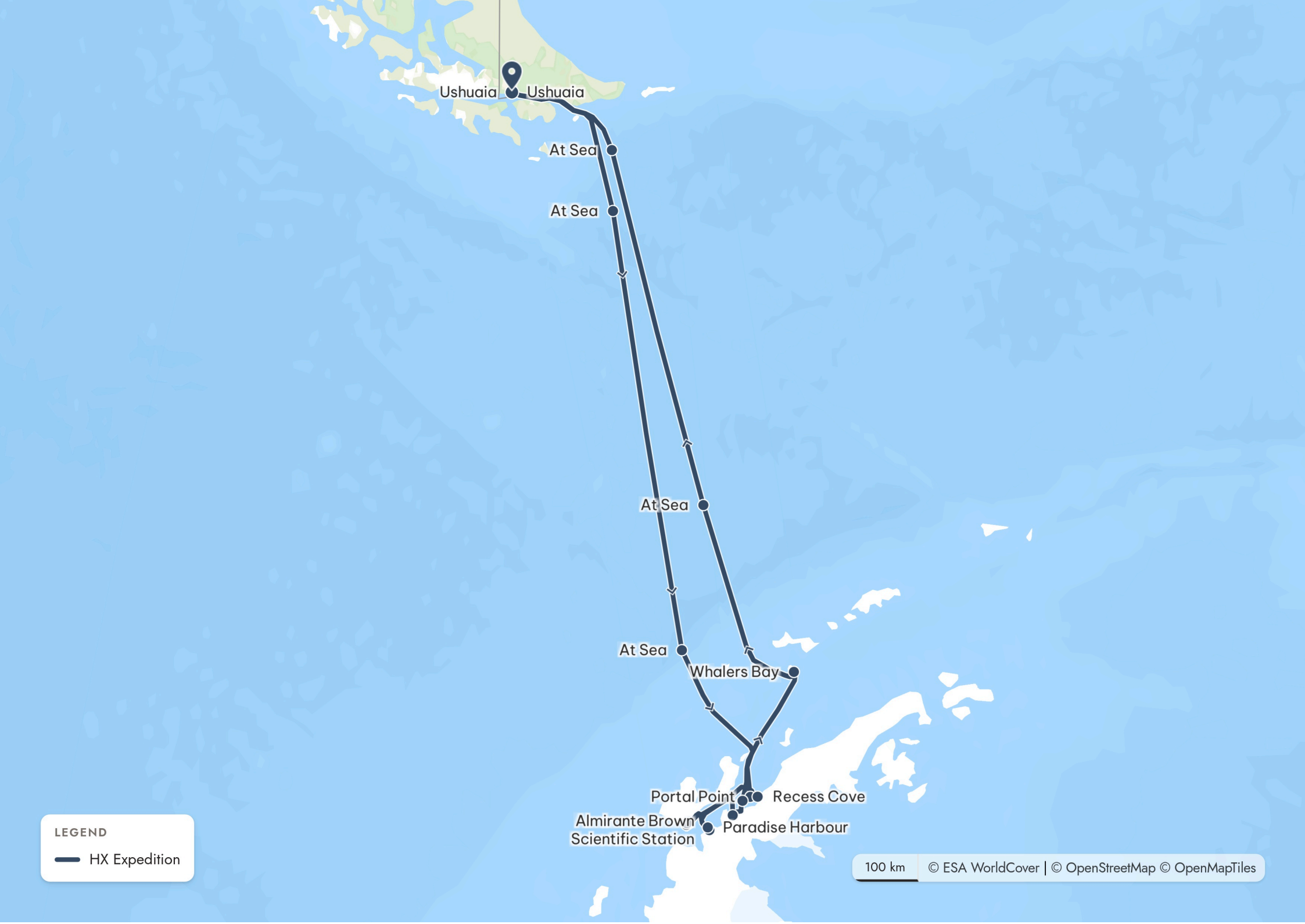


Highlights of Antarctica

MS Fridtjof Nansen, 31.10 – 10.11.2026


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Whalers Bay
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Ushuaia, Argentina - Oct 31, 2026

