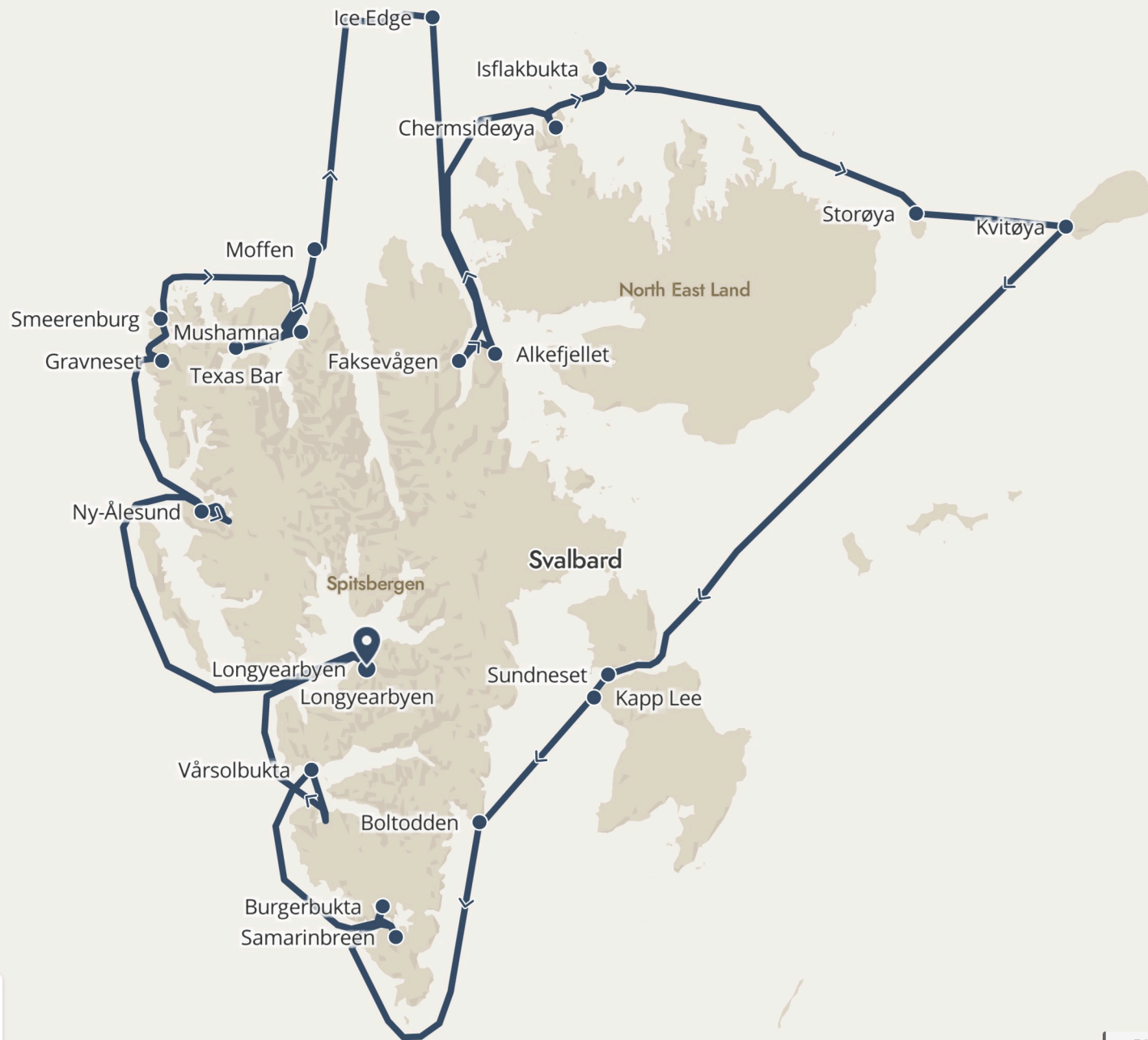




Circumnavigating Svalbard – The Ultimate Expedition

MS Fram, 11–23 August 2026

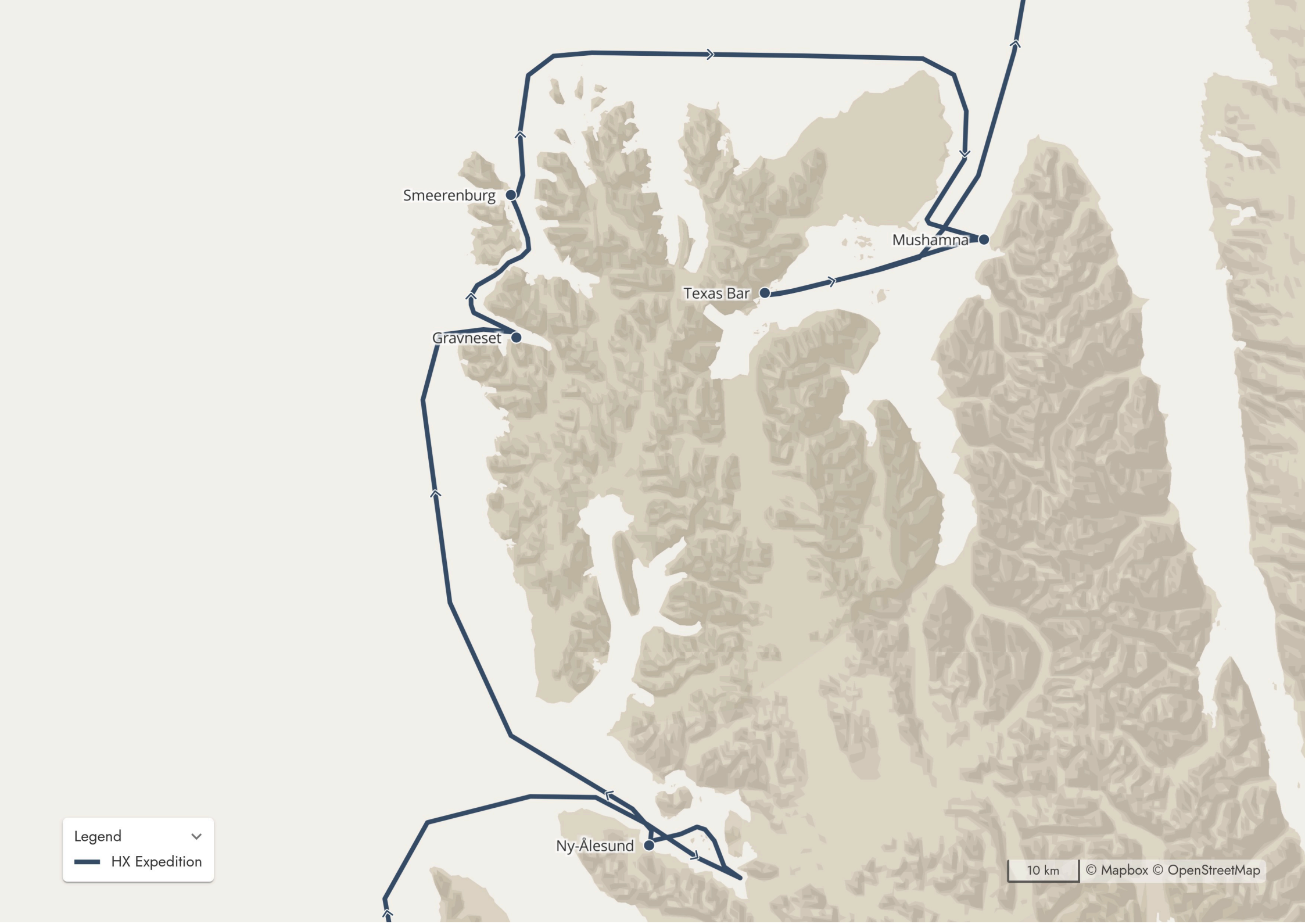


Legend

— HX Expedition

50 km

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Smeerenburg

Mushamna

Texas Bar

Gravneset

Ny-Ålesund

Legend



— HX Expedition

10 km

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Longyearbyen, Norway - Aug 11, 2026

Ny-Ålesund, Norway - Aug 12, 2026

259.6 km

Day 2 – Ny-Ålesund

The day brought the best weather we could have hoped for: clear skies and a warm sun that made everything feel remarkable. The landscape around us was dramatic and striking, and the guided walk led by the Expedition Team was genuinely absorbing. Along the way, guests spotted shy Arctic foxes and a few reindeer moving through

the terrain. The day closed with an event few had expected — an eclipse that drew many guests out on deck to watch the small shadow of the moon crossing the sun, projected onto a wall through a piece of paper pierced with a tiny hole. A quiet, memorable finish to the first full day in the Arctic.



Day 3 – Gravneset (AM)

By the guides' reckoning, this was the day with the most liquid sunshine they had seen all voyage. After breakfast, the landing carried a quiet weight: guests walked among the remains of the

whalers' graveyard, those who lived on these shores through the summers of the 17th century, and past the blubber ovens left from the same period.



