



MS Roald Amundsen

2024.03.10 - 2024.03.20



Punta Arenas

Ushuaia

Drake
Passage

Scotia
Sea

Legend



— HX Expedition

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Day 1

Mar 10, 2024

Sunny Ushuaia greeted us gently before we boarded our new home for the next 10 days, the MS Roald Amundsen. We sailed through the Beagle channel in

a calm evening atmosphere with several birds flying along.

Ushuaia



Ushuaia

Day 2

Mar 11, 2024

A rough start on the Drake passage awaited us during the night and in the first half of the day, colloquially referred to as "Drake shake". During the

night waves reached a height of 6-7 meters. Nevertheless, the anticipation of what was to come grew with every hour we travelled further South.

Drake Passage



Day 3

Mar 12, 2024

Another day on the Drake Passage, but today with rather calm seas. The onboard program with

workshops and lectures prepared us for our arrival.

Drake Passage



The first iceberg

Day 4

Mar 13, 2024

We arrived in Antarctica! Icebergs and ice flows were floating next to the ship. We sailed through the Lemaire Channel in the morning, famous for its beauty of mountains and glaciers that rise steeply out of the water. Humpback whales swam close to

the ship. The afternoon was filled with zodiac cruising and a landing at Damoy point, including a visit in the British Damoy hut and to some gentoo penguin colonies. A lucky group of campers were able to enjoy a true Antarctic night at Damoy.

📍 Lemaire Channel, Peltier Channel and Damoy Point



Damoy hut



Gentoo penguins

Day 5

Mar 14, 2024

The early morning brought a wakeup call for the campers at Damoy point before the ship continued its way through beautiful Paradise Bay up to Orne Harbour. Orne is situated on the actual Antarctic continent. A steep hike in serpentines up the hill brought us to a colony of chinstrap penguins. A lot

of brash ice was drifting towards the landing site which made it a real adventure to return back to the ship with the zodiacs pushing through the ice. The deck and expedition team drivers kept us safe at any time.

Orne Harbour



Chinstrap penguins



Icy landing site

Day 6

Mar 15, 2024

Landing on another landing site located on the Antarctic continent, we explored the surroundings. From land and when cruising with the zodiacs we could see many humpback whales, sometimes even

from very closeup. Finally, the wind conditions allowed the first two kayaking groups to go out paddling. A second group of campers were fortunate to spend an Antarctic night at Portal Point.

