There is no better time than the Green Season, just after the rains have fallen, when the dry landscape has transformed into a lush, wildflower-speckled wonderland to get the true *Out of Africa* experience. Tourism is at its lowest and you are surrounded by nothing but the vast savannah thronged with wildlife. It is also the time when the Serengeti’s Great Migration heads westward, and wild cats lie in wait to feast upon the hordes of wildebeest, gazelles and zebras making their trek in search of new grazing land. See African Elephants with impressive tusks, called Tuskers, and countless Lions in the world-renowned Ngorongoro Crater. Stay in tented camps in three parts of the Serengeti. Watch for a crossing on the Grumeti River, during which thousands of wildebeest encounter some of the world’s biggest crocodiles. Join Apex as we take in the many wonderful spectacles of this, Tanzania’s most vibrant time of year.
Wednesday, May 10: Arrive Arusha
Arrive in Arusha, gateway to Mt. Kilimanjaro and the Ngorongoro Crater, and transfer to Legendary Lodge, nestled among lush gardens and working coffee estates. Gather this evening for a welcome dinner and briefing by your expedition leaders to prepare you for your Tanzania safari tour. Overnight at Legendary Lodge.

Thursday, May 11: Arusha / Ngorongoro Crater
After breakfast, enjoy a short drive to Mto wa Mbu, among the most active villages in northern Tanzania, for a taste of traditional African life. Join local guides on a stroll and visit homes, the school, market and farmlands. After lunch, head to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the jaw-dropping Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti Plains. The road to the lodge skirts the rim of the crater, offering a glimpse down onto the crater floor, thousands of feet below. Dinner and overnight at the Ngorongoro Crater Lodge on the crater rim.

Friday, May 12: Ngorongoro Crater
Rise at dawn for an adventure into one of the world’s most spectacular wildlife sanctuaries, the 2,000-foot Ngorongoro Crater. The crater floor is an ecological microcosm of East Africa, with forests, lakes, grasslands, swamps and rivers that together support a staggering 30,000 large animals. Huge concentrations of Blue Wildebeest and Burchell’s Zebra are accompanied by smaller numbers of the crater’s famous Giant Tuskers, buffalo, hippos, Topi, and Thomson’s and Grant’s Gazelles. Predators like Lion, Cheetah, Leopard, Spotted Hyena, Bat-eared Fox, and Golden and Black-backed Jackal abound. You may even be lucky enough to spot the critically endangered Black Rhino. Birders will not be disappointed—see rafts of Lesser flamingoes on Lake Magadi, Lammergeier, Vereaux’s Eagle, Ostrich, Kori Bustard, Grey Crowned Crane, Lilac-breasted Roller, and raptors.

Photos: Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, Hippos, Grey Crowned Crane
like the unique Secretarybird and majestic Long-crested Eagle. Ascend to the scenic Ngorongoro Crater Lodge for dinner and overnight.

Saturday, May 13: Ngorongoro / Southern Serengeti
The Serengeti is Tanzania’s oldest national park. Its name means “endless plain” in the Maasai language, and it is fitting, as the park is comprised of 5,700 square miles of plains, open woodlands, and rivers. The park is a veritable wildlife feast, offering a host of resident mammals and simply superb birds, with over 550 species having been recorded. Today, drive through eastern Serengeti to Pioneer Camp, located in the wildebeest migration area of south central Serengeti. Dinner and overnight at Pioneer Camp.

Sunday & Monday, May 14 & 15: Southern Serengeti
May marks the end of the rainy season, so the landscape is at its most beautiful, with life erupting everywhere. Dust is minimal, the wildflowers are all in bloom, and the wildebeest migration is moving westwards. This time of year, the mass migration collides with the big cat populations that reside here, so the opportunity to see a big cat kill is at its peak. May is also known as the ‘rut,’ when the wildebeest mating season is in full swing, with an almost constant cacophony of bellowing males holding temporary territories in which they try to attract females. During your stay at Pioneer Camp, enjoy game drives, where you stand a great chance of spotting the ‘Big 5.’ In addition, several smaller, but no less spectacular, species of cats such as Caracal, Serval and African Wild Cat, are also relatively numerous. Ungulates abound, and in addition to the ever-present wildebeest, huge numbers of Burchell’s Zebra, African Buffalo, Giraffe, Warthog, Thomson’s and Grant’s Gazelles, Impala, Topi, Kongoni, diminutive Kirk’s Dik-diks, Klipspringer, Roan, Oribi, Defassa Waterbuck, Bohor Reedbuck and Eland may also be seen. Star birds in the area include three species entirely restricted to this part of Tanzania, namely Gray-breasted Spurfowl, the glamorous Fischer’s Lovebird and characterful Rufous-tailed Weaver, all of which are delightfully common here. In addition, you should see more widespread avian icons of the African savannah such as Bateleur, the stunning Blue-capped Cordon-bleu, and the aptly named Beautiful Sunbird. Dinners and overnights at Pioneer Camp.

Tuesday, May 16: Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp
After breakfast, head to the western corridor of the Serengeti National Park. Grumeti covers nearly 800 square miles and forms part of the larger Serengeti Maasai Mara ecosystem. Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp overlooks a tributary of the great Grumeti River, one site in the annual migration. With luck, witness a “crossing,” during which droves of wildebeest brave the jaws of some of the biggest Nile Crocodiles on Earth. Hippos are a big draw here as well. Dinner and overnight at Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp.