Day 3 — Smeerenburg (PM)

After lunch, we visited another old whaling station from that era, but the true draw lay just beyond it — several walrus

hauling out on the shore, with birdlife gathered around them, a living counterpoint to the still relics of the beach.



Day 4 – Mushamna (AM)

After breakfast we landed at Mushamna, a rugged and wonderful sight. The landing held a modest trappers' hut beside a five-star counterpart, complete with its own sauna, which made the spot quite

special. The Expedition Team guided most guests in small groups through the surroundings, while others set off on the longer panoramic hike.



Day 4 — Texas Bar (PM)

After lunch, we landed at Texas Bar, where the charming hut, lined with bottles, made for a uniquely characterful stop. After dinner, the

day closed at Moffen Island, where we sighted many more walrus hauls out on the shore.





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20 km

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Moffen - Aug 14, 2026

63.8 km

Ice Edge - Aug 15, 2026

134.5 km

Day 5 – Ice Edge

Today we reached the northernmost point of the expedition: 80° North, where the endless sea ice at the heart of the Arctic begins. Through the morning, MS Fram navigated between large ice floes before we lowered the expedition boats. Once out on the water, the Expedition Team located a stable ice floe, and after an hour of

navigation, we landed on a small piece of floating ice, only a metre thick. Below us lay roughly a kilometre of ocean before reaching the seabed. To stand on ice so thin above water so deep was a singular experience — one that will stay with all of us who stepped onto it.



Day 6 – Faksevågen (AM)

The morning landing was glorious for three reasons. First, the level of peace and quiet was unmatched. Second, minke whales surfaced

right in front of the landing site. Third, guests had the chance to take a polar plunge.



Day 6 – Alkefjellet (PM)

After lunch came the most singular excursion of the voyage so far: an expedition boat navigation to the impressive basaltic cliffs of Alkefjellet, filled with thousands of Brünnich's guillemots and other

species, a sight that left every guest in awe before such a spectacle of the natural world.



Day 7 – Chermsideøya (AM)

The morning landing carried a mystical atmosphere, the mountain covered in snow and low clouds settling over the landscape only to lift

again five minutes later. The waters were green, and at the shore guests came upon a dead beluga, a raw and genuine sight at once.

