



The Ultimate Fjord and National Park Expedition

MS Spitsbergen, 19 – 31 August 2026

Greenland

Iceland

Reykjavik

Legend

HX Expedition

Start - Aug 19, 2026

Day 1 – Embarkation in Reykjavík

The voyage began in Reykjavík. Guests boarded MS Spitsbergen during the afternoon, settled into their cabins, and were introduced to the HX app, the animal groups used for expedition boat operations, and the optional activities on offer. Before departure everyone took part in the mandatory safety drill at the muster stations. In the evening

the Hotel Manager and Expedition Leader welcomed guests in the Explorer Bar with practical information for the days ahead, and the ship left Reykjavík bound for the Denmark Strait and the coast of East Greenland.

At Sea - Aug 20, 2026

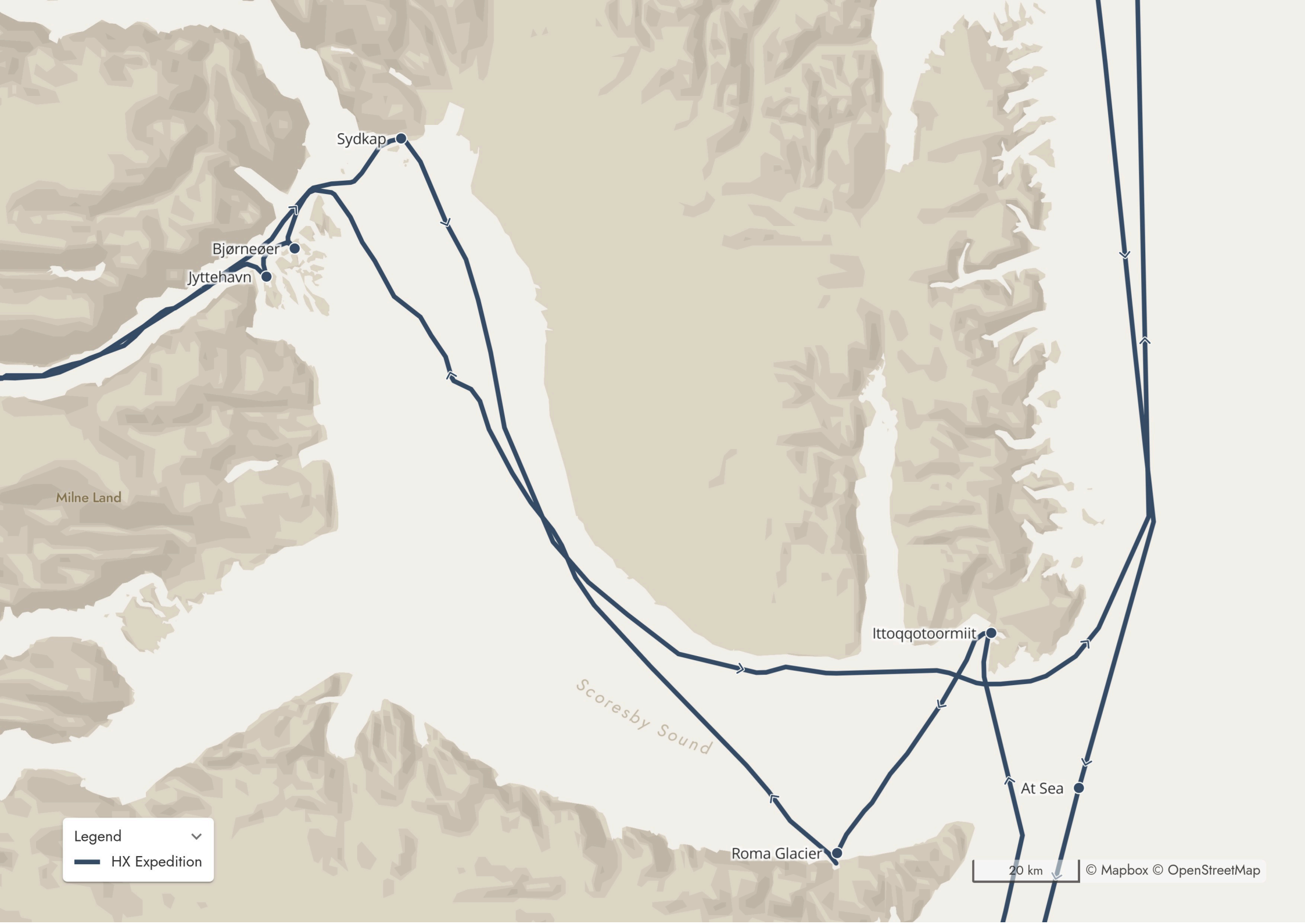
273.7 km

Day 2 – At sea in the Denmark Strait

A full day at sea crossing the Denmark Strait. The morning was used to collect and exchange expedition jackets and boots, and the Science and Education Coordinator introduced the onboard programme and the Citizen Science projects guests could join. In the afternoon all guests attended the mandatory AECO and expedition boat safety briefing, followed by the kayak and hike briefing for those

wanting to sign up for optional activities. The photographer and the Science Team hosted watches on Deck 8, with a session on how to get the most out of binoculars. The Captain welcomed guests in the Explorer Bar and introduced his officers and the Expedition Team, and the first Plans for Tomorrow set out the arrival in Greenland.





Sydkaap

Bjørneøer

Jyttehavn

Milne Land

Scoresby Sound

Ittoqqotoormiit

Roma Glacier

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20 km

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Day 3 – Ittoqqortoormiit (AM)

