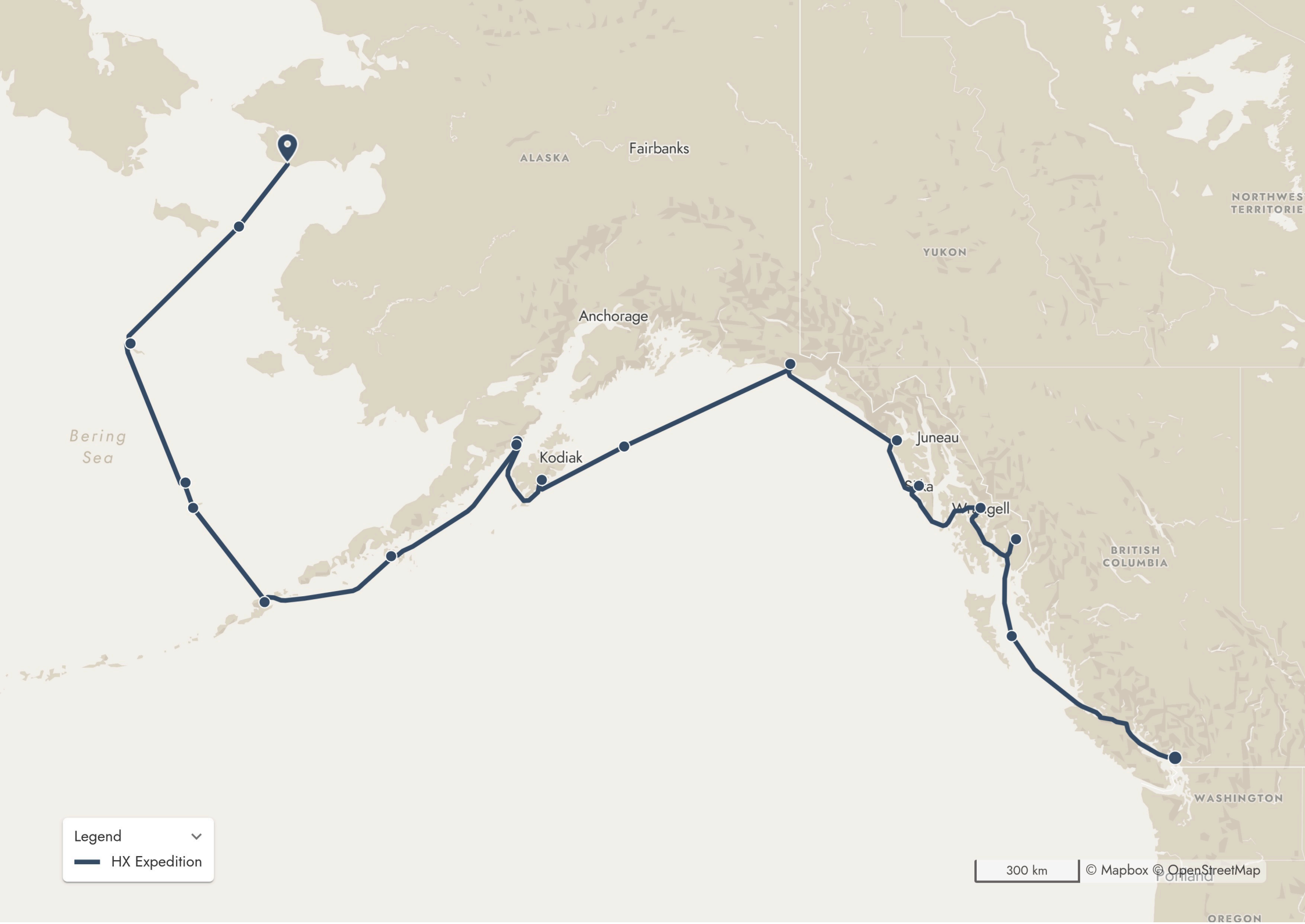




Alaska and British Columbia – Inside Passage, Bears and Aleutian Islands (Northbound)

MS Roald Amundsen, 25 July – 11 August 2026



Day 1 – Vancouver

Guests were welcomed on board MS Roald Amundsen by the friendly crew, always smiling and ready to assist with any question. After settling in and exploring the public areas, guests attended the

mandatory safety briefing, where the Expedition Team modelled the bright orange survival suits. With the Vancouver skyline falling away behind us, we turned north and prepared for the adventures ahead.





Wrangell

Misty Fjords National
Monument Wilderness

Ketchikan

Terrace

Kitimat

Prince George

Quesnel

At sea: Inside Passage

Campbell River

Vancouver Island

Vancouver

Surrey

Victoria

Dawson Creek

Grande Prairie

BRITISH
COLUMBIA

Legend

— HX Expedition

100 km

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Day 2 – At sea: Inside Passage

Our first full day was spent at sea, sailing along the coast of Canada and Vancouver Island. It was a busy one. Guests collected their boots

and patches, attended sessions on photography, and spent time out on deck scanning the water for wildlife.