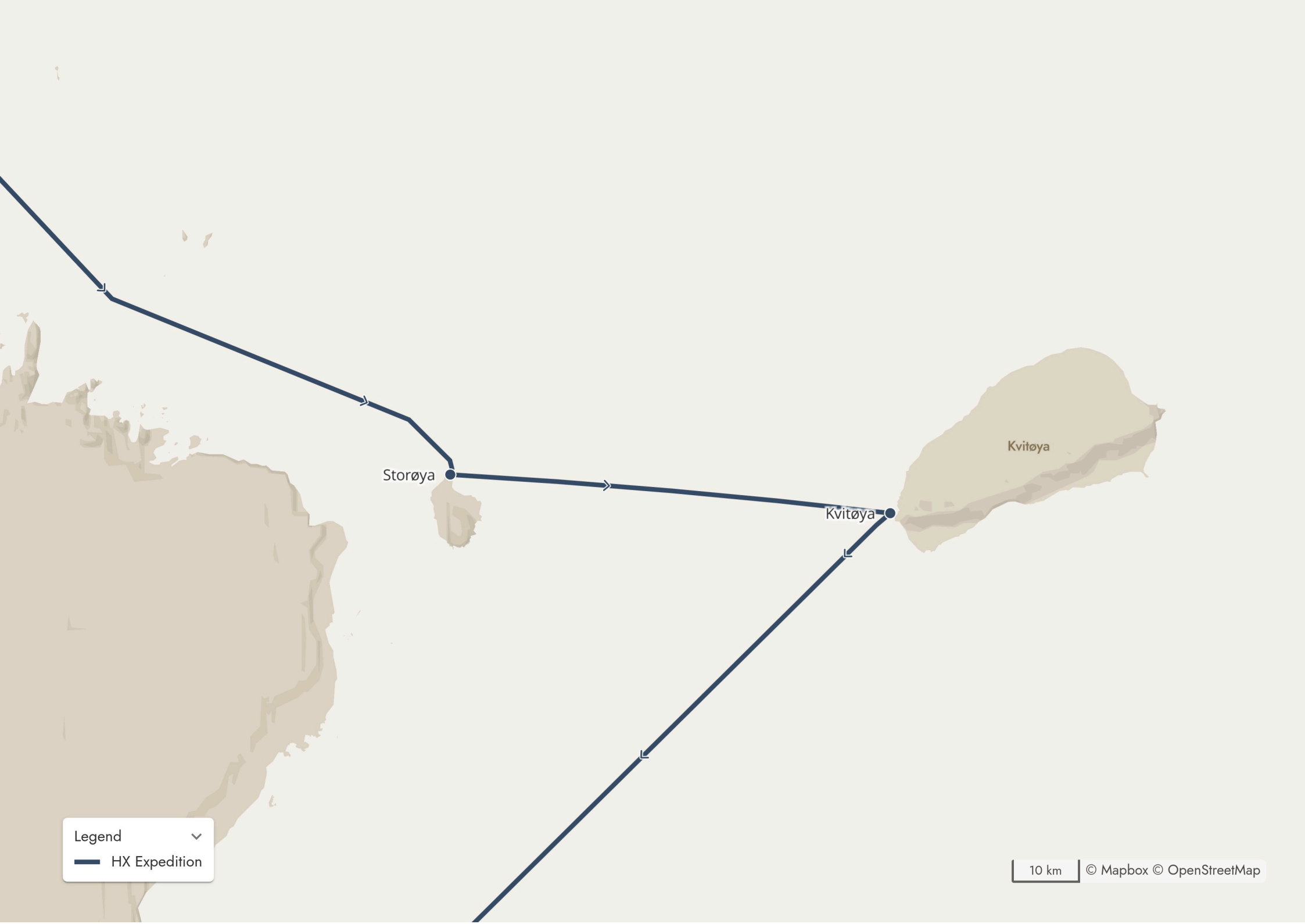


Day 7 – Phippsøya (PM)

After lunch, the day's plans were delayed by the sighting of the first polar bear of the voyage. When we went out with the expedition

boats, we enjoyed a slow-paced and peaceful ride on the water.





Storøya

Kvitøya

Kvitøya

Legend

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10 km

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Day 8 — Storøya (AM)

Our first activity of the day was an expedition boat cruise, and we were able to watch several walrus in the water, a tremendously

satisfying sight.



Day 8 — Kvitøya (PM)

After lunch came our first expedition boat cruise in front of a glacier, where the deep blue of the massive walls of glacial ice held everyone

spellbound, guests and team alike left speechless before the sheer scale of the ice.





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Barents Island

Sundneset

Kapp Lee

Boltodden

Edgeøya

Sørøst-Svalbard
naturreservat

Storfjorden

Legend

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Day 9 — Kapp Lee

Through the morning we sailed with the ship and managed to spot several polar bears in the distance. Everyone was eager to be on deck, and the Expedition Team was there with them. During the afternoon, a lovely summer day welcomed a landing with only a small

number of guests allowed ashore at any one time, so we went on land to see some interesting trappers' cabins and a large group of walrus sleeping together on the beach.



Day 10 – Boltodden

Today offered half a day on land and half a day at sea. Boltodden was simply fascinating. The greenery and micro-forest on the ground gave the place a lively feel, and the perfect reflection of the mountain on

the pond in front of us was stunning. Dinosaur footprints made the place feel like a time machine. Many guests went on a gorgeous hike, and by the end of the day there were only happy faces.





Vårsolbukta

Van Mijenfjorden
nasjonalpark

Boltodden

Burgerbukta

South Spitsbergen

Samarinbreen

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10 km

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Day 11 – Samarinbreen (AM)

This was a day to keep in memory. After breakfast we were treated to an expedition boat navigation, cutting through the most perfect reflections of the dramatic landscape around us. Glaciers surrounded

us on all sides, and the reddish shades of the rock were a special detail.



Day 11 — Burgerbukta (PM)

After lunch, the landing was otherworldly: skies as blue as they could be, no wind at all, a stunning glacier to one side, and the most

dramatic geography of the entire trip. A genuine treat.



Day 12 – Vårsolbukta

Our last day of excursions in Svalbard delivered more than expected. The landing site was the greenest we had seen, thick with moss, and the huts looked as though one might return and rent them for a week of peace and quiet. Reindeer held everyone's attention, and the

occasional Arctic fox put a smile on every face. After lunch we held some final lectures, concluding the voyage with the Captain's Farewell and a musical collaboration no one expected: PJ on the classical flute and Luciano on his Andean pipes, which gave many of us chills.





Day 13 – Longyearbyen

And so the voyage in the Arctic archipelago of Svalbard comes to an end. Once packed, guests were ready to leave the ship and continue onward, but part of their hearts will always stay on board MS Fram,

and, more importantly, with the crew who made such an incredible adventure possible.



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