Day 1 — Ushuaia

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At Sea - Nov 1, 2026

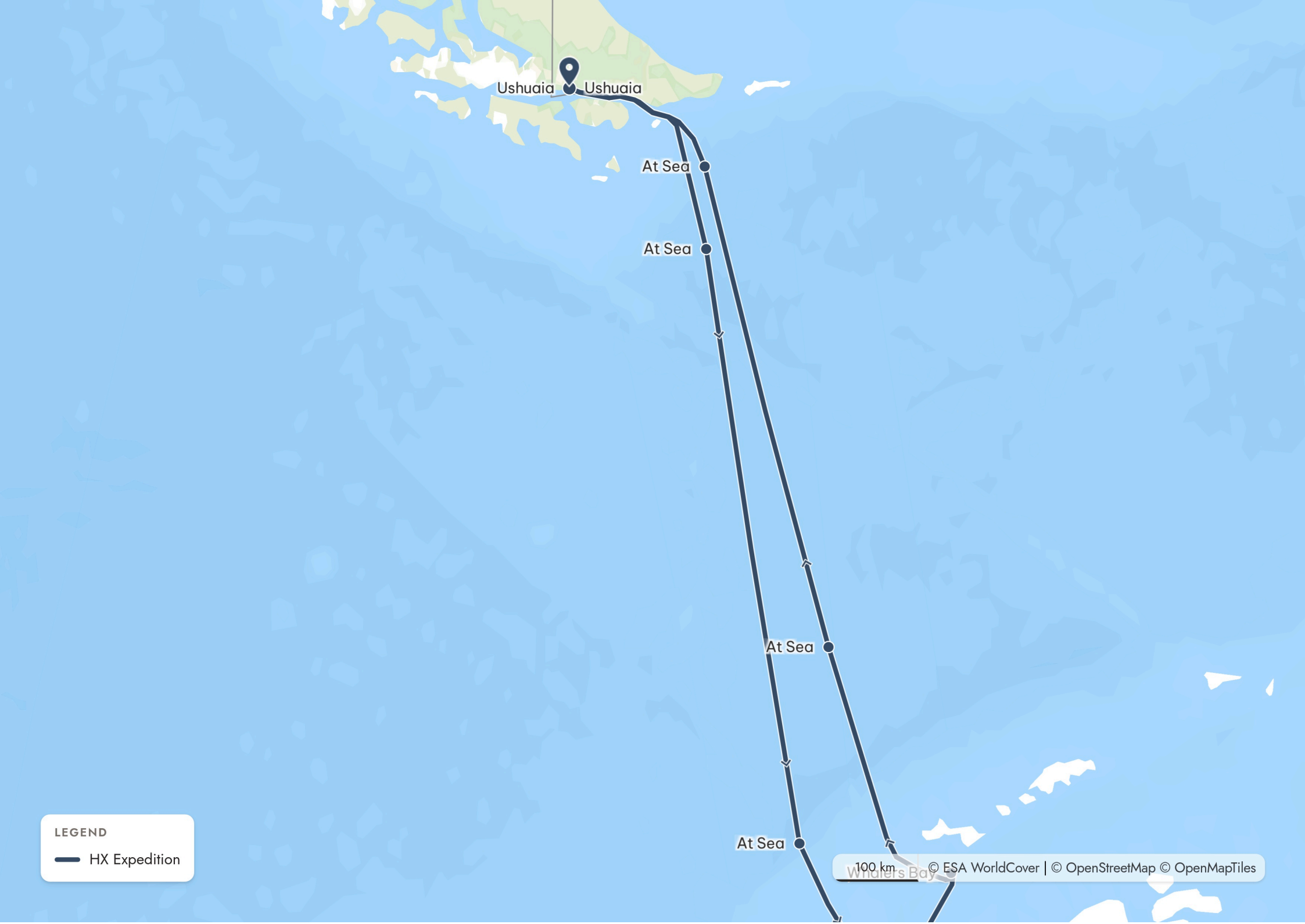
312.4 km

Day 2 – Drake Passage

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At Sea - Nov 2, 2026

682.6 km

Day 3 – Drake Passage

On your second day across the Drake Passage, you had your first sight of land and of ice. The first iceberg appeared on the horizon, brilliant white against the grey sky, and soon more followed, massive and tabular, floating past the ship as you had your first view of Antarctica. The snowy peaks of the South Shetland Islands emerged as the snowfall eased for a moment, their outlines sharp against the leaden clouds. The bridge announced the sighting, and guests gathered on deck with cameras and binoculars to take in the scene. As the ship sailed past these islands, we entered the calmer waters of the Antarctic Peninsula. The sea settled, the wind dropped, and the air grew colder, carrying with it the clean, mineral scent of ice. Ahead lay a coastline of glaciers and dark rock, the first solid ground south of the Drake Passage.