Misty Fjords National
Monument Wilderness

Ketchikan

Gravina Island

Metlakatla

Legend

HX Expedition

10 km

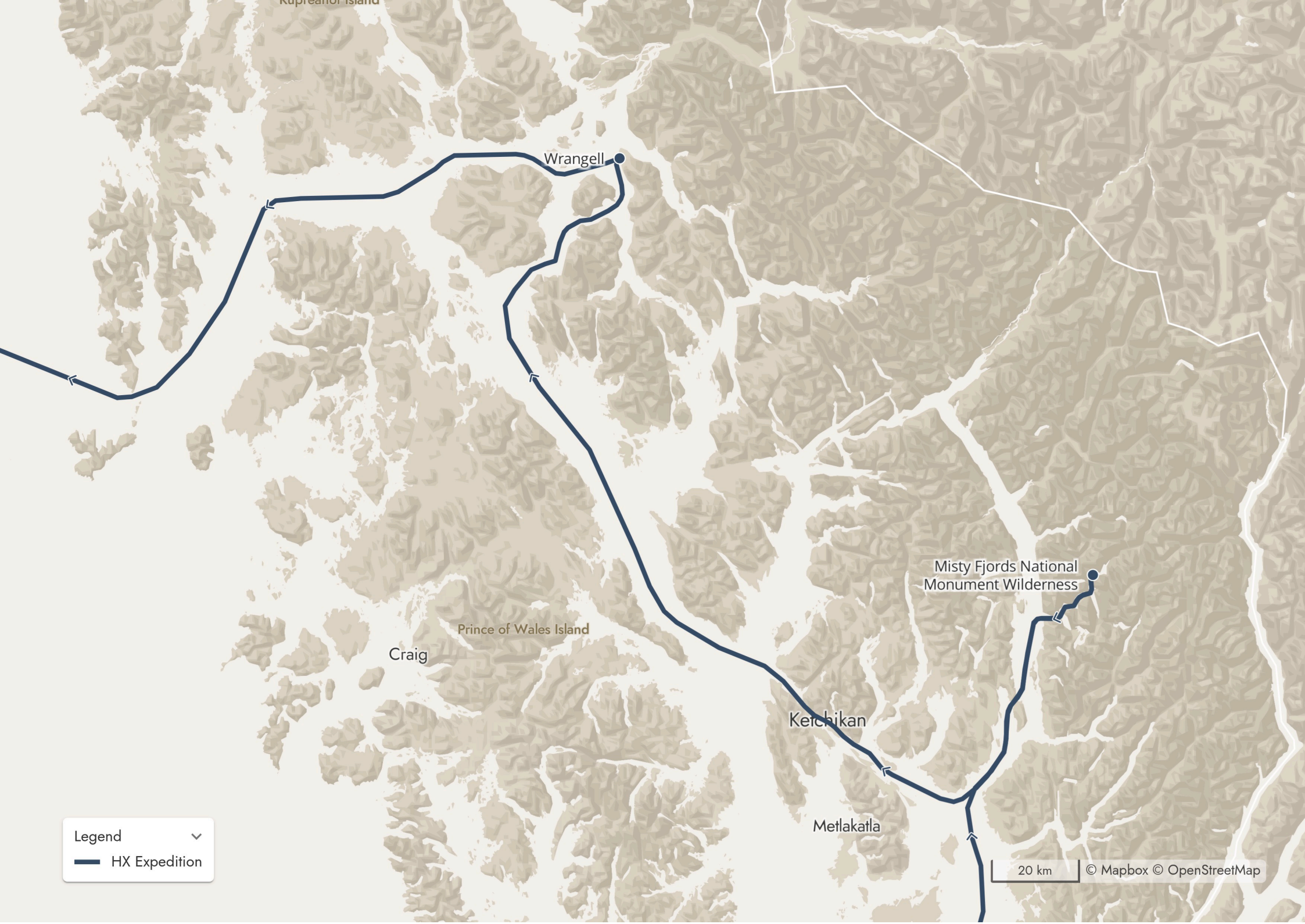
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Day 3 — Misty Fjords National Monument Wilderness

The waters were calm, and the looming granite walls of Misty Fjords — 2,000–3,000 ft (609–914 m) — rose clear on either side. The Expedition Team led expedition boat cruises deep into the fjords. At the river mouth, seals gathered in numbers, while marbled murrelets whistled in the background and bald eagles watched the boats come

and go. The infamous mist came and went, softening the walls one moment and revealing them the next. Cedar, spruce, hemlock, salmonberry, ash, elderberry, and alder cloaked the hills along the shoreline, introducing guests to the temperate rainforest of Tongass National Forest.





