



Grand Greenland – Mythical Lands of the North

MS Fridtjof Nansen, 4 – 18 July 2026



Greenland

Baffin Bay

Davis Strait

NUNAVUT

Hudson

Iceland

Reykjavik

Legend

HX Expedition

Day 1: Welcome aboard the MS Fridtjof Nansen

Today guests came aboard MS Fridtjof Nansen in Nuuk, ready to sail ahead lay the ice bays of the north. northwards into the Arctic. A day of travel was behind them, and

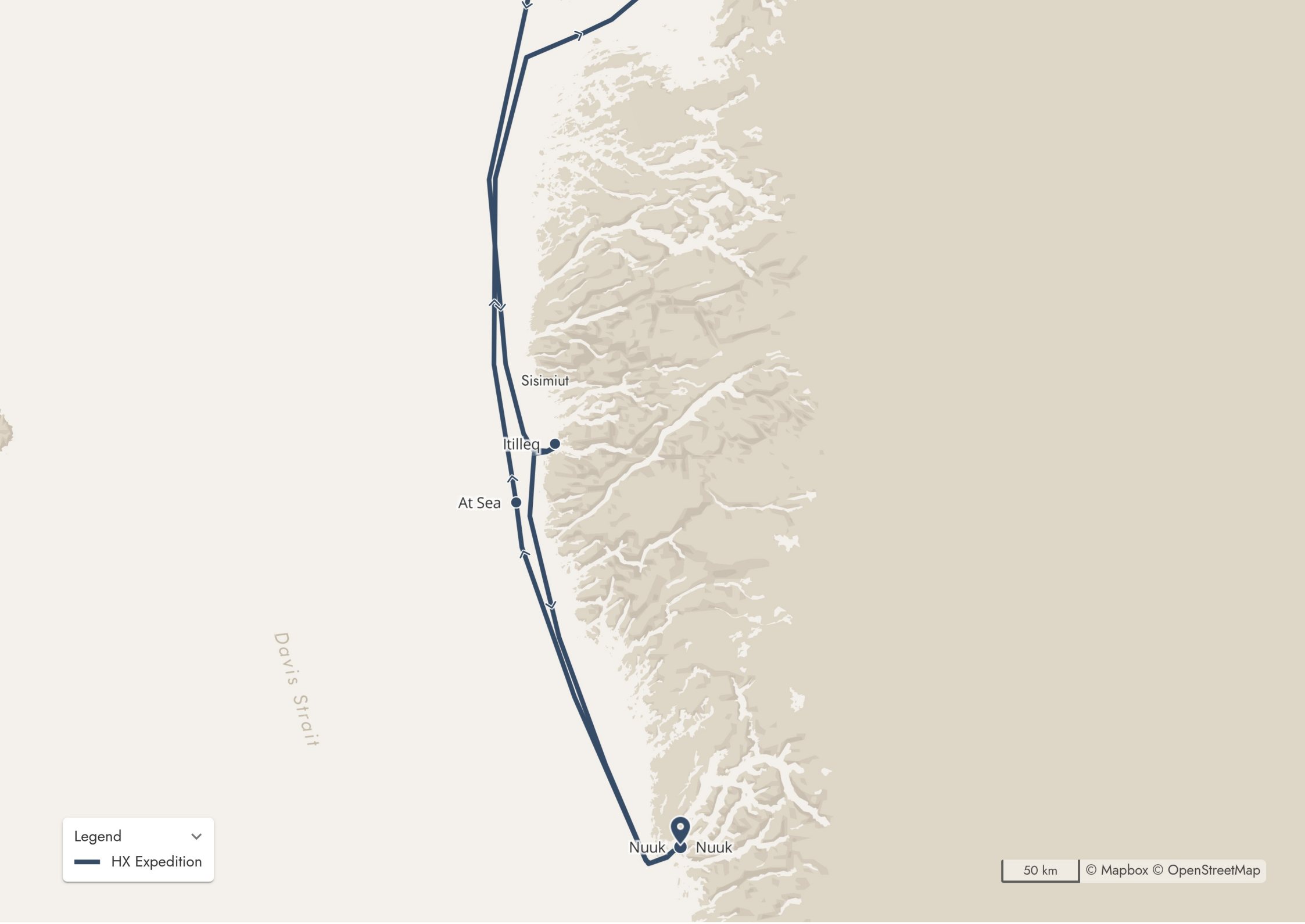


Day 2: At Sea

The day was one of preparation: briefings on excursions, AECO protocols, and an introduction to our science programme. By midday we had passed into the Arctic Circle and were prepared for our first

day in Disko Bay. To close the day, the Captain and his officers joined guests on board to mark the real start of the expedition, as MS Fridtjof Nansen continued north.