Portal Point, Antarctica - Nov 3, 2026

233.4 km

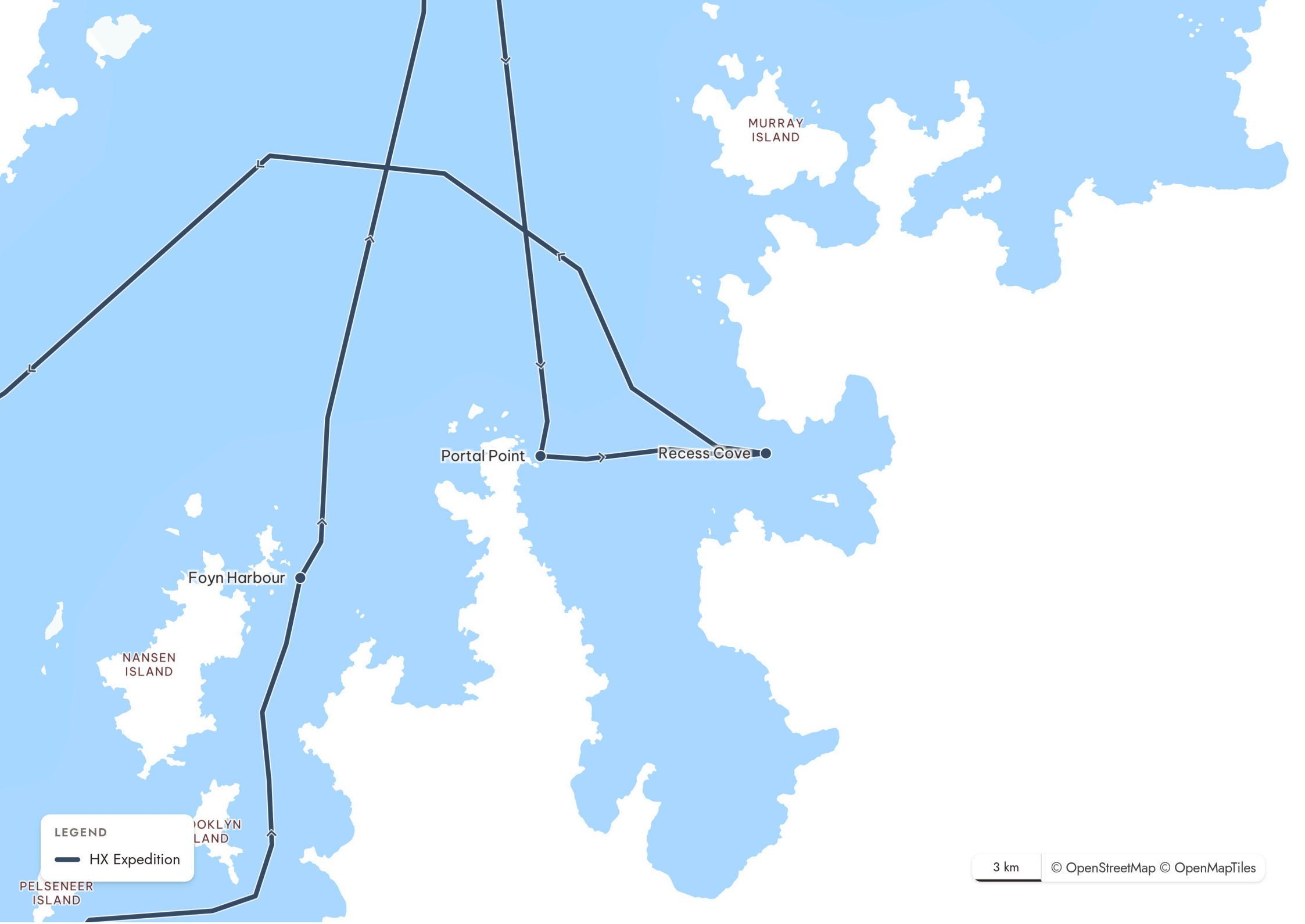
Day 4 – Portal Point (AM)

On your first day of expedition operations, we found safe landfall on Portal Point. Snow was falling thick and fast as the Expedition Team launched the expedition boats for guests to ride to the Antarctic continent proper. This was your first expedition boat landing of the voyage. The foundations of the British Reclus hut poked through the snow, and the local wildlife greeted you to their snowy home.

