collective stillness from all who walked it.





Møffen

Mushamna

Bjørnfjorden • Northwest Spitsbergen

Gravneset

Jotunkjeldene

Legend

HX Expedition

Gravneset & Bjørnfjorden

The day offered two distinct landings. In the morning, guests visited Gravneset — site of the most historically significant cemetery in Svalbard, where 130 whalers who perished here between the early 1600s and the late 1700s are remembered. A light rain did nothing

to diminish the mood; the mountain forms rising around the site are arresting in any weather. The afternoon took guests by expedition boat towards the great glaciers of Bjørnfjorden, their vast faces glowing with deep, hypnotising blues.





Mushamna & Jotunkjeldene

Mushamna delivered real Svalbard conditions. The morning landing brought guests to a site with two trappers' huts — a modest structure from the early 1900s and a larger, better-appointed one from the late 1900s, complete with a sauna. After lunch, the Expedition Team led a guided hike across one of the few volcanic landscapes in Svalbard,

passing one of the area's hot springs. The day closed with an unplanned reward: a course change to pass Moffen Island, where a walrus haul-out had gathered the animals we had not encountered earlier in the voyage.









Legend



— HX Expedition

20 km

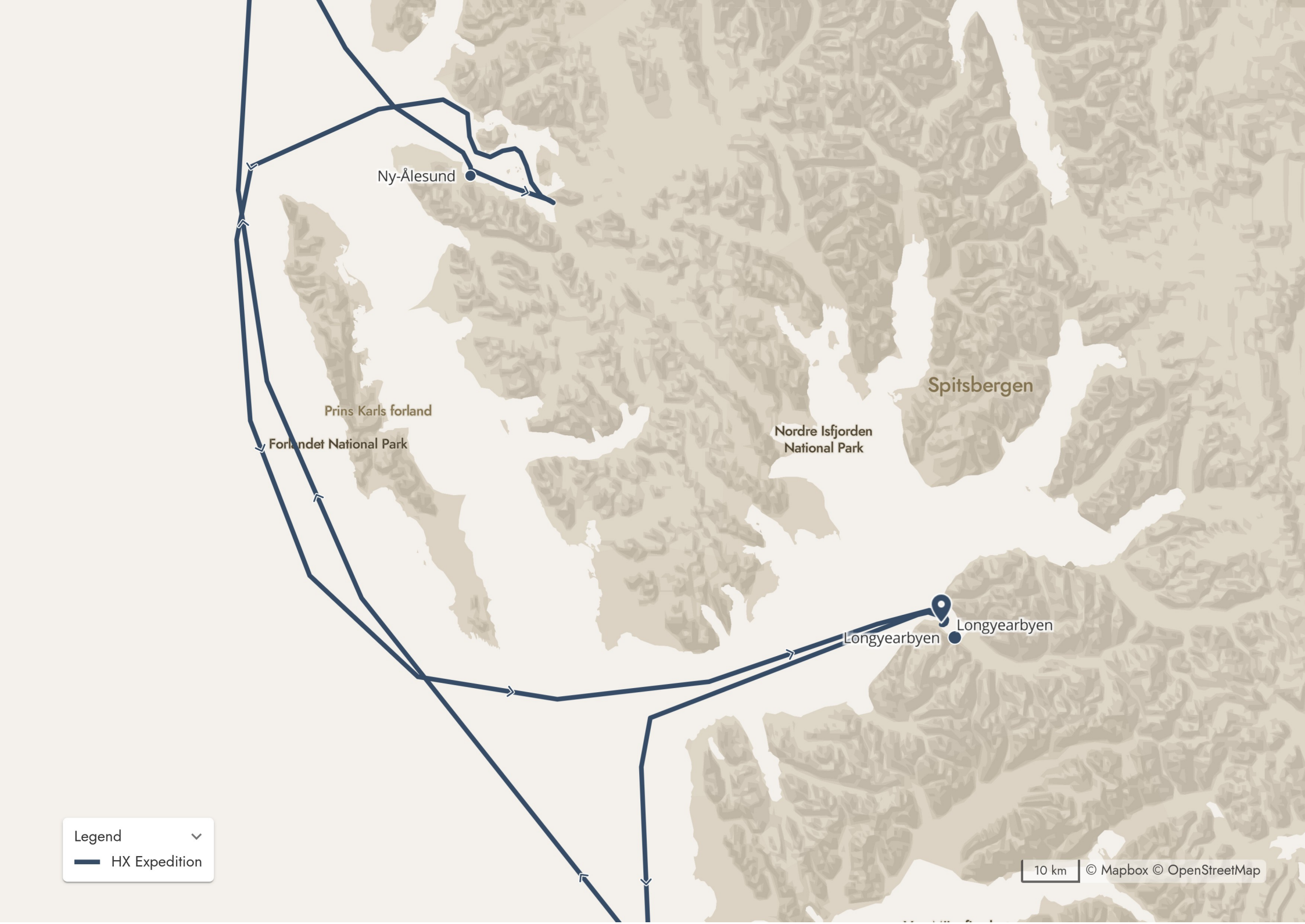
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Ice Edge

The morning passed aboard MS Fram with lectures from the Expedition Team — a fitting preparation for what was to come. After lunch, the ship reached the sea ice: the furthest north of the voyage. Guests took to the expedition boats in near-perfect conditions, drifting along the ice edge as the Arctic stretched away in every direction.

Standing there, it is impossible not to think of the expeditions that pressed toward the North Pole from ice just like this — driven by ambition, underprepared, and often at enormous cost. We felt the weight of that history, and returned to the warmth of the ship with a deeper appreciation for where we were.





Ny-Ålesund

Prins Karls forland

Forlandet National Park

Nordre Isfjorden
National Park

Spitsbergen

Longyearbyen

Longyearbyen

Legend



— HX Expedition

10 km

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Ny-Ålesund

Ny-Ålesund holds a singular distinction — the world's northernmost permanent settlement — and a place that earns its reputation in person. Under clear skies and rare warmth, the Expedition Team led guests through this storied site, its history layered with Arctic ambition

and scientific purpose. A fitting close to the expedition's final full day. That evening, guests gathered for the Captain's Farewell — a last dinner together aboard the magnificent MS Fram.





Longyearbyen Disembarkation

And so the voyage came to its close in Longyearbyen. Guests departed MS Fram carrying more than they had arrived with — not in luggage, but in the kind of knowledge and experience that does not

fade easily. The Expedition Team bid farewell to each guest in turn, grateful for the privilege of sharing these waters. Until the next departure.



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