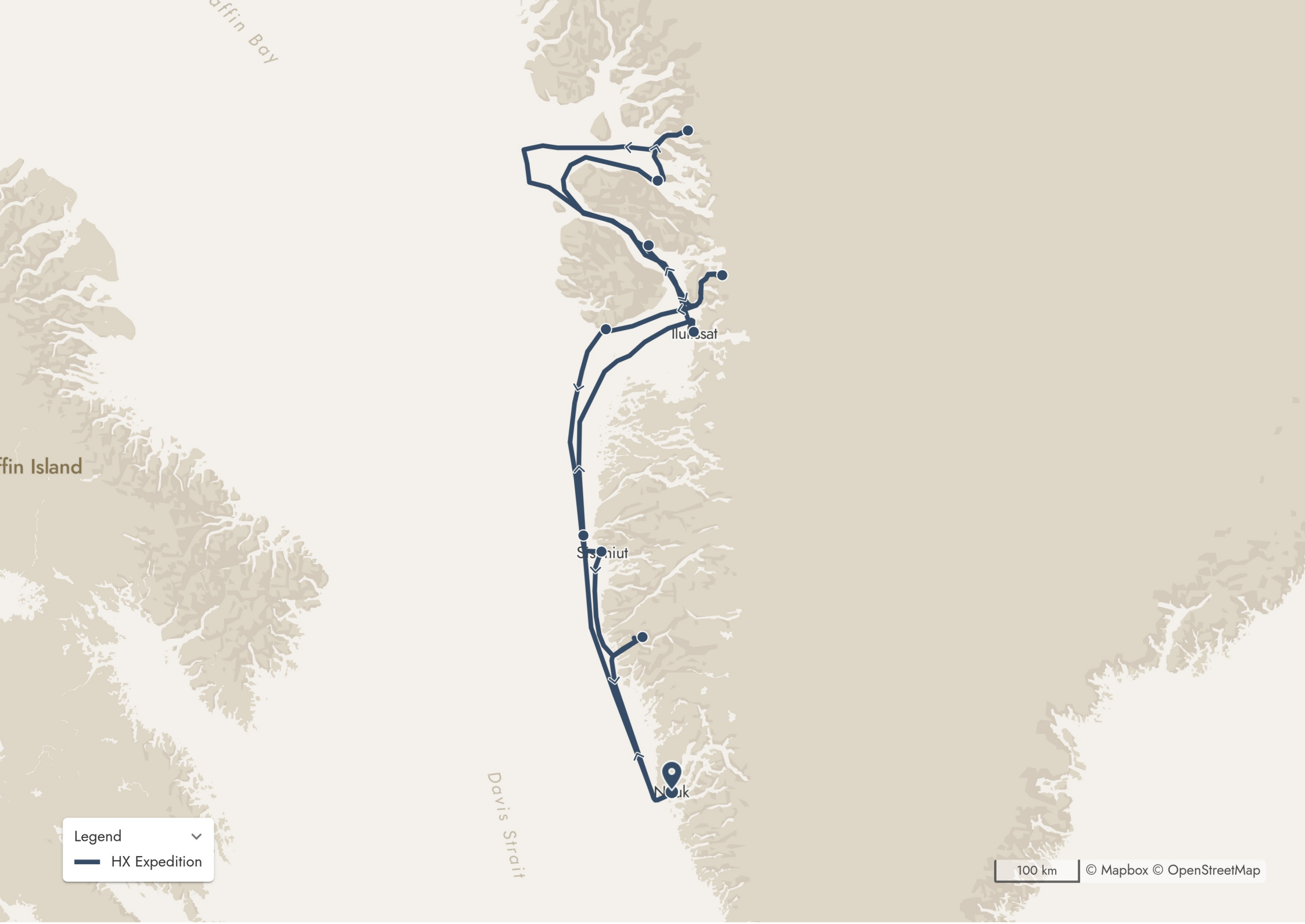




Grand Greenland – The Icy Giants of Disko Bay

MS Fridtjof Nansen, 24 June – 4 July 2026



Siffin Bay

Siffin Island

Ilulissat

Søndby

Narsarsuaq

Davis Strait

Legend

HX Expedition

Day 1: Welcome on Board MS Fridtjof Nansen

After guests flew into Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, we welcomed them on board our hybrid-powered expedition vessel, MS Fridtjof

Nansen. Once everyone was aboard, we sailed away from the capital and turned northwards to begin our expedition.