Wrangell

Craig

Prince of Wales Island

Ketchikan

Metlakatla

Misty Fjords National
Monument Wilderness

Legend

HX Expedition

Day 4 – Wrangell

Guests spent a sunlit day in Wrangell. Many walked up to Mount Dewey, where bushes full of berries lined the path to the viewpoint over the town. The museum offered a glimpse into the history and

daily life of the place, with furs to touch and models of every salmon species. On the beach, guests searched for petroglyphs, while others joined excursions offering further exploration around the area.

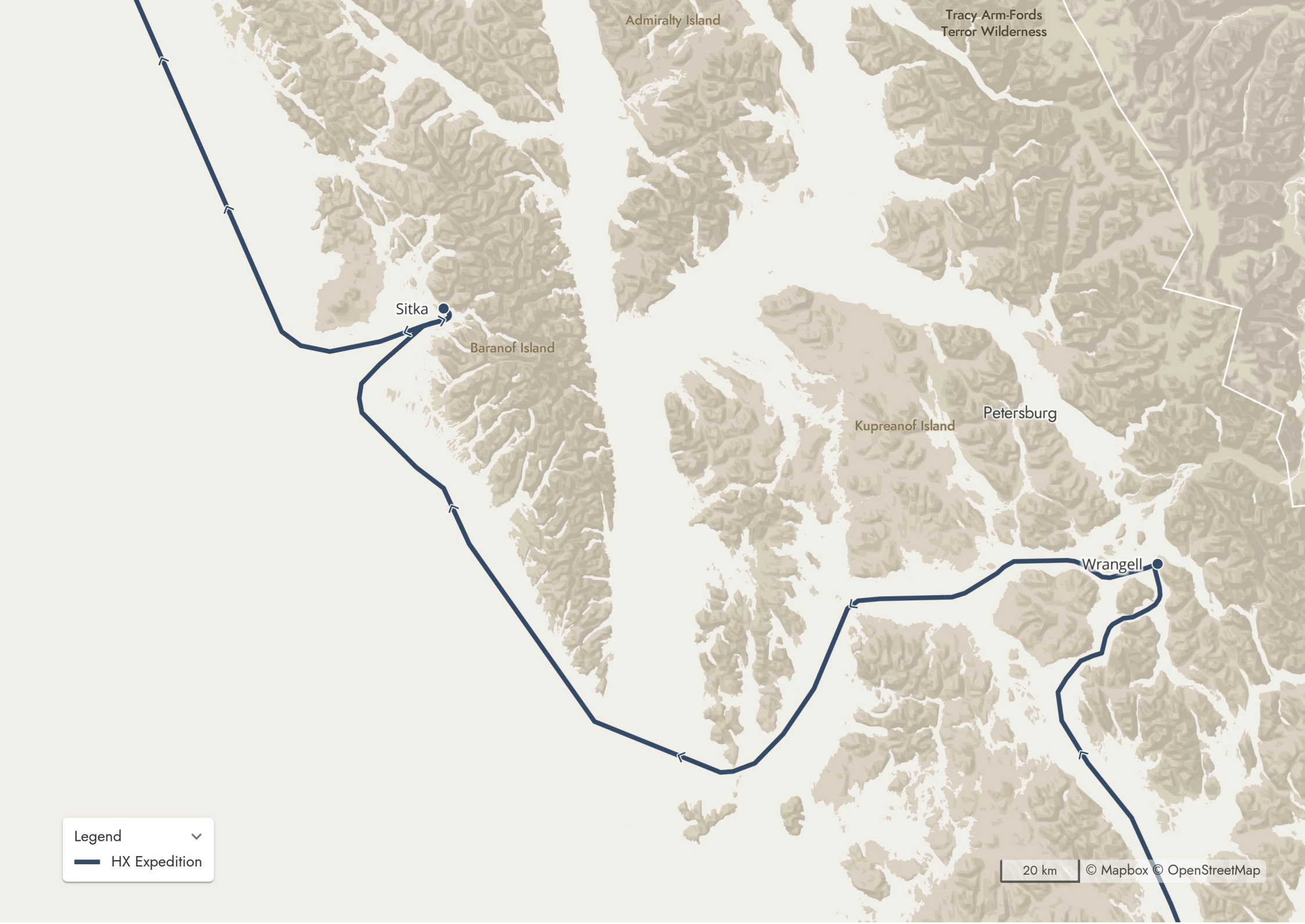


Day 5 – Sitka

In Sitka, guests could see salmon jumping in the harbour and swimming upstream in the river, watched closely by massive bald eagles perched in the trees above. The totem park stood among tall

trees, its colourful poles lining paths edged with salmonberry, flowers, and blueberry bushes where squirrels hid. As we sailed out from Sitka, sea lions, murre, and a glowing sunset closed the day.