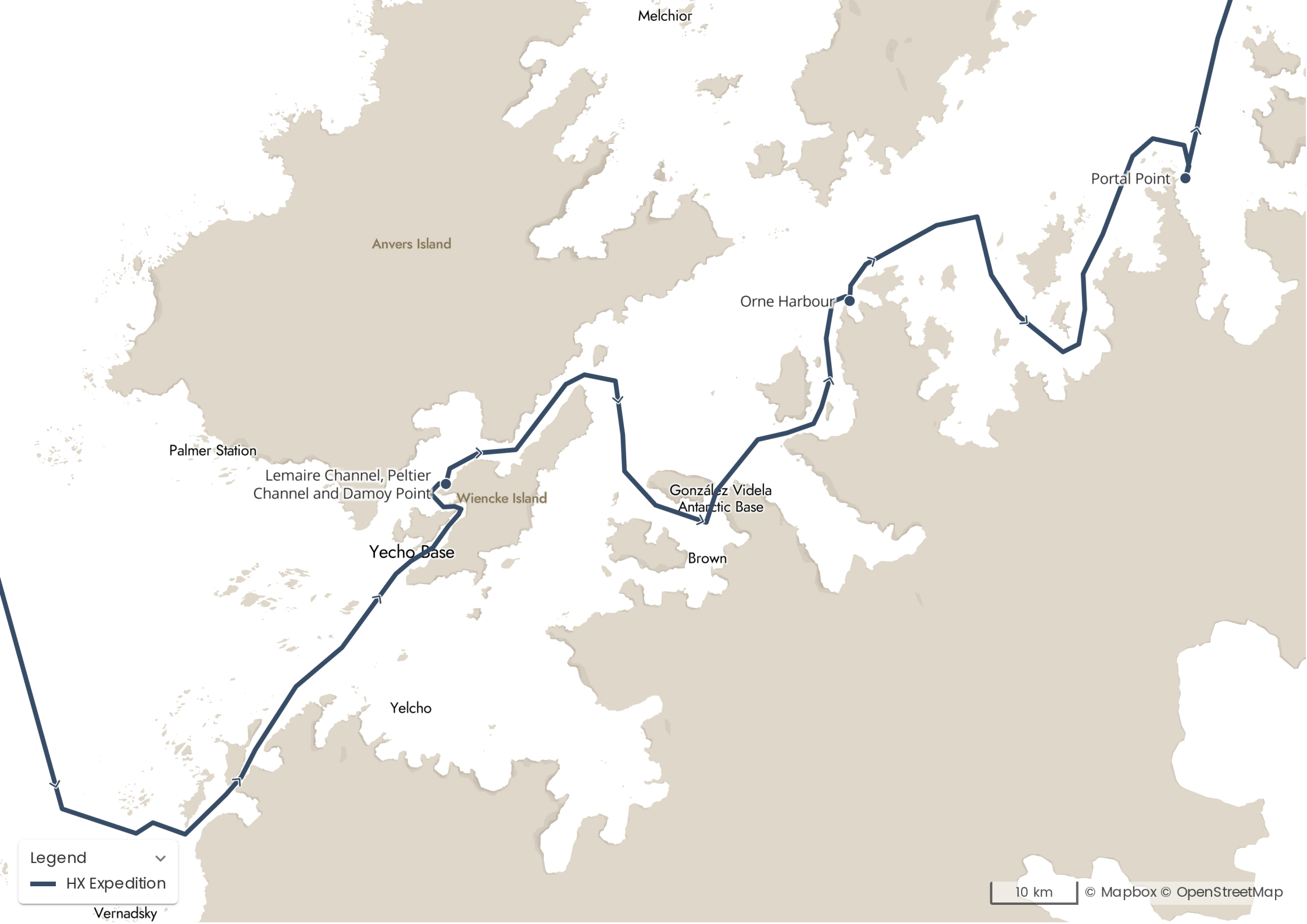
Portal Point



Glacier



Humpback fluke



Melchior

Anvers Island

Orne Harbour

Portal Point

Palmer Station

Lemaire Channel, Peltier Channel and Damoy Point

Wiencke Island

González Videla Antarctic Base

Yecho Base

Brown

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Legend

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10 km

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Vernadsky

Day 7

Mar 16, 2024

After picking up the campers from Portal Point in the early morning, we continued our way up North, arriving at Spert Island after lunch. A zodiac cruising took us in between narrow passages of majestic

rocks and icebergs. One of the highlights was driving through a rock arch. Some penguins were jumping through the water, fur seals were lying on the rocks and Antarctic shags were flying around.

📷 Spert Island



Rock arch



Fur seal

Day 8 - morning

Mar 17, 2024

Before sunrise we started our exploration of Whaler's bay, located on Deception Island. The entire island is a still active volcano. Historic artefacts from the whaling and the research era were still visible, but fur seals had taken over most of the bay, challenging us

to find a way up to Neptun's window, a beautiful lookout point. Some of us were courageous enough to take a bath in Antarctic waters, a so-called polar plunge.

📷 Whaler's Bay



Historic remains from whaling



Fur seals took over

Day 8 - afternoon

Mar 17, 2024

After lunch a second landing for this day awaited us, still located on Deception Island. We headed to Telefon Bay where we had the option of an easy landing with a nice lookout point or a second option, a difficult hike around the ridge of a volcanic crater. Both landings provided us with magnificent views of

the island, its mountains and the sea. As the first snow in the season had fallen previously, the landscape appeared to be a pencil drawing from which it was hard to take your eyes off. In the evening we left the South Shetland Islands to continue our way up North.