Day 2: At Sea

The day was given over to preparation and briefings. Guests received AECO guidelines on travelling in the Arctic, were fitted with rubber boots, and heard a welcome address from the Expedition Leader and Hotel Manager. The crossing of the Arctic Circle was marked in style,

with the Norse gods Njord and Freya making their traditional appearance on deck. The day rounded off with a formal welcome from Captain Raymond Martinsen and his officers — all while we sailed north towards our first destination.



Day 3: Ilulissat

Our first community stop was Ilulissat, and the voyage announced itself with ice. Dense pack surrounded the ship as we set out for a day of excursions, the immense Ilulissat Icefjord explored from both shore and expedition boat. As the day progressed, ice moved in and forced

a change to operations — an unplanned expedition boat cruise among the floes that turned into one of the day's most memorable moments for many guests.



Day 4: Uummannaq

With a polar wind building, we visited Uummannaq, a settlement perched on a rocky island with the heart-shaped mountain that towers above it hidden in the clouds. We explored the community with the

museum, dog yards, historic blubber house, and views of the giant postbox. As the day ended, we sailed deeper into the fjord, the mountains ahead promising our first full exploration day.



Day 5: Maamorilik Mine

Our first full exploration day brought us to the abandoned Black Angel mine at Maamorilik. We landed among the remnants of the marble quarry and the old mining operation that once carved into the mountain towering above the ship — a place where industry and wilderness have quietly exchanged places. In the afternoon, we set

out on an expedition boat cruise into the adjacent fjord, high mountains rising on either side and a green valley opening at its far end. What stayed with us most was the sheer scale of the mountains and the varied geology laid bare along their edges.



Day 6: Atanikerdluk

A windy morning greeted us in Vaigat Sound as we landed at Atanikerdluk or Camp Mario as it is sometimes known. The flat beach stretched between the two bays. Thule-era remains lay scattered

around the site, and the skeleton of a bowhead whale commanded attention at the far end of the beach. Giant icebergs in the distance rose higher than some hills.



Day 7: Eqip Sermia

We drew close to the glacier face of Eqip Sermia, beginning the morning with an expedition boat cruise through the brash ice that had broken from the vast ice wall. Small calving events punctuated the hours as we watched the glacier's slow architecture at work. Later in the day, a larger calving event sent waves rolling along the shoreline

and briefly paused operations. When we landed, the sun was high and the mosquitoes plentiful — a well-vegetated stretch of land extended back from the shore, and a rich variety of flowering plants covered the ground, all with the glacier filling the view behind.



Day 8: Qeqertarsuaq

Qeqertarsuaq welcomed us with something unexpected: polka. The town on the south coast of Disko Island opened its doors and its music, and the dancing set a warm tone for the day. Guests spread out from there — some hiking along the coast, others paying a visit to the dog yards or simply walking the streets of the settlement. Giant

icebergs had grounded near the shore, their mass dwarfing the football pitch below and holding the eye wherever you stood. Small ponds around the town sheltered a variety of bird species, and the local museum offered a considered account of the island's history.



Day 9: Sisimiut

On the penultimate day of the voyage, we visited Sisimiut, the second largest settlement in Greenland. Guests spread out across the town — some joining guided walks, others driving ATVs into the surrounding wilderness, and a further group taking boat trips to UNESCO-listed

sites in the area. The town offered a vivid portrait of Greenland in motion: its industries expanding, its infrastructure growing, and its population engaged with a future taking shape rapidly around them.



Day 10: Evighedsfjord

On the final day of the expedition, we travelled deep into Evighedsfjord — the Eternity Fjord — and anchored before a glacier. Expedition boats were lowered and we set off to take in the ice wall from the water. A seabird colony worked the cliffs near the ship, kittiwakes and guillemots calling loudly to one another across the rock

face. The day closed with a local visit and Greenlandic tea, before we sailed south out of the fjord towards Nuuk. Captain Raymond Martinsen bade farewell and offered his thanks to everyone aboard for joining us on this expedition through the west coast of Greenland.





Farewell and Safe Onward Travels

We bade you farewell from everyone aboard MS Fridtjof Nansen. We hope the west coast of Greenland has stayed with you — and that what you witnessed here continues to resonate long after you are

home. We wish you a safe onward journey and hope to welcome you back on expedition one day.





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