Admiralty Island

Tracy Arm-Fords
Terror Wilderness

Sitka

Baranof Island

Kupreanof Island

Petersburg

Wrangell

Legend

— HX Expedition

20 km

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Inian Islands & Elfin Cove

Elfin Cove

Legend

— HX Expedition

500 m | © Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

Day 6 – Inian Islands & Elfin Cove

Sunshine, light winds, and calm seas set the stage for an expedition boat cruise. Sea otters wrapped in kelp forests preened themselves and their young, feeding on molluscs and echinoderms pulled from the rich tidal waters. Nearby, sea lions surged in feeding frenzies as tidal currents raced through the narrow channels, creating immense

upwelling. Black-legged kittiwakes called out, audible despite the loud growling of the sea lion haulout. Meanwhile, guests explored the village of Elfin Cove, walking the boardwalk and searching for hidden troll statues along the trails.



Day 7 — Tsaa Fiord, Icy Bay

Wrangell—St. Elias Mountains welcomed us as we emerged from the marine fog. Mount Saint Elias, rising 18,008 ft (5,489 m), towered above us, showing its expansive vertical relief — one of the largest on Earth. Up the bay, 30 miles (48 km) into fjords formed by receding glaciers, a muddy, glacier-silt waterfall flowed 400 ft (122 m) at the

face of Tsaa Glacier. Cruising the shoreline in expedition boats, we spotted mountain goats chewing on alders and soaking up the sunshine. We examined growlers — small fragments of ice — for density and colour, listened to the crackling of melting icebergs, and took in the dramatic landscape.





