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	Tanzania: Southern Serengeti & Mahale	February 7 – 19 Led by Marco	Combining two enthralling wildlife spectacles—Serengeti's legendary herds during the birthing season, and chimp tracking on the shores of Lake Tanganyika.
	New Zealand's Fiordland with Stewart Island onboard <i>Heritage Explorer</i>	February / March Led by Kevin	See the wild and spectacular west coast and southern islands—last refuge of many unique species—from an 18-guest yacht and small, remote lodges.
	Palau	March Led by Jonathan & Matt	Snorkel pristine coral reefs and savor the Rock Islands' legendary topside attractions on this comprehensive exploration of one of the world's ultimate marine meccas.
	Oman & Jordan	March 24 – April 8 Led by Gerald	Visit Oman's stunning World Heritage Sites, explore wetlands and coastal desert for migrating birds, and witness Jordan's ancient, rock-carved Petra.
	India Wildlife	March 14 – 28 Led by Marco & Liam	India's cultural and scenic diversity forms the backdrop to Asia's finest wildlife watching, highlighted by Bengal Tiger, Sloth Bear, and Great Indian Rhinoceros.
	Green Botswana	April 5 – 17 Led by Marco & Liam	Witness Botswana's prolific wildlife concentrations and diverse habitats with time exploring the Kalahari Desert, the legendary Okavango Delta, and Mokete Reserve.
	Uganda	May 3 – 15 Led by Marco & Liam	Chimp tracking and Nile wildlife watching are combined with Bwindi Impenetrable Forest's endangered Mountain Gorillas on this comprehensive exploration.
	Romania & Finland	May 8 – 23 Led by Gerald & Jonathan	Romania's Danube Delta delights birding enthusiasts. Spring in Finland offers the chance to see bears, wolves, Wolverines, and lynx.



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Azerbaijan, Georgia & Armenia	May Led by Kevin & Ingrid	From the Caspian Sea to the Caucasus Mountains, see a remarkable mix of cultural influences, ancient ruins, birding hotspots, and gorgeous mountain scenery.
Japan's National Parks onboard Heritage Adventurer	May 31 – June 15 Led by Jonathan, Gerald, Matt, & Liam	Experience iconic cities, ancient customs, renowned arts, remote coastlines, and spectacular wildlife on this circumnavigation of Japan's main island of Honshu.
Brazil	June 21 – July 2 Led by Diogo	Seek the incomparable wildlife treasures of the Amazon rainforest and Pantanal wetlands—Jaguar, Giant Anteater, Brazilian Tapir, Capybara, and Hyacinth Macaw.
Aleutian Islands onboard <i>Safari Explorer</i>	July 5 – 18 Led by Dan	Cruise from Dutch Harbor up "The Chain" and along the Alaska Peninsula on a small American-flagged vessel, finding brown bears, otters, whales, and puffins galore.
Amazonian Brazil onboard <i>Iracema</i>	July 24 – August 9 Led by Jonathan, Marco, Diogo, & Liam	An extraordinary primate extravaganza aboard a classic riverboat, deep into the watery wilderness of the Amazon basin at the height of its annual flood.
Namibia	September 10 – 24 Led by Marco	A land of striking scenery and abundant wildlife, from towering red sand dunes and the isolated Skeleton Coast to the wildlife-packed waterholes of Etosha.
Western Mongolia	September Led by Jonathan & Gerald	Attend the Eagle Festival, stay in traditional ger camps, photograph wildhorses, and search for Snow Leopards in the lower-altitude Altai Mountains.
Madagascar	October 9 – 20 Led by Marco	Arguably the best wildlife destination on Earth, see a remarkable diversity of habitats—home to lemurs, chameleons, endemic birds, and fascinating flora.
Melanesia onboard Heritage Adventurer	October 23 – November 8 Led by Jonathan, Liam, Matt, & Kristian	Savor Melanesia's varied cultural traditions, enjoy spectacular snorkelling, and search for endemic wildlife on the remote outer islands of New Guinea, the Solomons, and Vanuatu.



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Northern Argentina & Chile	October / November Led by Kevin	Traverse a little-known swath of South America taking in the wildlife-rich Ibera Marsh, Iguazú Falls, the spectacular Salta region, the Andes, and the Atacama Desert.
Ethiopia	November 1 – 17 Led by Marco	Discover Ethiopia's rare and endemic highland wildlife, immerse in rich tribal culture, witness dramatic landscapes, and explore its deep historical roots.
Borneo	November 7 – 21 Led by Gerald	From Orangutans and Proboscis Monkeys, to Leopard Cats and Rhinoceros Hornbills, discover Asia's richest forest fauna on an in-depth transect of this great island.

In the Works...