Davis Strait

Sisimiut

Itilleq

At Sea

Nuuk

Nuuk

Legend

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50 km | © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

Day 3: Ilulissat

The morning saw us arrive at Ilulissat, where a bay of ice met us as the ship navigated through. Once ashore, various excursions took place, with most off to view the Icefjord on foot, by boat, or by plane.

The views of the Icefjord at the end of the boardwalk were worth the effort, and the Icefjord Centre offered a natural place to rest and learn about Ilulissat and its surroundings.



At Sea

Uummannaq

Disko Island

Qeqertarsuaq

Ilulissat

Legend

HX Expedition

50 km

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Day 4: Uummannaq

Still waters greeted us around the small island settlement of Uummannaq, set deep within the wide Uummannaq Fjord. The community greeted guests with visits to the church, museum, and historical blubber house. Some guests joined a local guide along the

rocky walkway to Santa's hut, located in a small bay away from the settlement. As the day drew to a close, we set off into Baffin Bay to reach the furthest reaches of West Greenland.

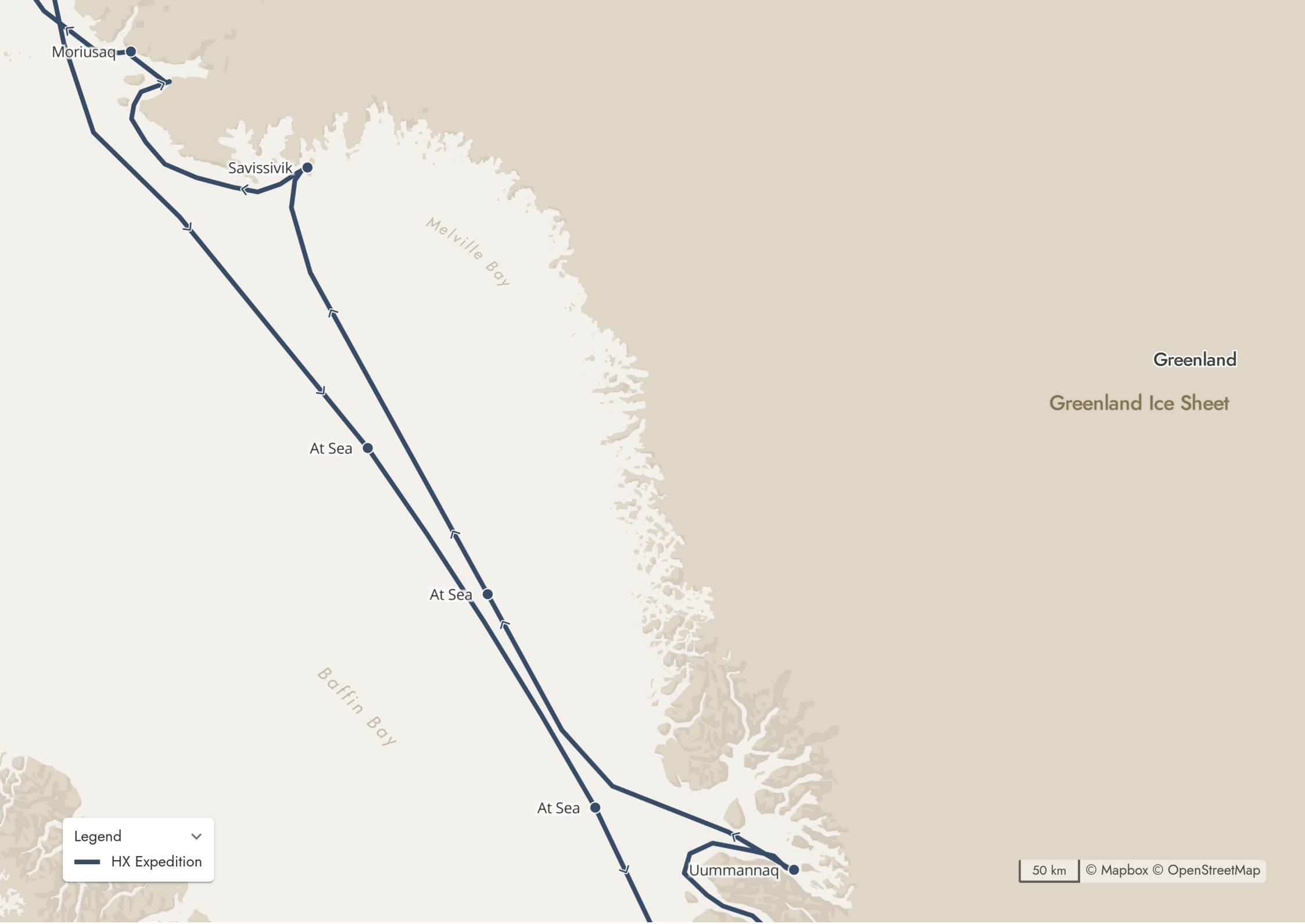


Day 5: At Sea

We sailed across Baffin Bay, and on board there was a range of lectures and workshops covering the ozone layer, Peary's crossing of Greenland, Greenlandic spirits, and the little auks that dominate the

northern waters. The day also marked the 130th anniversary of HX's history, and we thanked guests for joining us on this milestone day.