We arrived off Ittoqqortoormiit in the morning. With around 330 residents at the mouth of Scoresby Sund, it is one of the most isolated communities in the world. Expedition boats shuttled between ship and shore throughout the visit, and guests explored the settlement: the church and the museum were open, the community hosted a kaffemik

with a tasting of musk ox, and the sled dogs, drying racks, and colourful houses gave a picture of daily life in the Arctic. Back on board we crossed into the Arctic Circle with a ceremony on Deck 8, followed by waffles on the aft deck and a talk on Greenlandic food.



Day 3 — Roma Glacier (PM)

In the afternoon we reached Roma Glacier for an expedition boat

cruise along the ice front, our first time on the water in Greenland.



Day 4 — Bjørneøer (AM)

The morning was spent among the Bjørneøer, the Bear Islands at the eastern entrance of Øfjord. Expedition boats cruised between the islands and the icebergs drifting out of the fjord, with the first sea

kayak group on the water. On board, the Science Centre ran a clay tupilak workshop.



Day 4 – Jyttehavn (PM)

In the afternoon we moved to Jyttehavn, a sheltered anchorage among the Bjørneøer, for the first landing on Greenlandic tundra. Guests chose between easy and medium guided walks, the first extended hike group went further afield, and the first Science Boat group

sampled the water before joining the walk ashore. The photographer lectured on composition, and the evening finished with the Rainbow Explorers hour and a Tiny Talk on diversity in the marine environment.



Day 5 – Rødepynt (AM)

Rødepynt takes its name from the red Devonian sandstone that gives Rødefjord its colour. We landed in the morning, and guests walked the slopes above the shore with the icebergs of the fjord below. Two

Science Boat groups worked around the landing, and the morning ended with the first polar plunge of the voyage, straight from the beach into the fjord.