Penguins and seals were visible on the landing site, the first close encounters with Antarctic wildlife of the trip. The Expedition Team guided guests ashore and established the landing perimeter while the snow continued to fall. The morning on land gave everyone a first taste of the Antarctic continent, the snow and the wildlife setting the tone for the days of exploration ahead.






MURRAY ISLAND
Portal Point
Recess Cove
Foyn Harbour
NANSEN ISLAND
PELSENEER ISLAND
LEGEND
HX Expedition
3 km
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Recess Cove, Antarctica - Nov 3, 2026

9.7 km

Day 4 – Recess Cove (PM)

After a morning on land, we sailed towards Recess Cove and our first expedition boat cruising of the trip. Visibility was low as the ship disappeared from sight, and the Expedition Team navigated the boats around the icebergs that filled the cove. Guests experienced the harsh climate of Antarctica in spring at close quarters from the expedition boats. The low visibility and the icebergs made for a memorable first cruising, the scale of the landscape apparent even in the reduced conditions. This was the first opportunity to see the Antarctic coastline from the water, and the icebergs and the fog gave a sense of how remote and challenging this environment is. The afternoon set the pattern for the expedition boat cruising that would follow in the days ahead.





Almirante Brown Scientific Station, Antarctica - Nov 4, 2026

113.1 km

Day 5 – Almirante Brown (AM)

You awoke to views of the mountains of the Antarctic Peninsula rising high above our landing site. Today we landed at the Argentine research station of Almirante Brown, and you were greeted by the residents. Not people, but penguins. The small outcrop on the continent hosts a colony of gentoo penguins, busy preparing their nests for the summer. The colony was the first large penguin colony of the voyage, and guests spent the morning watching the birds go about their work of nest building. The Expedition Team set up the landing site and guided guests through the area, keeping a respectful distance from the nesting birds. The station buildings stood at the water's edge, and the mountains of the Antarctic Peninsula provided a dramatic backdrop to the morning's landing.






LEMAIRE ISLAND
LAUTARO ISLAND
Paradise Harbour
BRYDE ISLAND
Almirante Brown Scientific Station
LEGEND
HX Expedition
2 km
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Paradise Harbour, Antarctica - Nov 4, 2026

4 km

Day 5 – Paradise Harbour (PM)

As the ship left the station, the ice had moved in, and we prepared the expedition boats for an afternoon of cruising in Paradise Harbour. Many of you spotted humpback whales and a lone leopard seal on the ice as the boats cruised through the harbour. Snow petrels soared past the expedition boats, observing us, the visitors to their domain. The wildlife sightings continued throughout the afternoon, the whales and the leopard seal among the highlights of the day. The Expedition Team kept the boats at a safe distance from the wildlife while giving everyone the best possible views. The afternoon of cruising in Paradise Harbour brought the first day of expedition operations to a close, with the ice and the wildlife combining for a remarkable finish.





