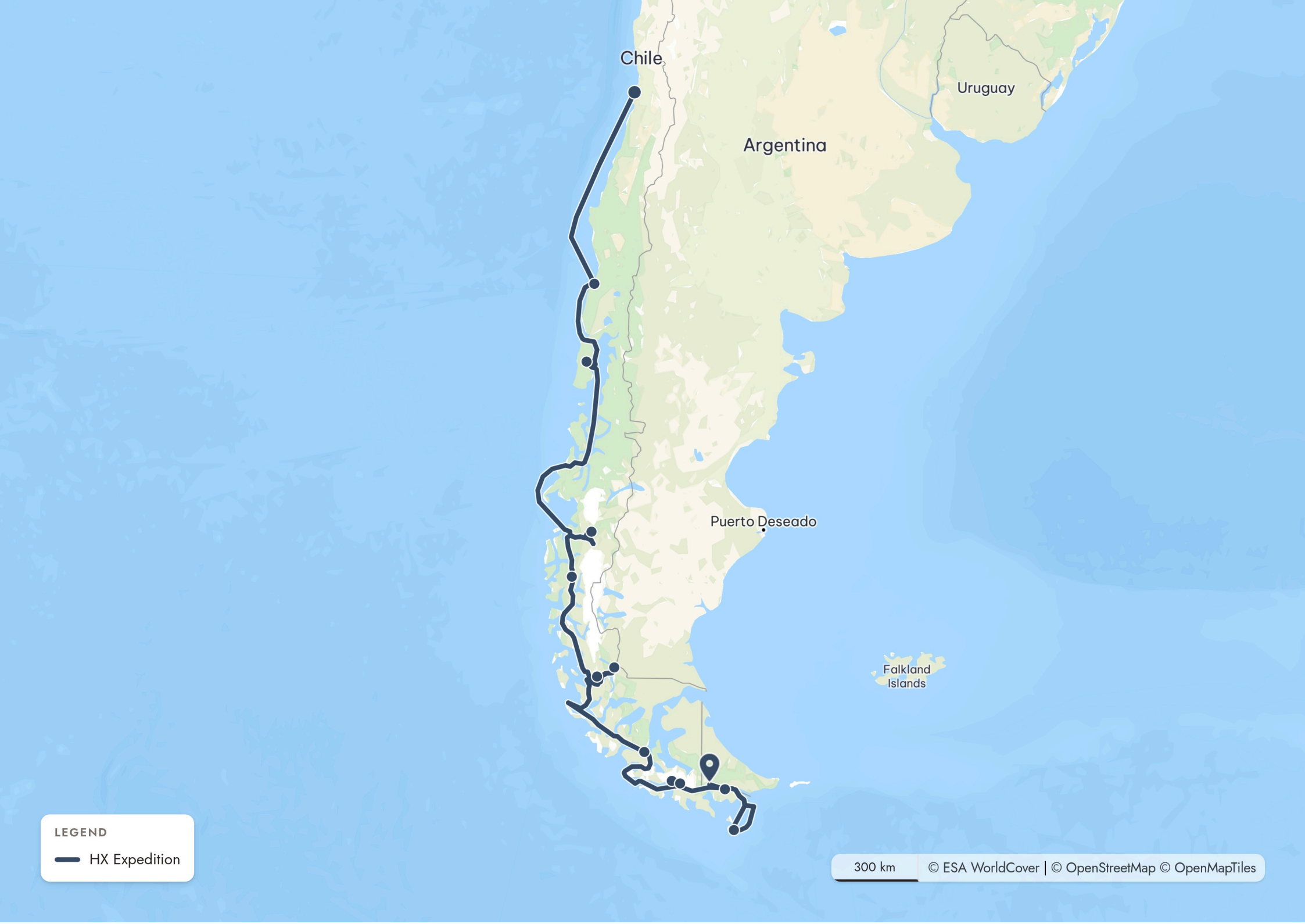


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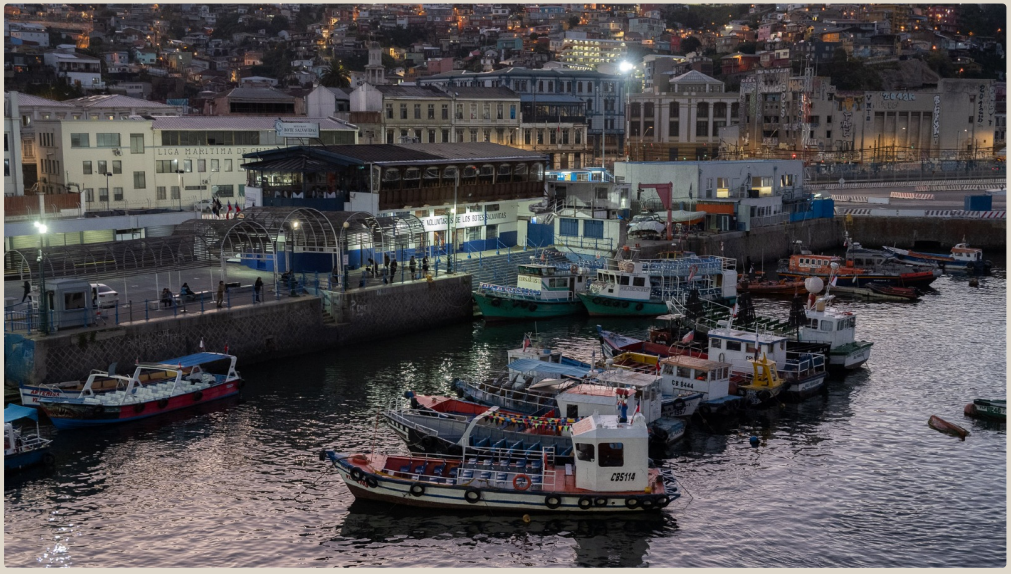
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Valparaíso, Chile - Oct 17, 2026

Day 1 – Valparaíso

Throughout the afternoon, we welcomed guests on board MS Fridtjof Nansen in Valparaíso. While embarkation continued, guests explored the city's waterfront and steep hills, where colourful houses and historic funiculars overlook the bay. The warm autumn light caught the tiled roofs and painted façades as the ship lay alongside, and the scent of salt air and street food drifted up from the port below. Once all guests had settled into their cabins, we completed the mandatory safety briefings and introduced the Expedition Team. In the early evening, we cast off from the harbour and turned south along the Chilean coast. As darkness fell, the lights of Valparaíso stretched across the hills behind us while seabirds followed briefly in our wake, and the open ocean lay ahead.





Niebla, Chile - Oct 19, 2026

836.3 km

Day 3 – Niebla

Following our day at sea, we arrived at Niebla on the northern shore of Corral Bay. From here, guests joined a variety of excursions ashore. Some travelled into Valdivia, where rivers, markets, and a blend of Spanish, German, and Mapuche heritage shape the city's character. The old stone fortifications at Niebla still guard the mouth of the bay, a reminder of the colonial conflicts that once played out along this coast. Others ventured into the coastal hills surrounding the city, passing through native forest and enjoying views across the Valdivian landscape. By late afternoon, we welcomed guests back on board and continued south along the coast.









Castro, Chile - Oct 20, 2026

438.6 km

Day 4 — Castro