Wednesday & Thursday, May 17 & 18: Grumeti Serengeti Camp
Rise with the sun each morning to catch the animals at their most active. Your guides will keep an eye out for the great herds of the migration, but the permanent water source of the Grumeti River also means that the area is rich in predators year-round, with massive Lion prides and extensive clans of hyena numbering up to a hundred. The river also attracts large herds of buffalo and elephant, while the open plains are the ideal habitat for Cheetah. Morning and evening game drives will assure you the greatest number and variety of sightings, and give you a real sense of the terrain of western Serengeti. Dinners and overnights at Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp.

Photos: Giraffe, Lion Cub, Klipspringer, Nile Crocodile
Friday, May 19: Singita Sabora Tented Camp
After breakfast, transfer to the local airstrip for a short flight to Sasakwa. Head to Singita Sabora Tented Camp, an opulent, yet intimate, 1920s-explorer-inspired camp, situated in a 350,000-acre portion of the Grumeti Reserve that has remained virtually untouched. Leave your belongings in your tent and light out on an afternoon safari game drive. You are likely to spot a great variety of wildlife, including Cheetah, wildebeest, Bat-eared Fox, Maasai Giraffe, Lion, elephant, buffalo, Leopard, and plenty of zebra. Dinner and overnight at Singita Sabora Tented Camp.

Saturday & Sunday, May 20 & 21: Singita Sabora Camp
Enjoy two full days of morning and evening game drives, as well as optional bush walks with an expert guide and tracker, to give you a different view of the magnificent plants and landscapes of the area. After dinners, be sure to enjoy an evening drink by the campfire. It is the perfect venue to discuss the journey’s highlights with fellow travelers.

Monday, May 22: Singita Sabora Camp / Arusha
Enjoy one last breakfast in the bush, before transferring to the airstrip for your flight to Arusha. Enjoy a farewell lunch at River House Shanga, located on the beautiful grounds of the Arusha Coffee Lodge, then visit the Shanga Shangaa workshops, which employ people with disabilities to create exquisite handmade crafts and jewelry. Afterward, transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flights home.
Expedition Map

A – Arusha
B – Ngorongoro Crater
C – Southern Serengeti
D – Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp
E – Singita Sabora Tented Camp

By Road  By Air
Peter Harrison

Peter Harrison has led expeditions throughout the world, from the Arctic to the Antarctic and everywhere in between. Peter has written and illustrated over a dozen books, of which *Seabirds: An Identification Guide*, is considered the bible of seabird identification. Peter is only one of a handful of authors to both write and illustrate bird books, but Peter Harrison is so much more than just a “bird man.” In addition to being a professional birder, entrepreneur, artist, author and screenwriter, Peter has devoted much of his time to conservation efforts. In recognition of his outstanding work in natural history and his dedication to conservation projects, Peter was invited to Buckingham Palace and honored with the title, Member of the British Empire by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. More recently, Peter was invited to Westminster by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to receive their prestigious Conservation Gold Medal Award. This honor is bestowed upon one individual each year in recognition of their support and dedication to wild bird protection and global habitat conservation. Past recipients have included Prince Charles and Sir David Attenborough. Exploration and discovery remain a driving force for Peter and during a recent expedition to Chile he led a six-person team to locate, catch and describe the first completely new storm petrel species to be discovered in nearly 100 years, the Pincoya Storm Petrel. It is safe to say that with Peter leading the charge, adventure always abounds.

Shirley Metz

Shirley Metz’s careers and accomplishments have spanned the globe. Born in Minnesota, she grew up in Europe and Hawaii, graduating from the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. Shirley became a certified diver at age 16 and while at UH did shark research earning her degrees in Marine Biology and Communications. She met her first husband in Hawaii with whom she founded Hobie Sports. She also developed several active clothing lines and consulted to companies such as The North Face.

In early 1988 Shirley visited Antarctica and became inspired to work in Antarctic conservation. To raise awareness, Shirley became a member of an international expedition that would attempt to ski 800 miles from the edge of Antarctica to the South Pole. On January 17, 1989, the nine-member expedition arrived at world’s end; Shirley made history and her way into the Guinness Book of Records as the first woman to ski overland to the South Pole. A member of the Explorers Club and The Society of Woman Geographers, Shirley continues to raise awareness and support for international environmental and cultural projects. Following a chance meeting in Antarctica in 1990 Shirley married Peter Harrison and together formed the successful travel firm, Eco–Expeditions. Together with four partners, they also founded Zegrahm Expeditions, a small-ship expedition company.

Shirley continues to lead expeditions, both private and commercial. As a professional photographer Shirley documents her travels and lectures on various topics, including her South Pole expedition.

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Expedition Details

**Tanzania**  May 10 – 22, 2017

$18,970  Per Person Rate  
$21,220  Solo Rate  
13 Days  Trip Length  
12 Guests  Group Size  
Arusha / Arusha  Start/End

**Included**

Apex Expeditions’ rates include all accommodations; all meals, activities and excursions as described in the itinerary; domestic air as noted in the itinerary; services of two Apex Expeditions leaders and local guides throughout the itinerary; local beer & wines at lunch & dinner; all gratuities; airport transfers; permits and entrance fees; all taxes.

**Not Included**

Costs not included in the price of your Apex expedition include travel to and from the start and end point of the trip; premium brand drinks and liquor; travel insurance (Trip Cancellation and Interruption, as well as Emergency Medical and Evacuation insurance, are highly recommended); airport departure taxes; equipment rental; excess baggage fees; passport and/or visa fees; items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, souvenirs, etc.); and independent travel arrangements pre- or post-trip.

**Payments & Terms**

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