Port Lockroy, Antarctica - Nov 5, 2026

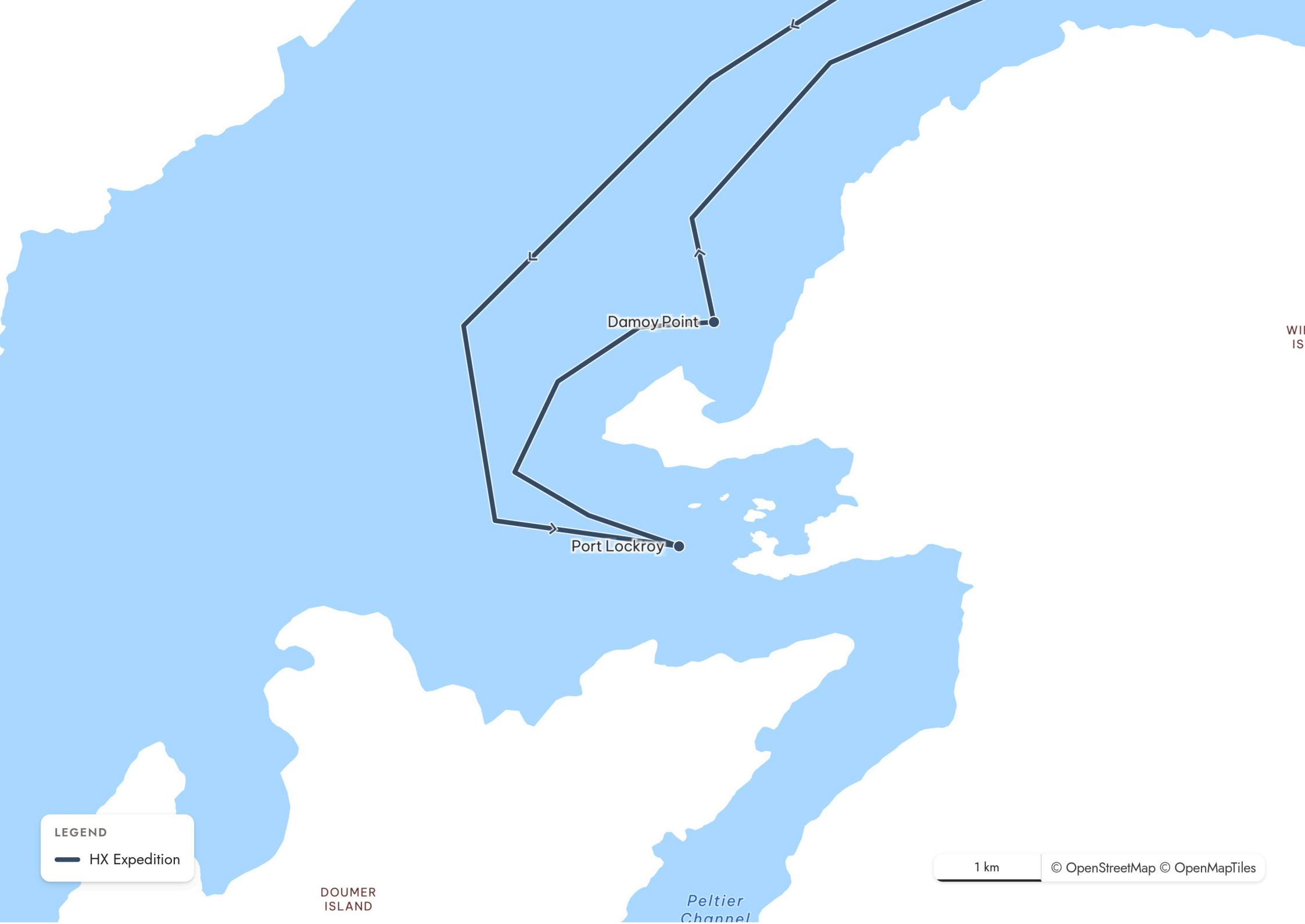
50.3 km

Day 6 — Port Lockroy (AM)

Your day started with expedition boat cruising around Goudier Island and the buildings of Base A, Port Lockroy. The bay behind the base was still frozen over, and guests witnessed the flat, white expanse of sea ice stretching to the shore. Gentoo penguins and Antarctic shags were busy nest building as we cruised around the area, the first penguin colony seen from the water at close range. The buildings of Base A stood on the shore, and the Expedition Team explained the history of the station as the boats cruised past. The frozen bay and the wildlife activity around the base made for a striking morning on the water, the sea ice giving a sense of how the landscape changes through the season.






Damoy Point
Port Lockroy
DOUMER ISLAND
Peltier Channel
LEGEND
HX Expedition
1 km
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Damoy Point, Antarctica - Nov 5, 2026

4.2 km

Day 6 – Damoy Point (PM)

This was followed by your landing at Damoy Point. The historic hut was open, and guests had a glimpse into Antarctic life in the past, when the hut was an active station. The Expedition Team accompanied guests inside and explained the history of the building and its role in Antarctic operations. Some guests went snowshoeing away from the landing site to take in the views down to Port Lockroy and the mountains of Anvers and Wiencke Island rising on all sides. The snowshoeing gave a different perspective on the landscape, the higher ground revealing the full scale of the surrounding mountains. The afternoon at Damoy Point combined a historic landing site with the wider views across the bay, and the snowshoeing offered a chance to explore further from the shore.