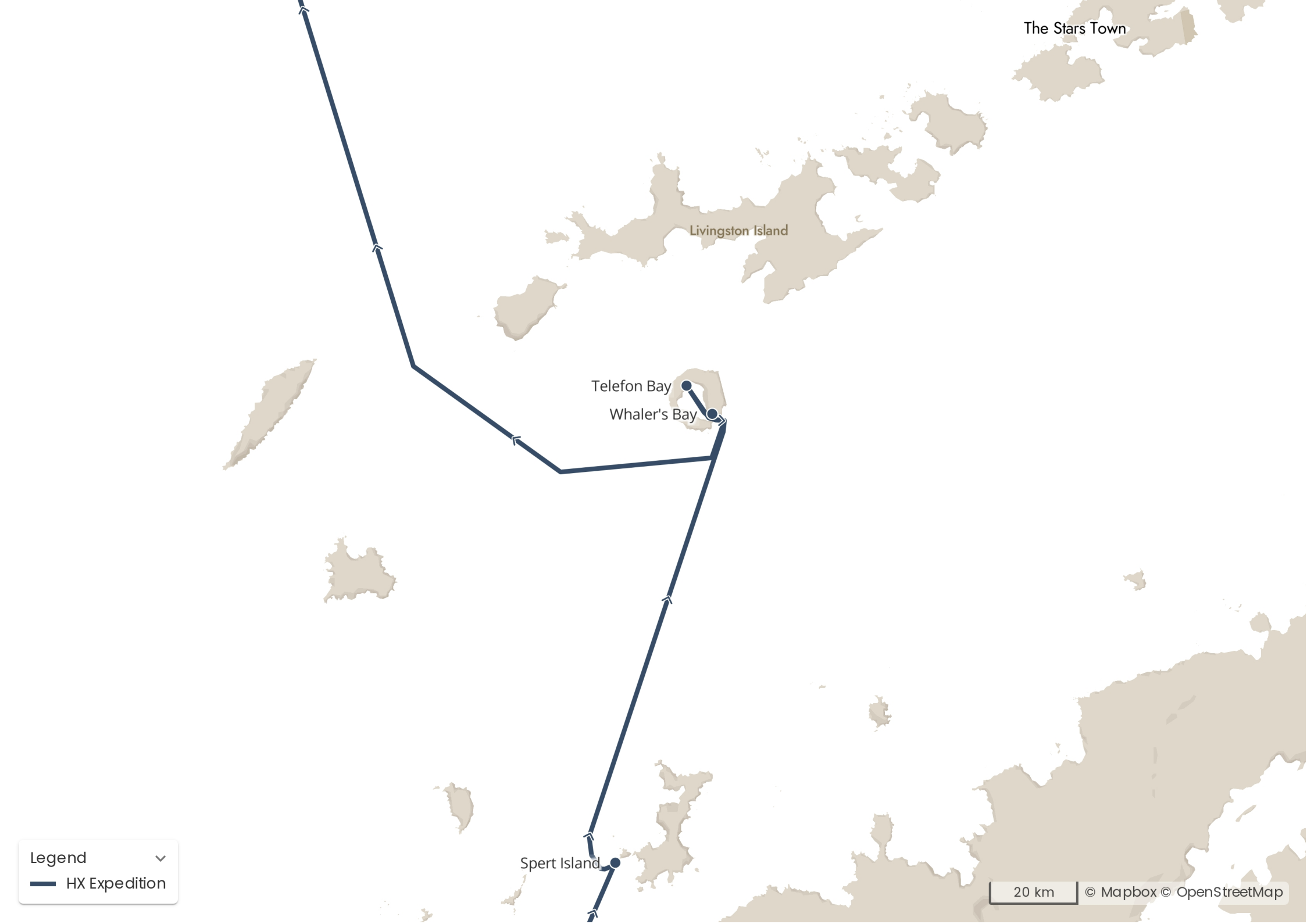
Telefon Bay



Crater ridge hike



Crater



The Stars Town

Livingston Island

Telefon Bay

Whaler's Bay

Spert Island

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20 km

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Day 9

Mar 18, 2024

A "Drake Lake", only gentle movements of the ship were reminding us of being on a ship. A full day of

onboard program kept us busy; many of us hunting penguins during a scavenger hunt.

Drake Passage



Day 10

Mar 19, 2024

A last sea day. Time to process the plethora of impressions we gained during the previous days. Unforgettable memories that will accompany us. Many enriching conversations we had on this

voyage. But not to forget the inspiring moments of silence in which we soaked in this unique environment: a nature that makes us humble and appreciative.

Drake Passage



Day 11

Mar 20, 2024

Time to say goodbye. Or: Until we meet again!

📍 Ushuaia



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