Moriusaq

Savissivik

Melville Bay

At Sea

At Sea

At Sea

Uummannaq

Greenland

Greenland Ice Sheet

Legend

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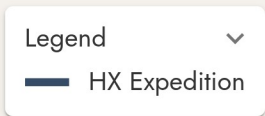
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Day 6: Savissivik

Today marked our first day in the far north. On the edge of Melville Bay, we visited the settlement of Savissivik. The day opened with a snowy expedition boat cruise among the huge icebergs grounded near the settlement. The water was covered in rafts of little auks that

nest in the scree slopes above Savissivik. The afternoon saw us visit the small settlement that owes its existence to the meteorite found on the island and the plentiful supply of auks as a major food source.





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Day 7: Moriusaq

A thick morning fog prevented us from landing at our original site, so we adapted and moved to the abandoned settlement of Moriusaq. Abandoned in 2010, the buildings still stood, and dogs ran free among them throughout the site. We set up a nature landing further

up the coast, where the Arctic tundra opened up: its flora, the distant mountains, and the faint white line of the ice sheet stretching far behind.



Day 8: Etah

The morning found us at the end of Foulke Fjord in a place called Etah. Grazing muskox could be seen on the slopes and the odd Arctic hare loped across the mountains. We started the day with a zodiac cruise getting up close to the little auks that nest all along the northern side of the fjord. Then a lonely muskox rested near the sea

edge, well camouflaged among the rocks. Later we landed and walked over to see the Brother John glacier and the ice covered lake in front of it. Muskox came and went on the edges of the landing throughout the day.





Ellesmere Island

Agassiz Ice Cap

Kane Basin

Kennedy

Ice Edge

Etah

Prince of Wales Icefield

Legend

HX Expedition

Day 9: Ice Edge

We reached our furthest point north here, crossing 79°N as fierce winds pressed against the ship and the ice edge ran as far as the eye could follow. Moving along that wall of ice, the day delivered something remarkable: two polar bears walked towards us across the

floe edge, approaching to investigate before turning and moving off across the sea ice in search of food. Heading south, we spotted seals as MS Fridtjof Nansen lay to in a large ice floe.



Day 10: Qaanaaq

Qaanaaq is the capital of North Greenland, the largest settlement in the region. The community welcomed guests with home visits, kayaking demonstrations by local hunters, drum dance performances, displays of traditional clothing, and access to the museum with its

artefacts dating back to the first Inuit cultures to cross into Greenland. As the day drew to a close, we set our sights south and prepared to leave the far north behind as we sailed towards Disko Island.





Prince of Wales Icefield

Ice Edge

Etah

Qaanaaq

Moriūsaq

Savissivik

Legend

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50 km

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Day 11: At Sea

As we sailed back across Baffin Bay, we held an important ceremony to mark our journey to the far north. A polar baptism, hosted by Njord and Freya — Norse gods played by members of the Expedition

Team — marked the occasion. A sliver of ice down the back and a sip of aquavit was the perfect salute to the ice edge and the wildlife encountered in the north.





Ice Edge

Etah

Qaanaaq

Moriusaq

Savissivik

At Sea

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Uummannaq

Ilulissat

Qeqertarsuaq

Greenland

Baffin Bay

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100 km

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Day 12: At Sea

On our second sea day south, we had a full onboard programme. The day opened with presentations on growing up in Greenland, a Q&A session with the ship's officers, lectures, an Arctic quiz, and, to close,

the HX Foundation charity auction. It was a day to reflect on all we had witnessed in the far north, as we looked ahead to more days in West Greenland.