We're still hammering out the possibilities for the following expeditions.

PARAMAN AND	Samiland	March / April Led by Kevin	Travel by dogsled and snowmobile through northern Norway and meet one of the last truly nomadic cultures, the reindeer-herding Sami people.
	Saudi Arabia	October Led by Gerald	Explore the natural beauty and historical highlights of a country opening up to the world, as we travel through its deserts and mountains to the Red Sea.

Next Steps

As you can see, our love for exploring the world's most fascinating places continues with a range of exciting expeditions, many of them new and all of them designed by the expedition leaders. Each expedition is carefully planned to maximize the experience in each location, with most trips limited to small, intimate group sizes. As such, space is limited. Please add your name to any expeditions that interest you by emailing us today at info@apex-expeditions.com. This ensures you'll be among the very first to receive the detailed itinerary and rates as soon as they become available.

Adjustments to this expedition schedule may occur as dates and itineraries are finalized. Additional voyages may be added to this calendar as cruise operators confirm their 2026 itineraries.



Meet Our Leaders

Jonathan Rossouw	Jonathan is one of the world's most experienced expedition leaders, having guided wildlife expeditions in over 150 countries on all seven continents. He combines a legendary enthusiasm with an impressive knowledge of all aspects of natural history.
Kevin Clement	Not many people can say they have lived within Alaska's Denali and Glacier Bay National Parks, but Kevin is one. Nowadays, he spends most of his time leading adventures on all seven continents. As an artist, Kevin never travels without his sketchbook, or his sense of humor.
Peter Harrison	Peter has led expeditions throughout the world, from the Arctic to the Antarctic and everywhere in between. He has written and illustrated over a dozen books, of which his latest, <i>Seabirds: The New Identification Guide</i> , published May 2021, has been described by one reviewer as "a masterpiece of science and art."
Shirley Metz	Shirley's careers and accomplishments have spanned the globe. She co-founded Hobie Sports, developed active clothing lines, and consulted with major clothing manufacturers before becoming the first woman to ski overland to the South Pole to raise awareness for Antarctic conservation.
Marco Tonoli	Marco's love of the world's wilderness areas and the people within them led him to pursue what has turned into an adventurous career as a naturalist, guiding trips throughout Africa and India. Not only is Marco a talented photographer and videographer, he's also a skilled wildlife tracker.
Gerald Broddelez	Gerald has been leading wildlife-focused expeditions to some of the planet's most rewarding destinations for over 30 years. As a veteran expedition leader and lecturer on expedition ships, Gerald has travelled on all the world's oceans. His life list of mammals and birds is equally impressive.
Ingrid Nixon	Ingrid Nixon is a professional storyteller and former National Park Service ranger. She has worked in expedition tourism for over three decades, sharing stories of exploration, folklore, and natural history, while leading groups and driving Zodiacs. Ingrid also performs at storytelling festivals and events across the U.S.
Liam Rainier	Liam's love for the wilderness was instilled in him at an early age—his father's own adoration of nature fueled a steady exposure to new landscapes and fascinating wildlife. He has spent the last decade as a naturalist guide. His excitement and pure joy of experiencing wildlife sightings, big or small, is contagious.
Diogo Lucatelli	Diogo's passion for the natural world led him to study biology, ecology, and natural resources in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil. After graduating, he immersed himself in understanding the wetlands of the Pantanal, honing his guiding and tracking skills. His love for Brazil is evident in the way he shares his knowledge with guests.



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Matt Boyle	Matt's passion for underwater exploration has led him to study the unique ecosystems that exist beneath the waves and gain a deep understanding of the ocean's secrets. His unwavering love for knowledge-seeking and discovery makes him a true adventurer in every sense of the word.
Dan Olsen	Dan has called Seward, Alaska, his home for nearly 20 years, working as a whale researcher, tour captain, and mountain and kayak guide. Dan became entranced with the variety of calls of Killer Whales and returned to graduate school where he dove deep into behavior, movement, diet, and family-specific call dialects.
Kristian Gillies	Working as an expedition leader and field naturalist allows Kristian to combine his interest in wildlife ecology, marine biology, and ornithology—sharing his passion as he goes. Kristian's background includes a degree in Conservation Biology, and time spent studying Blue Whales and Orcas.

Our Nine-Pointed Star

The compass rose, with its eight cardinal and ordinal points, resembles a star itself, but there are places to which an ordinary compass will not guide you. The ancient symbol of a nine-pointed star took this into account, with its ninth point symbolically indicating the way to a destination as yet undiscovered. Such destinations have always called explorers and seekers to distant horizons. We at Apex Expeditions have adopted the nine-pointed star as our symbol because its meaning aligns with our own philosophy of discovery and adventure. *Join us!*



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