Wilhelmina Bay, Antarctica - Nov 6, 2026

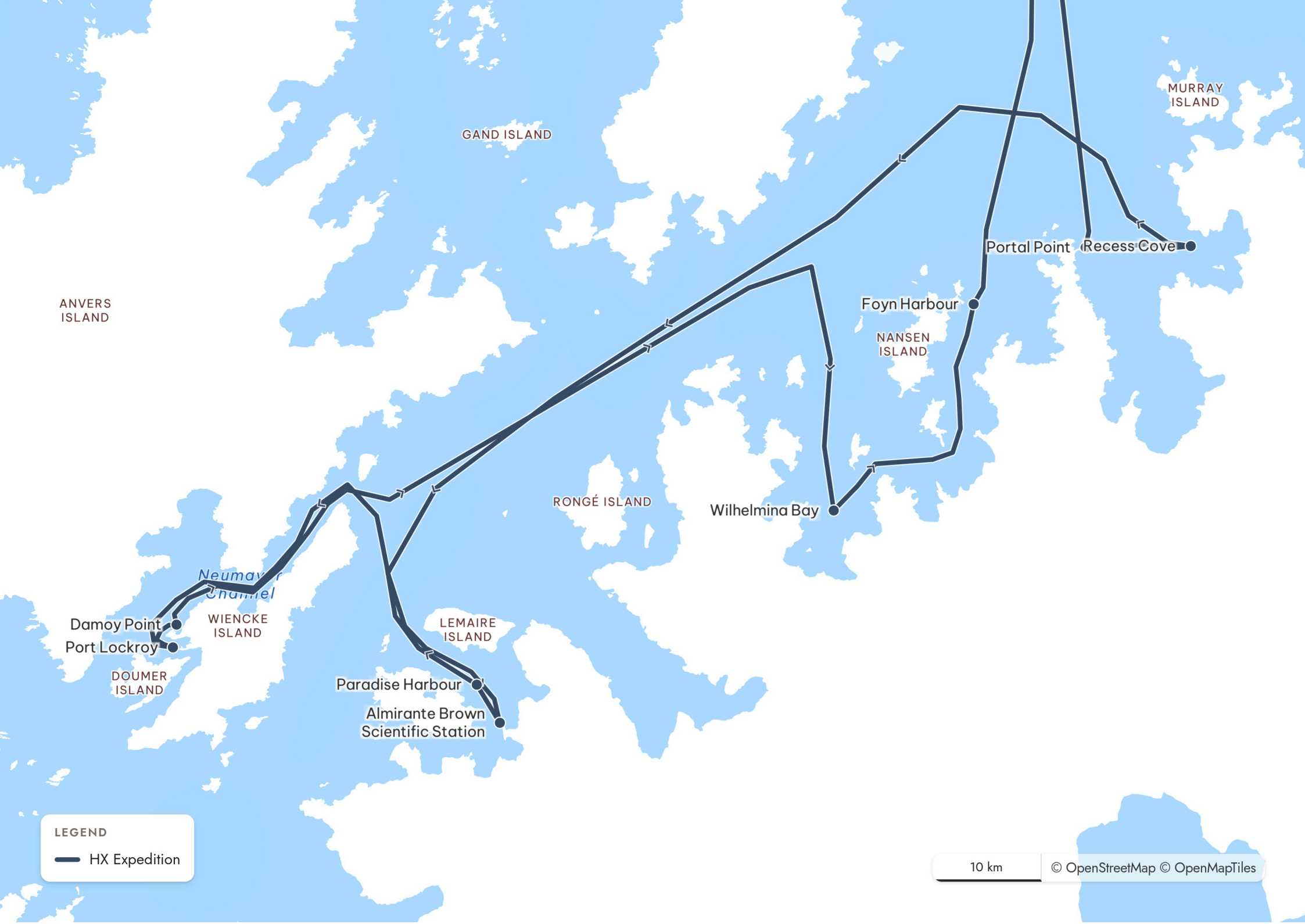
92.6 km

Day 7 – Wilhelmina Bay (AM)

Another snowy day greeted you as the ship sailed into Wilhelmina Bay for some expedition boat cruising. Icebergs floated away from the glaciers emptying into the bay on all sides, and the Expedition Team navigated the boats through the ice to give guests a close view. Many icebergs hosted young fur seals that watched us drive by with curiosity, the seals providing some of the closest wildlife encounters of the morning. The cruising through the bay gave everyone a sense of the scale of the glaciers and the number of icebergs that fill these waters. The Expedition Team kept the boats moving through the ice while pointing out the wildlife and the features of the bay. The morning in Wilhelmina Bay combined glacier scenery with close wildlife encounters from the expedition boats.