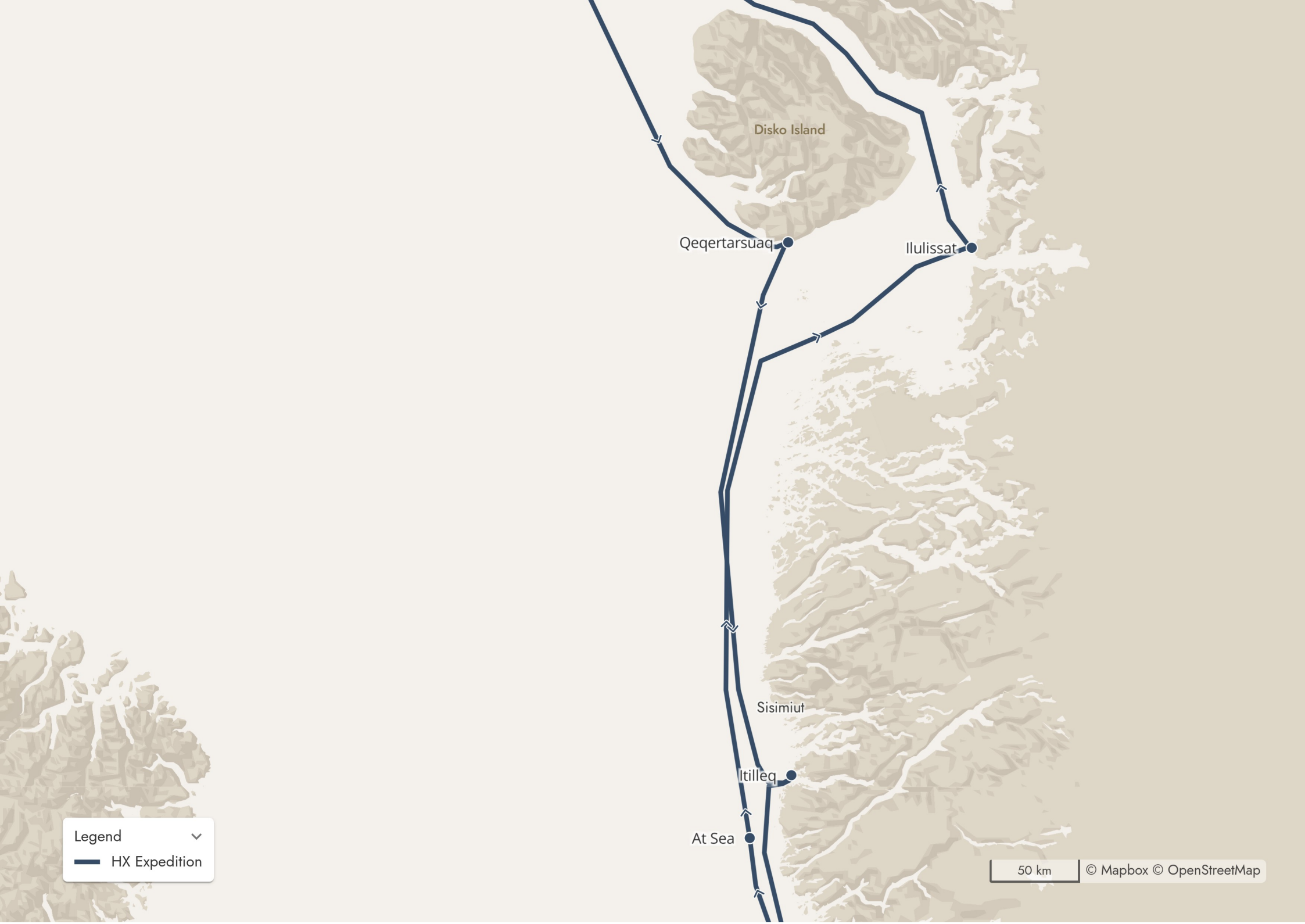


Day 13: Qeqertarsuaq

The island settlement of Qeqertarsuaq sits in the south of Disko Island in a sheltered harbour. The community welcomed us with traditional dancing, including the Greenland Polka. Guests visited the sled dogs,

took hikes to explore the basaltic terrain of the island, and found much to discover around the settlement.





Disko Island

Qeqertarsuaq

Ilulissat

Sisimiut

Itilleq

At Sea

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Day 14: Itilleq

On our final day of this voyage, we visited the small settlement of Itilleq, perched on a rocky island at the entrance of a fjord with the same name. The community opened the doors of many houses to us and we took part in a Kaffemik. After the home visits were complete,

the village went up against the ship in a friendly game of football. After a hard-fought match, the hosts were victorious, winning 5–3. With the match decided, MS Fridtjof Nansen set off for our final port of call in Nuuk.





Thank you, Farewell & Safe Travels

Today guests bade farewell to the ship that had been home for two weeks — a vessel that had carried them into the far north of Greenland, among the wildlife, the ice, and the communities that few

ever reach. We hope the journey stays with you long after the land fades from view. Thank you, and we hope to see you again.





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