This morning we arrived in Castro, the capital of Chiloé Island. Guests spent the day exploring a region shaped by the sea, with its distinctive wooden churches, colourful palafitos built along the waterfront, and strong maritime traditions. Some visited the island's green countryside, passing rolling farmland and small fishing communities where the scent of wood smoke and seaweed hung in the air. Others explored the town's markets, museums, and waterfront on foot, sampling local seafood and browsing stalls piled with wool and handicrafts. By late afternoon, we welcomed guests back on board and continued south through the channels of Patagonia.





Tortel, Chile - Oct 22, 2026

895.5 km

Day 6 — Caleta Tortel

After a day sailing through the fjords and channels of southern Chile, we arrived in Caleta Tortel. Built along the shoreline of Baker Channel, the village is connected by an extensive network of wooden walkways rather than roads. Guests explored the boardwalks and stairways that link the settlement, passing homes, gardens, and workshops tucked into the hillside. The sound of rushing water from the nearby rapids carried through the trees, a constant presence in this remote corner of Patagonia. Some joined a guided hike up the local hill, where the elevated viewpoint provided a broader perspective of the village and the waterways surrounding it.









Puerto Eden, Chile - Oct 23, 2026

302.9 km

Day 7 — Puerto Edén

We arrived in Puerto Edén, one of the most isolated communities in Chilean Patagonia. Guests explored the village independently, following the wooden boardwalks that connect the settlement along the shoreline. Mist hung low over the channels, and the stillness of the place was striking, broken only by the occasional call of a bird or the creak of a boardwalk plank underfoot. At several points around the community, local residents welcomed us and shared stories about life in Puerto Edén, including its connection to the Kawésqar people and the challenges of living in such a remote part of the Patagonian channels.