GAND ISLAND
MURRAY ISLAND
ANVERS ISLAND
Portal Point
Recess Cove
Foyn Harbour
NANSEN ISLAND
RONGÉ ISLAND
Wilhelmina Bay
Neumayer Channel
Damoy Point
Port Lockroy
WIENCKE ISLAND
LEMAIRE ISLAND
DOUMER ISLAND
Paradise Harbour
Almirante Brown Scientific Station
LEGEND
HX Expedition
10 km
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Foyn Harbour, Antarctica - Nov 6, 2026

26.9 km

Day 7 – Foyn Harbour (PM)

The afternoon saw us reposition to Foyn Harbour on Enterprise Island to take our expedition boats out to see the shipwreck Governoren, an old whaling vessel that sank when a fire broke out on board. In its sheltered harbour, the wreck has stood for over a century, providing a safe anchorage for many small vessels such as the ones you saw today. The Expedition Team guided the boats to the wreck and explained its history as the guests viewed the remains from the water. The visit to the Governoren gave a tangible connection to the whaling era that once operated in these waters. The sheltered harbour and the wreck made for a distinctive afternoon of cruising, the history of the site complementing the wildlife and scenery of the morning in Wilhelmina Bay.






DECEPTION ISLAND
DECEPTION ISLAND
Whalers Bay
NEW ROCK
LEGEND
HX Expedition
2 km
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Whalers Bay, Antarctica - Nov 7, 2026

