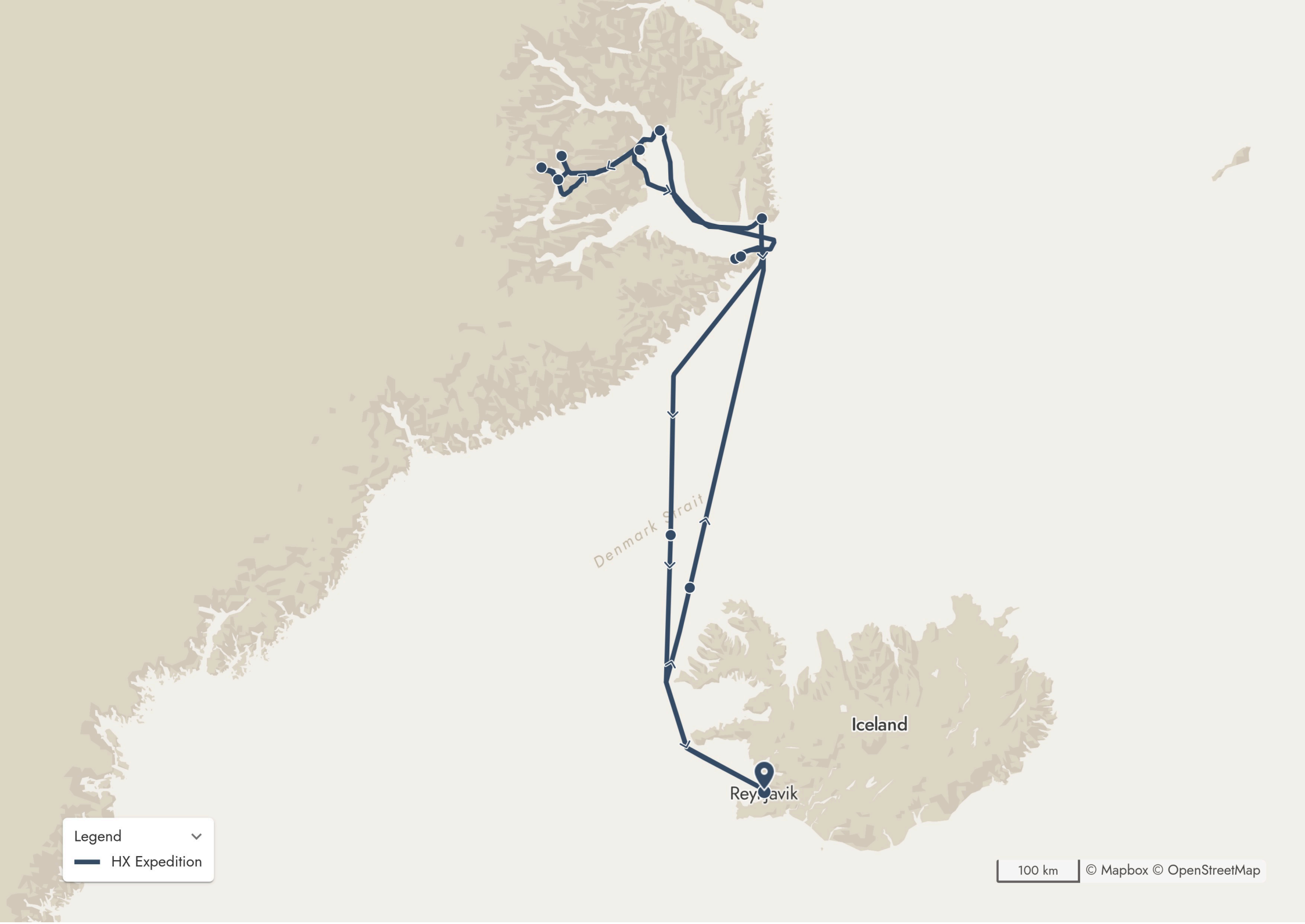


Serene Greenland – Exploring the Largest Fjord System on Earth

MS Spitsbergen, 31 August – 9 September 2026


Denmark Strait
Iceland
Reykjavik
Legend
HX Expedition
100 km
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Reykjavik - Aug 31, 2026

Day 1 — Reykjavík

Guests stepped aboard MS Spitsbergen in Reykjavík, where the voyage began with the familiar rhythm of embarkation. The Expedition Team welcomed everyone on board, helping with the HX App and settling guests into their cabins. The Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader hosted an information briefing in the Explorer Bar, sharing practical guidance for life on board. The Expedition Team then conducted a mandatory safety drill, guiding all guests to their muster stations before the ship could depart. As evening settled over Faxaflói bay, the team outlined the plans for the following day and the first taste of Greenland's wild coast.