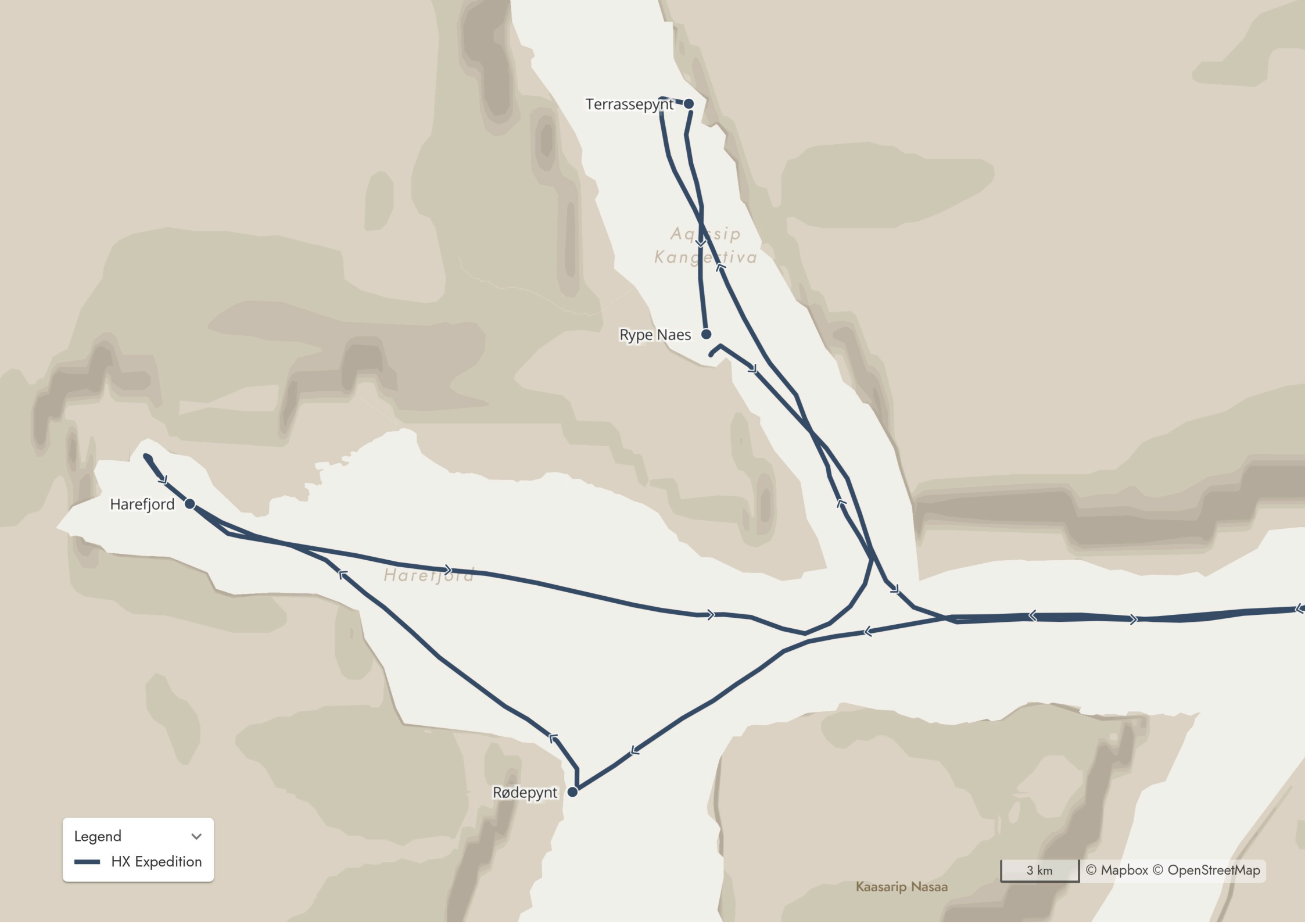


Day 5 – Harefjord (PM)

In the afternoon we sailed north into Harefjord, where the glaciers reach the water directly from the inland ice, for an expedition boat cruise; the second kayak group paddled in the fjord. Lectures

covered the East Greenland Current, and a Tiny Talk introduced the flowering plants seen on the landings.





Terrassepynt

Aqassip
Kangertiva

Rype Naes

Harefjord

Harefjord

Rødepynt

Kaasarip Nasaa

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3 km

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Day 6 – Terrassepynt (AM)

An early start at Terrassepynt inside Rypefjord. Guided walks climbed the terraced tundra slopes that give the point its name, with views down the fjord toward Eielson Glacier at its head. The second

extended hike group and another Science Boat group operated alongside the landing. Our Guest Scientist lectured on Arctic kelp habitats before lunch.



Day 6 — Rype Næs (PM)

In the afternoon we returned to the mouth of Rypefjord for a second landing at Rype Næs, again with easy and medium walks, the third extended hike group, and a Science Boat group. The Science Centre

looked at feathers under the microscope, and the day closed with a Tiny Talk on the Greenlandic flag.