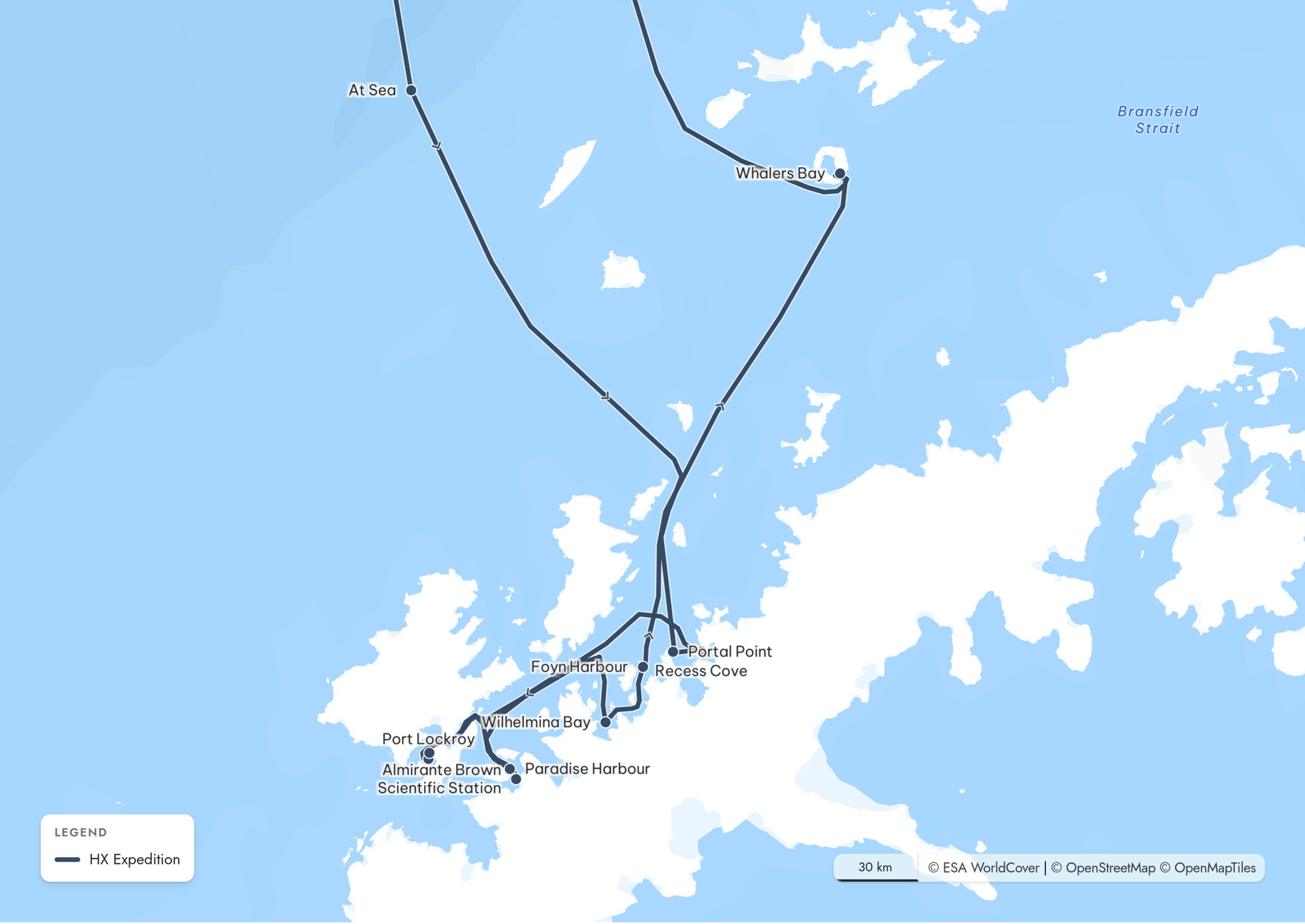
194.4 km

Day 8 – Whalers Bay

On your final day in Antarctica, MS Fridtjof Nansen sailed through Neptune's Bellows into the heart of an active volcano. The flooded caldera of Deception Island sheltered the ship from the biting polar winds that were building outside. You landed at the old whaling station of Whalers Bay and were able to explore the buildings still standing from this period of Antarctic history. Wildlife was spread across the landing site, with gentoo penguins, fur seals, skuas, and even a small Weddell seal on the landing. The Expedition Team guided guests through the site and explained the history of the whaling station and the volcanic landscape of Deception Island. As the day came to a close, the ship sailed out towards the Drake Passage as you said farewell to the Antarctic Peninsula and prepared to face the waves of the open seas again.






At Sea
Whalers Bay
Bransfield Strait
Portal Point
Recess Cove
Foyn Harbour
Wilhelmina Bay
Port Lockroy
Almirante Brown Scientific Station
Paradise Harbour
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HX Expedition
30 km
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At Sea - Nov 8, 2026

307.7 km

Day 9 – Drake Passage

The sea was lively as we sailed back across the Drake Passage. The day was full of onboard programme, with lectures, workshops, and even a Q&A session with the ship's officers, allowing you to find out how things work behind the scenes. The Expedition Team delivered the lectures and workshops throughout the day, and the Q&A gave guests the chance to ask the officers about the running of the ship.

The lively seas made for a different atmosphere on board, the ship moving with the swell as the programme continued inside. The day at sea gave everyone time to reflect on the days in Antarctica and to learn more about the ship and its operations from the officers who run it.





At Sea - Nov 9, 2026

587.1 km

Day 10 – Drake Passage

On the final day of the Drake Passage, the wind and waves were still roaring. During the day on board, you attended your final lectures and recaps of your expedition. The Expedition Team delivered the recaps, drawing together the wildlife sightings and landings of the voyage. The day ended with a farewell from our Captain, followed by our photographer's slideshow of the trip. The slideshow allowed you to reminisce on all the days of this voyage, from the first sight of icebergs to your final penguin colony. As the winds intensified, MS Fridtjof Nansen reached the more sheltered waters of the Beagle Channel, and the final day at sea drew to a close with the slideshow and the farewell bringing the voyage to its end.





Ushuaia, Argentina - Nov 10, 2026

218.8 km

Farewell & Safe Travels

As we reached Ushuaia once again, the ship tied up alongside for the first time since this journey began, and it was time to say farewell. The Expedition Team gathered to say goodbye to the guests as they prepared to disembark, the voyage at its end and the next steps ahead for everyone on board. The journey back across the Drake Passage and the final day on the Beagle Channel had brought the expedition to its close, and the ship was alongside once more in the harbour where it had all started. We hope you had a memorable expedition with us, and we look forward to seeing you again.



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