Kluane National
Park and Reserve

Tsaa Fiord, Icy Bay

Russell Fiord
Wilderness

Yakutat

Tatshenshini-Alsek
Provincial Park

Glacier Bay
National Park

Inian Islands & Elfin Cove

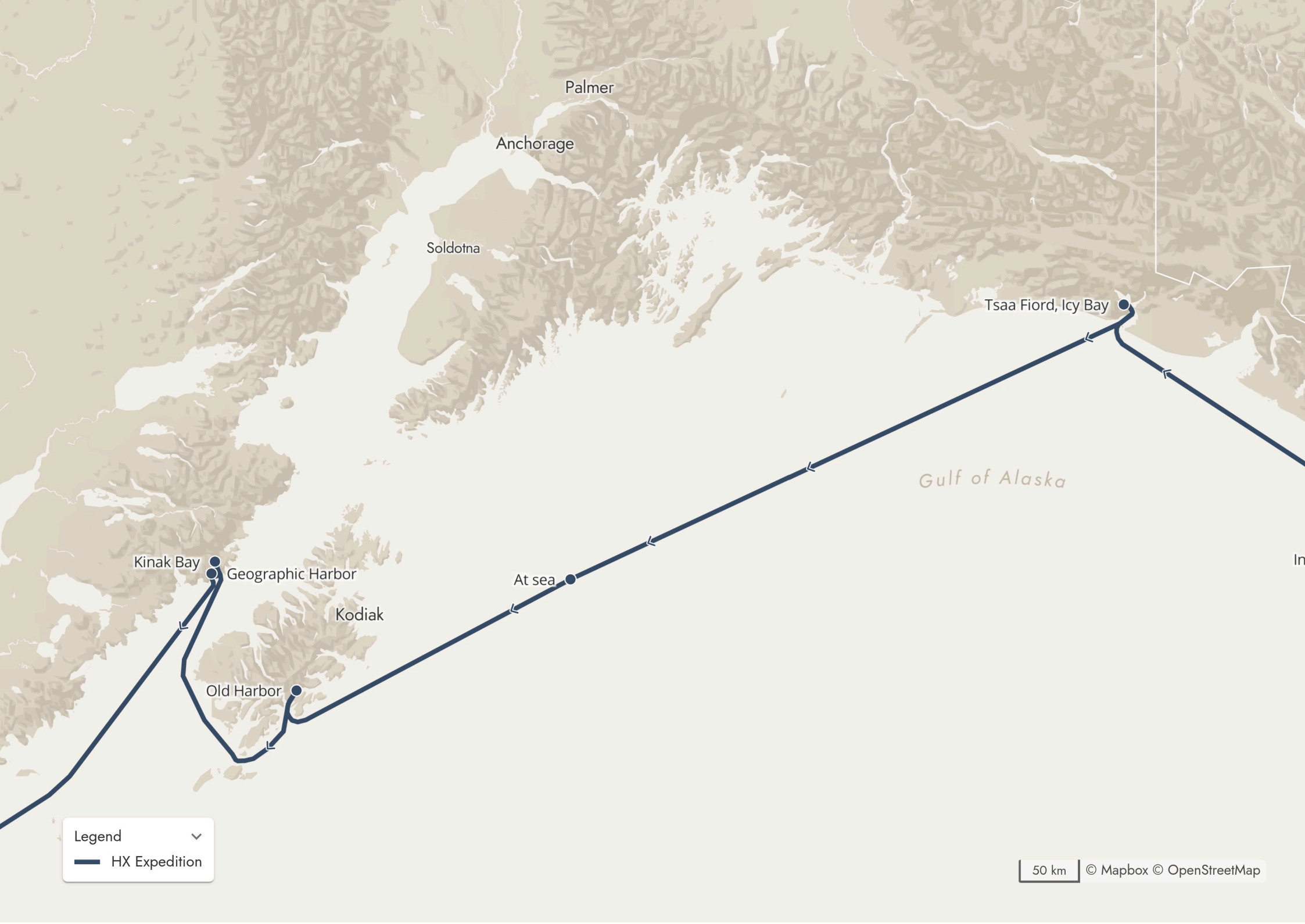
Gulf of Alaska

Legend
HX Expedition

30 km

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Chicago



Palmer

Anchorage

Soldotna

Tsaa Fiord, Icy Bay

Gulf of Alaska

Kinak Bay

Geographic Harbor

Kodiak

Old Harbor

At sea

Legend

— HX Expedition

50 km

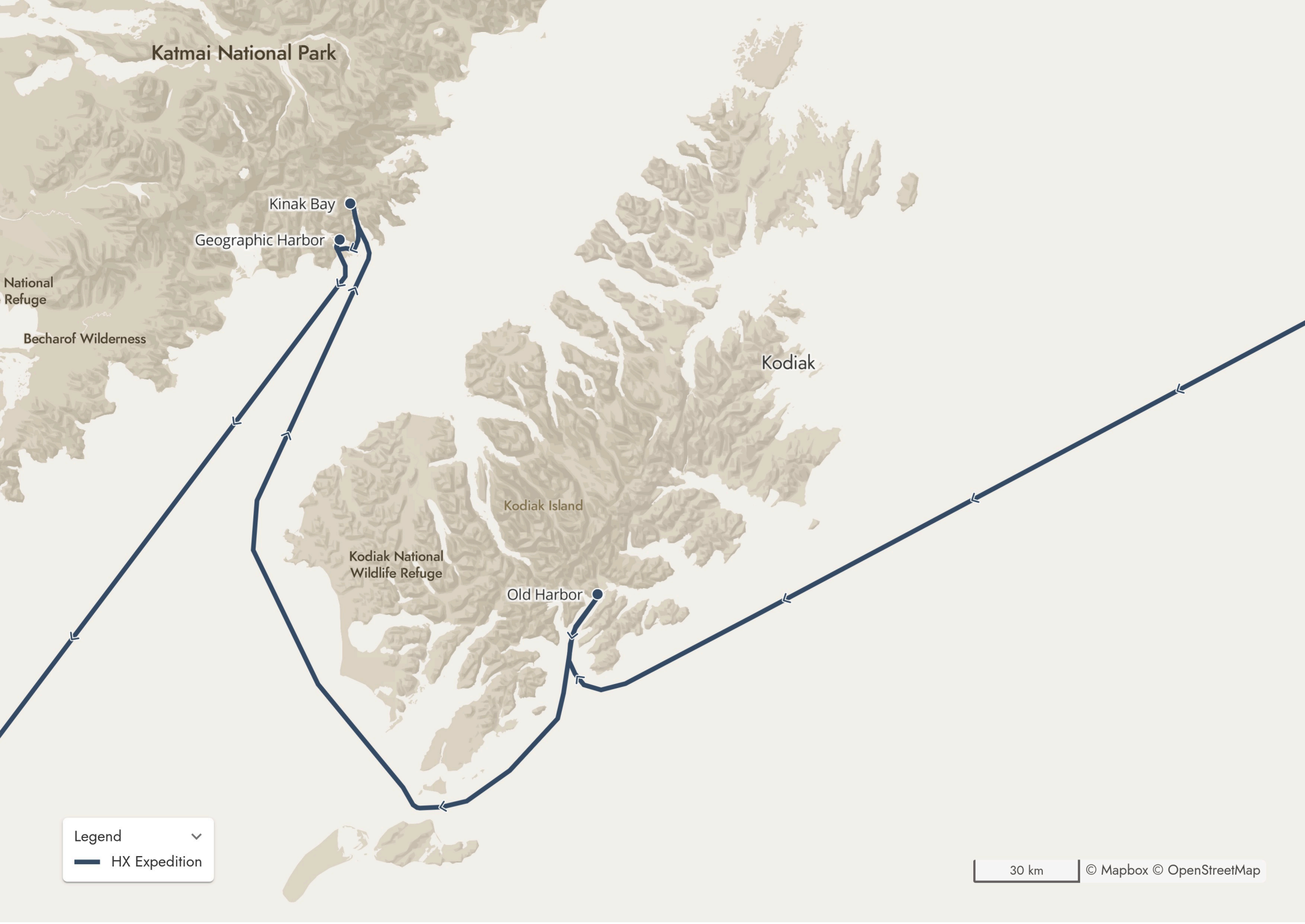
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Day 8 — At sea