At Sea - Sep 1, 2026

342.9 km

Day 2 – At sea

MS Spitsbergen sailed west across the Denmark Strait, leaving Iceland behind and pointing towards the east coast of Greenland. The Expedition Team used the day at sea to prepare guests for the days ahead. We held information briefings on the optional activities that would shape the voyage: science boat, sea kayaking, and extended hikes. The Science and Education Coordinator gave a short lecture introducing the onboard Citizen Science projects. A lecture on Greenland's culinary traditions offered a taste of the culture to come, and the Expedition Team led an art workshop where guests painted personal designs on water bottles. On the open deck, the Science Team led a wildlife watch, scanning for seabirds and the first signs of whale activity in the cold air. All guests attended the mandatory AECO and expedition boat safety briefing, learning the protocols for responsible Arctic travel. The Captain formally welcomed everyone on board in the Explorer Bar, introducing the officers and Expedition Team who would accompany the voyage. As evening settled, the team outlined the plans for the following day and the first expedition boat operations at Roma and Sfinx.





Roma Glacier, Greenland - Sep 2, 2026

436.2 km

Day 3 — Roma and Sfinx Glaciers

The first expedition boats of the voyage pushed out from MS Spitsbergen into the waters off Roma, on the glaciated Volquart Boons Kyst where Scoresby Sound opens. Steep basalt walls rose 1,000–2,000 metres on the southern shore, a dramatic gateway to the largest fjord system on Earth. We launched the boats group by group, and guests cruised along the glacier front for nearly an hour, marvelling at blue ice formations and the rugged geology first mapped by William Scoresby in 1822. A Guest Scientist welcomed visitors to the Explorer Bar throughout the morning, sharing her research on polar bears and inviting guests to join her study. The ship then repositioned towards Sfinx, where we brought guests ashore for a first proper walk on Greenlandic ground. A distinctive rock formation rises from the glaciated coastline like a sentinel at the entrance to Scoresby Sound, and guests explored the landscape at their own pace while a science boat group deployed from the landing site. As the ship crossed into the Arctic, the Expedition Team gathered everyone outside for a ceremony honouring Njord, ruler of the seas. The evening closed with a preview of the next day's itinerary.





Sfinx Glacier, Greenland - Sep 2, 2026 7.1 km

Sydkap, Greenland - Sep 3, 2026 234.9 km

Day 4 – Sydkap

MS Spitsbergen anchored off Sydkap, where the channels of Øfjord and Nordvestfjord meet Hall Bredning. We sent the expedition boats out for a morning cruise among grounded icebergs, some tabular specimens as large as two kilometres long. The afternoon brought guests ashore for a nature landing on glaciated stone and tundra, among the most extensive flora in the area. Expedition Team members led guided walks while the extended hike group struck out further, and showed guests the remains of an ancient Thule settlement near the landing site. On board, a lecture on Citizen Science and a destination presentation on Antarctica took place in the Explorer Bar, alongside a discovery session on NASA's GLOBE Cloud Observer. The evening closed with an LGBTQIA+ networking hour and a short talk on queerness and fluidity in the marine environment.





Rypefjord - Terrassepynt, Greenland - Sep 4, 2026

130.3 km

Day 5 — Rypefjord (AM)

We anchored in Rype Fjord, the Aqissip Kangertiva, a steep-sided inlet stretching 30 kilometres into the inner Scoresby Sound between Renland and Milne Land. We dispatched the morning's operations from there, sending guests ashore for a nature landing, while the kayak group paddled out and a science boat team deployed from the beach. The tundra slopes here are prime musk ox territory, and we counted small groups scattered across the valley. Two lectures framed the day: one on how Viking Erik the Red named the largest island, and another tracing Greenland's history from prehistory through European influence to its present status within the Danish Kingdom. The Science Team ran a discovery session on feathers under the microscope, and the culinary team served hotdogs on the open deck before an exclusive cocktail masterclass explored how the menu reflects the spirit of expedition travel.





RØdepynt, Greenland - Sep 4, 2026

31.7 km

Day 5 — Rødepynt (PM)

MS Spitsbergen repositioned to Rødepynt, the 'Red Point' promontory in Røde Fjord, where 300-million-year-old Permian red sandstone cliffs rise between the deep blue sky and ink-blue waters dotted with white icebergs. The expedition boats shuttled guests ashore, calling groups forward in turn to explore the striking geology.

Falcons soared above the red rock, and the tundra above held signs of musk ox, which we spotted again on the slopes. The evening programme included a preview of tomorrow's itinerary before the ship sailed on through the night.





Harefjord - Proppen, Greenland - Sep 5, 2026

41.9 km

Day 6 — Harefjord

We anchored in Harefjord, the innermost branch of Scoresby Sound, where glaciers descend directly from the Inland Ice into dark, still waters. The morning landing at Proppen brought guests close to the glacier face, and at the end of the morning we sent the expedition boats out for a cruise in front of the ice, where blue walls of compressed glacier rose sheer above the water. The afternoon brought scenic sailing through the fjords, where impressive cliffs lined the inlets on all sides as MS Spitsbergen threaded between the steep-sided channels. The landscape here sits closer to the ice sheet than anywhere else on the voyage, and the scale of the Inland Ice looming behind the glaciers left a lasting impression.