Puerto Natales, Chile - Oct 24, 2026

492.1 km

Day 8 – Puerto Natales

We arrived in Puerto Natales during the late afternoon and remained alongside overnight. Many guests took the opportunity to explore the town, strolling along the waterfront, visiting local cafés and shops, or simply stretching their legs after several days among the fjords. The following day, guests joined a choice of excursions ashore. Some travelled into Torres del Paine National Park, where granite peaks, turquoise lakes, and windswept steppe define the landscape. Others remained closer to town on the Scenes of Puerto Natales tour, learning more about the history, culture, and daily life of this Patagonian gateway community. Guests returned on board later in the day, and we prepared for the onward voyage.









Glaciar Zamudio, Chile - Oct 26, 2026

100.2 km





Magallan Strait, Chile - Oct 27, 2026

481.6 km

Day 11 — Strait of Magellan

We spent the day sailing through the western reaches of the Strait of Magellan, tracing a route first charted more than 500 years ago. The water was dark and still, and the forested shores pressed close on either side, their reflections shimmering on the surface. During the passage, we rounded Cabo Froward, the southernmost point of the South American mainland, where steep, forested slopes meet the sea. The air was cold and damp, carrying the scent of salt and dense vegetation. Throughout the day, guests gathered on deck to watch the changing landscape as we continued eastward before turning south towards the Beagle Channel.





Garibaldi Glacier, Chile - Oct 28, 2026

316.2 km

Day 12 — Garibaldi Glacier (AM)

We spent the morning at Garibaldi Glacier, one of the largest glaciers in the Chilean sector of Tierra del Fuego. Conditions allowed us to launch both kayaks and expedition boats, giving guests the opportunity to explore the fjord from water level. The glacier's face towered above the water, a wall of blue and white ice streaked with dark veins of moraine. Small chunks calved from the edge and drifted past the boats in silence. Both activities followed the same route along the glacier's ice front, where we observed crevasses, meltwater streams, and the sharp boundary between ice, rock, and temperate rainforest.





Pia Glacier, Chile - Oct 28, 2026

41.1 km

Day 12 — Pia Glacier (PM)

In the afternoon, we landed near Pia Glacier at the head of Pia Fjord. Guests explored the landing area along the shoreline, taking time to observe the glacier descending from the Darwin Range to the sea. The ice was fractured and luminous, calving small fragments into the water with sharp cracks that echoed across the fjord. Some guests joined a discovery kayak outing, paddling along the fjord and viewing the glacier from water level. Expedition Team members were positioned around the landing site, allowing guests to move freely within the designated area and spend time taking in the surrounding landscape.





Cape Horn, Chile - Oct 29, 2026

307.8 km

Day 13 — Cape Horn

We arrived at Cape Horn in the morning, where favourable conditions allowed for a landing at one of the most iconic sites in southern South America. The wind was steady, and the swell rolled in from the Southern Ocean, but the conditions held. Guests came ashore to visit the Cape Horn Monument and the small chapel overlooking the surrounding seas. The albatross sculpture at the monument stood against the grey sky, a tribute to the sailors lost in these waters. Many also had the opportunity to meet the lighthouse keeper and learn about daily life at this remote station, which has watched over vessels rounding the Horn for generations.





Puerto Williams, Chile - Oct 30, 2026

236.3 km

Day 14 — Puerto Williams

We arrived in Puerto Williams during the morning and spent several hours ashore. Guests explored independently, wandering through the town, visiting local cafés and museums, or following nearby walking trails with views across the Beagle Channel. The low sun lit the southern beech forests in warm tones, and the water was calm, reflecting the mountains along the shore. After completing Chilean exit formalities, we crossed the channel to Argentina and arrived in Ushuaia during the evening. Many guests took the opportunity to explore the waterfront, shops, and streets of the city before returning on board for the final night together.





Ushuaia, Argentina - Oct 31, 2026

48 km

Day 15 – Ushuaia

This morning, we arrived in Ushuaia and said farewell as guests disembarked MS Fridtjof Nansen. The city rose above the harbour, backed by the snow-capped peaks of the Martial Range, and the clear morning light caught the rooftops in sharp relief. As our time together came to an end, the Expedition Team and crew gathered to thank everyone for joining us on this voyage through the fjords and channels of southern Chile and Tierra del Fuego. We wish all guests safe onward travels and hope the memories, photographs, and experiences gathered along the way remain with them for years to come.

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