After many days of exploration, guests enjoyed a day at sea with time for reflection, lectures, and workshops. The great salmon hunt proved a fine challenge — solving riddles to find numbered salmon hidden

all over the ship. On deck, northern fulmars, fork-tailed storm-petrels, and the occasional puffin and black-footed albatross flew by. Those on wildlife watch were rewarded with a fin whale and a sunfish.





Katmai National Park

Kinak Bay

Geographic Harbor

National
Refuge

Becharof Wilderness

Kodiak

Kodiak Island

Kodiak National
Wildlife Refuge

Old Harbor

Legend

— HX Expedition

30 km

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Day 9 – Old Harbor

The day in Old Harbor was special for HX and MS Roald Amundsen, and for the community, as MS Roald Amundsen had the honour of being the first cruise ship to visit since the early 1990s. The community had organised stops around town where guests could learn about the life, history, and nature of the area, and watch the foxes that lingered nearby. A group drum-danced in regalia by a

replica of a traditional house near the beach. Guests visited the farm for a tour of the lush greenhouses. In the community centre, they enjoyed chowder and browsed stalls with crafts, food, and archaeological artefacts. As the fog lifted throughout the day, the green mountainous landscape revealed itself.



Day 10 — Kinak Bay

The mist did not deter guests from exploring the deep glacial fjord of Kinak Bay. The landscape — shaped by active subduction tectonics, local basalt columns, significant 1912 volcanic ash and pumice deposits, and rare coastal cannell coal outcrops — surrounded us on

all sides. The tidal river of Kinak Bay offered further opportunity to find coastal brown bears foraging on sedges and grass, kingfishers swooping low along the water, and harbour seals gathered around the river mouth. Guests even spotted a moose.





Kinak Bay

Geographic Harbor

Legend

HX Expedition

2 km

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Day 11 – Geographic Harbor

Guests hoping to see bears were not disappointed — 10 or more coastal brown bears were observed during a morning of expedition boat cruising through several bays and a lagoon within Katmai National Park and Preserve. From cubs of the year to yearlings,

quadruplets, adolescents, and sows to large males, the bears were feeding, resting, splooting, and digging in the tidal flats. These animals held our attention throughout. Nor should we forget the scoters, eagles, and marbled murrelets sharing the waters.



Day 12 - Unga

Passing through rich and productive waters, we witnessed large aggregations of short-tailed shearwaters, numerous puffins, fulmars, and fin whales. As we approached Unga village, humpback whales shared the waters and continued to feed while guests began their

exploration of the ghost town. Kayakers enjoyed the slow pace of exploring the shoreline and its abundance of birds, while hikers imagined the booming gold rush town with its post office, school, mercantile, and jail, and took in the colourful flora.