Bjørneøer islands, Greenland - Sep 6, 2026

179.8 km

Day 7 — Bjørne Øer and Tassertit

We moved inside the Bjørne Øer archipelago and sent the expedition boats out for a cruise among the glacially sculpted islands, where sharp ridges rise above the water on all sides. The cruise yielded no wildlife sightings, the landscape holding its secrets close. On board, the Science Team ran a discovery session on NASA's GLOBE Cloud Observer, and a geology session covered the rocks of this polar world. Two lectures followed: one on polar bears as the Arctic's most iconic predator and their future in a warming climate, and another on how ice forms, changes, and influences life in the Arctic. The Art Corner invited guests to sculpt clay bears. The afternoon brought guests ashore at Tassertit, where the views across the tundra were amazing. The area lies within one of the largest ice-free regions in Greenland, where the golden-brown hills and moorland of Jameson Land stretch towards the horizon. The expedition boats carried guests ashore for a nature landing on the open tundra, with each group called forward in sequence. Guests walked the tundra and took in the panorama before the last boats returned and the team gathered everyone to outline the coming day's plans.





Ittoqqortoormiit, Greenland - Sep 7, 2026

187.4 km

Day 8 — Ittoqqortoormiit

MS Spitsbergen approached Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the most remote settlements on Earth, home to roughly 330 people on the shores of Scoresby Sound. The Expedition Team ferried guests ashore in groups to explore the community at their own pace. A traditional kaffemik welcomed visitors with a Greenlandic social gathering and musk ox tasting in the dark blue house, while the museum, church, and post office all opened their doors. Sled dogs drew a crowd by the river at feeding time, and a friendly football match pitted guests against the locals. Back on board, a lecture on ice as a material revealed properties that enable life on this planet, and the team served Greenlandic pickle fish and dry cod on the open deck. Workshops followed: guests built sextants, learned nautical knots, and painted clay creations from the earlier session. The evening culminated in a charity auction for the HX Foundation and a cabaret show in the Explorer Bar.





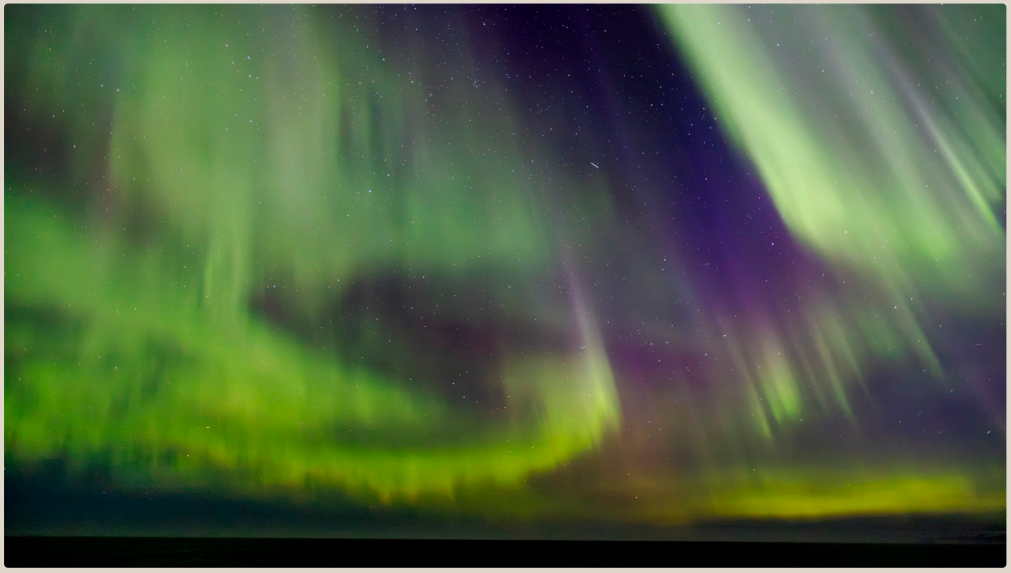
At Sea - Sep 8, 2026

397.9 km

Day 9 - At Sea

MS Spitsbergen sailed back across the Denmark Strait, leaving the ice and mountains of Scoresby Sound behind as Greenland slowly faded into the distance. The day at sea gave guests time to reflect on the voyage, and the Expedition Team filled the hours with a final round of talks. A lecture on 'Oceanography – The Day After Tomorrow' explored the forces shaping the oceans, while a discovery session on 'Deep Time – Walking 4.53' traced the vast scale of Earth's history.

Another lecture examined how the Norsemen came to Greenland and the lasting influence of Erik the Red on the present day. On the open deck, the Science Team led a wildlife watch, scanning for seabirds and whale activity in the cold air. The evening brought the farewell with the Expedition Team, including a photographer's slideshow that captured the full arc of the voyage.





Reykjavik, Iceland - Sep 9, 2026

Day 10 — Reykjavík

MS Spitsbergen arrived alongside in Reykjavík as dawn broke over Faxaflói bay, the same harbour where the voyage began nine days earlier. Guests gathered for a final breakfast on board before leaving their cabins. The Captain and the entire crew of MS Spitsbergen thanked everyone for travelling with us and wished each guest a safe journey home. One by one, guests stepped off the gangway and back into the world, carrying with them the memory of Scoresby Sound, the ice, the tundra, and the wild coast of East Greenland.

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