Day 7 — Sydkap

Our last landing in Scoresby Sund was at Sydkap, the southern tip of Scoresby Land where Øfjord and Nordvestfjord open into Hall Bredning. Despite the name it lies on the north side of the sound. The low, rounded terrain is good walking country; guests walked to the remains of Thule dwellings near the landing, with grounded icebergs from Nordvestfjord passing offshore. The fourth extended hike group went further along the shore. In the afternoon the ship turned east and

then north out of the fjord system toward the Northeast Greenland National Park, with a lecture on Greenland's geological past, a plankton session in the Science Centre, cloud observations for NASA's Citizen Science project, a lecture on the whales of East Greenland, hotdogs on Deck 8, and an Arctic music quiz in the evening.





Waltershausen Glacier

Blomsterbugten

Ymer Ø

Ella Ø

Traill Island

Legend



HX Expedition

20 km

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Day 8 – Ymer Ø, Kap Wijkander

The morning was spent sailing north along the coast into the Northeast Greenland National Park, the largest national park in the world. The programme on board covered the basics of geology with hand samples and microscope, the history of Greenland from prehistory to its present status within the Danish Kingdom, and a conversation with our Cultural Ambassador and Greenlandic Chef. In

the afternoon we entered Kejser Franz Joseph Fjord and reached Ymer Ø near Kap Wijkander. Groups alternated between an expedition boat cruise and a landing on the island, a former hunting ground used by Norwegian trappers from the late 1920s to the 1950s. In the evening one of our guests told the story of crossing the Greenland ice cap on skis.



Day 9 – Waltershausen Glacier

We arrived at the head of Nordfjord early in the morning, in front of the Waltershausen Glacier, one of the largest outlet glaciers from the ice sheet on this coast. Expedition boats cruised the ice front, and the third kayak group paddled among the brash ice. We spent the afternoon sailing back out of the fjord system. The Science Team ran

a scavenger hunt for hidden polar bears, a size-estimation game on Deck 8, a kayak paddling workshop, and a walk through 4.53 billion years of Earth history on a 45-metre tape measure. The evening brought a Tiny Talk on the Sirius dog sled patrol and a live performance of the legend of Sedna.



Day 10 – Blomsterbukta (AM)

Blomsterbukta, 'Flower Bay', is one of the few places on the west coast of Ymer Ø where the mountains do not drop straight into the fjord. Guided walks followed the valley inland from the stony beach;

the third kayak group paddled instead of landing. Before lunch Marine Scientist Lauren lectured on polar bears.



Day 10 – Ella Ø (PM)

In the afternoon we crossed to Ella Ø, home to a station of the Sirius Patrol, the Danish military dog sled unit that patrols the national park. Guests went ashore for a walk around the site, the fifth extended hike group climbed higher, two Science Boat groups worked from the

beach, and the landing ended with a polar plunge into the waters of the national park. A lecture on the physical properties of ice preceded the landing.



Day 11 – At sea

A day at sea heading south toward Iceland. The programme opened with a workshop on building a basic sextant, followed by a session where Naturalists helped guests identify their photographs of tracks, scat, feathers, and plants and submit them to iNaturalist. Our Guest

Scientist lectured on life in Arctic waters during the polar night, and the afternoon covered bird migration and how Arctic animals keep warm. The evening ended with the HX Foundation auction and the crew band in the Explorer Bar.



Day 12 - At Sea

A second day at sea as we crossed the Denmark Strait back toward Iceland. Guests made use of the last full day on board to pack,

exchange photographs, and attend the final lectures, and the Captain's Farewell in the evening brought the expedition to a close.





Day 13 - Reykjavik

MS Spitsbergen came alongside in Reykjavík early in the morning.

Over 12 days the voyage had taken us from Reykjavík across the

Denmark Strait to Ittoqqortoormiit, deep into Scoresby Sund –

Bjørneøer, Rødefjord, Harefjord, Rypefjord, and Sydkap – and north

into the Northeast Greenland National Park, to Ymer Ø, the

Waltershausen Glacier, Blomsterbukta, and Ella Ø. Guests

disembarked during the morning, some to transfers and flights,

others to a day in the city before travelling on.



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