Katmai National Park

Kinak Bay

Geographic Harbor

Kodiak

Kodiak Island

Old Harbor

Semidi Wilderness

Alaska Peninsula National
Wildlife Refuge

Sand Point

Unga

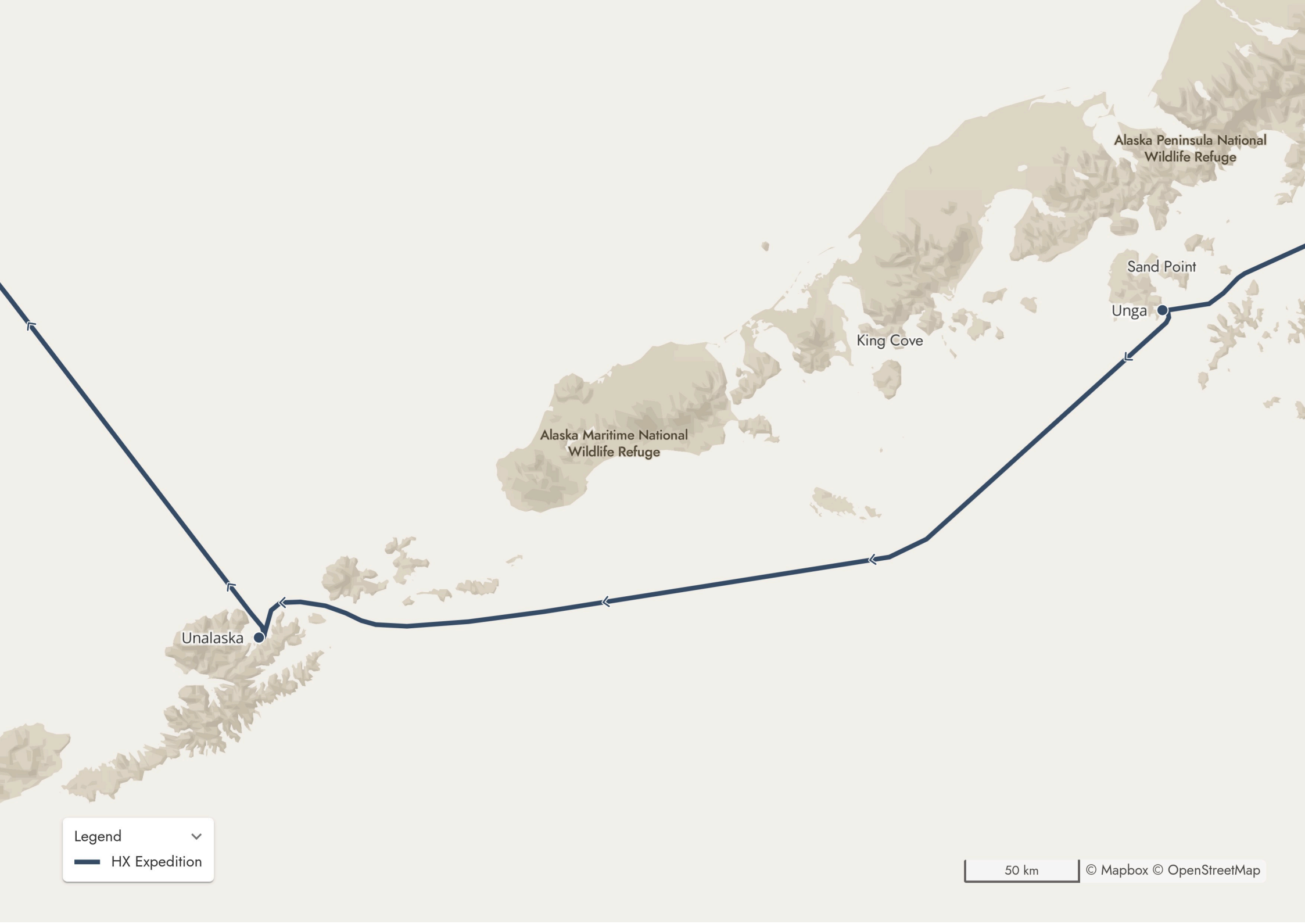
King Cove

Legend

— HX Expedition

50 km

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Legend



— HX Expedition

50 km

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Day 13 – Unalaska

Sunshine, lush mountains, fireweed and dwarf fireweed, the faint growl of sea lions, feeding humpback whales, the distant chirp of marbled murrelets, and bald eagles of varying life stages welcomed us to Unalaska. Guests learned of the history in this area — from the Aleut, to Russian and European explorers, World War II invasions,

and on to the first commercial flights and a strong fishing industry. As we left the volcanic region of Unalaska and the Aleutian Chain, humpbacks stole our attention with their active feeding and surface behaviours.





Day 14 – At sea: Bering Sea

Finally, it was time to leave the last trees behind and sail northwards into the remote Bering Sea. Despite the at times very foggy conditions, bird life was abundant as we made our way from the Aleutian Islands towards St. Paul. Red-legged kittiwakes circled high

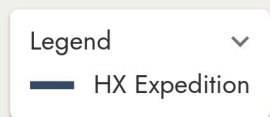
above the ship, and northern fulmars sat on the water eating jellyfish. There was again time for lectures, workshops, and wildlife watches on board.

Day 15 – Saint Paul

Guests took the expedition boat through the waves and arrived ashore on St. Paul Island – a volcanic island in the middle of the Bering Sea with around 400 human inhabitants, and plenty more fur seal, fox, and bird inhabitants. The bird cliffs held horned and tufted puffins, thick-billed murres, parakeet auklets, red-faced cormorants, and black-legged kittiwakes. Together with the swell, they squeaked and

squawked in a symphony. Northern fur seals were found on their haulout – some napping between the rocks, the cubs clustered together in a kindergarten, and the big males waddling about with their golden backs. Rosy-crowned finches and Pacific wrens accompanied us throughout the day.





St. Matthew Island

Bering Sea Wilderness

5 km

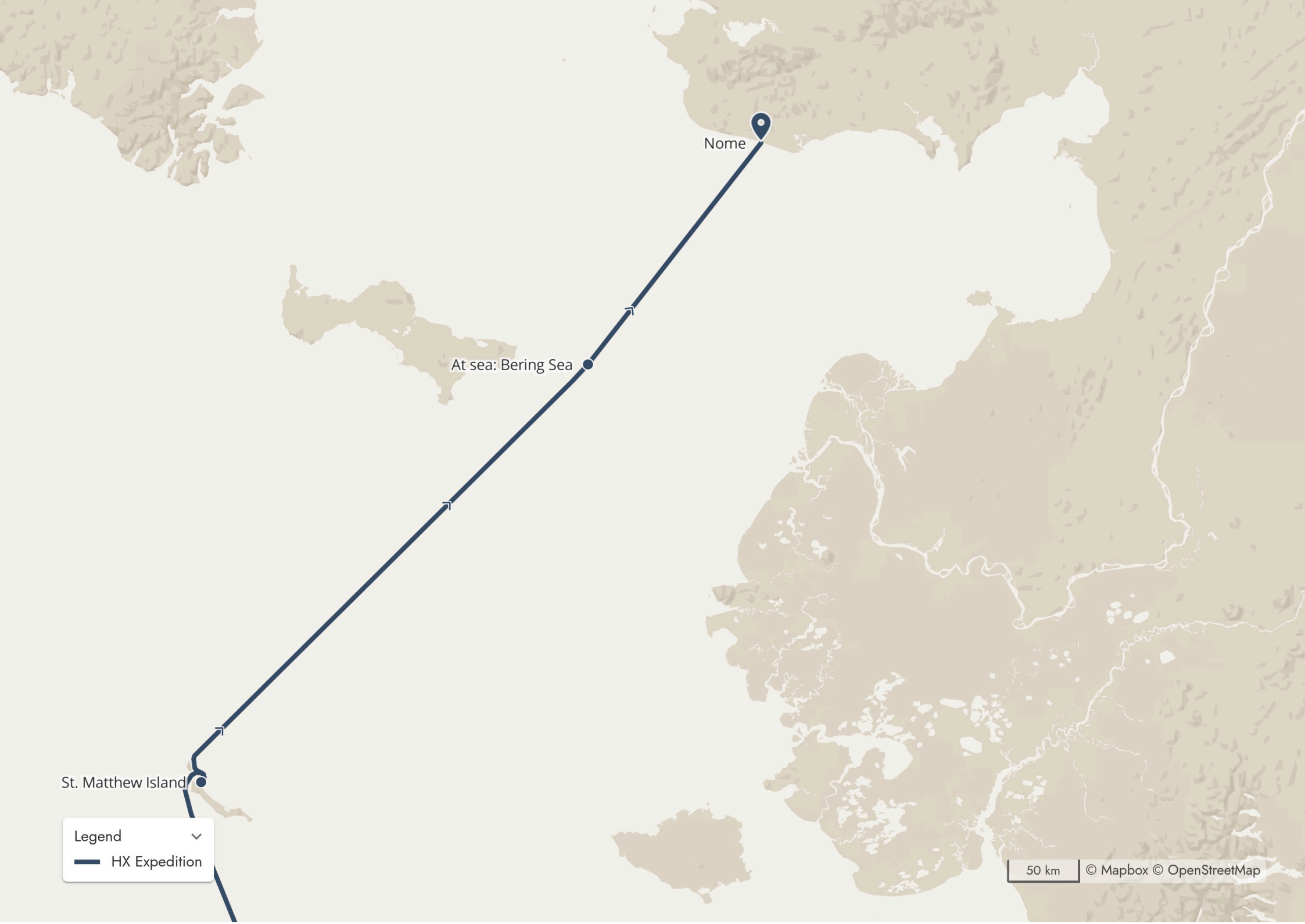
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Day 16 — St. Matthew Island

Seabirds were the highlight as we sailed along the rugged coast of St. Matthew Island and Hall Island. Fog and swell prevented us from landing, but the tall cliffs full of breeding birds and the abundant seas of plankton and fish provided a fine display. Smaller auklets streamed

along the ship — least auklets, parakeet auklets, and crested auklets. Murres, kittiwakes, puffins, and fulmars also glided past. In the evening, the band played, and guests danced into the Arctic night.





Nome

At sea: Bering Sea

St. Matthew Island

Legend

— HX Expedition

50 km

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Day 17 — At sea: Bering Sea

The last full day on board was spent with a varied onboard programme — the science recap, the photographers' slideshow, and the Captain's Farewell. A day to pack the bags, but also to appreciate the voyage behind us: from the lush boreal rainforest of southeast

Alaska, via sea lion and fur seal haulouts, massive glaciers, an abandoned village, communities, and remote islands covered in bird cliffs.

Nome, United States - Aug 11, 2026





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