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|    | <b>Wild Cuba</b>  | January 12 – 26<br>Led by Kevin   | An in-depth exploration of Cuba's natural and cultural gems. Highlights include four UNESCO World Heritage sites and a plethora of endemics.                              |
|    | <b>Ethiopia</b>   | February 5 – 21<br>Led by Marco, Liam & Rich                              | Fabled history and majestic scenery on the "Rooftop of Africa" combines with fascinating wildlife and jaw-dropping tribal culture for this comprehensive exploration.     |
|    | <b>Borneo</b>   | February 24 – March 8<br>Led by Gerald                                    | From Orangutans to Proboscis Monkeys, Clouded Leopards to Rhinoceros Hornbills, discover Asia's richest forest fauna on an in-depth transect of this great island.        |
|   | <b>Chile to Tahiti<br/>onboard <i>Silver Explorer</i></b> | March 17 – April 10<br>Led by Gerald, Peter, Shirley,<br>Kevin & Jonathan | A South Pacific odyssey with awe-inspiring scenery, world-class snorkeling, huge concentrations of seabirds, and fascinating history at both Easter and Pitcairn Islands. |
|  | <b>India</b>  | March 19 – April 2<br>Led by Marco  | 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.         |
|  | <b>Green Botswana</b>                                     | April 16 – 30<br>Led by Jonathan  | Experience Botswana's pristine wilderness at its most luxuriant, from the Kalahari Desert to the prolific wildlife of the legendary Okavango Delta.                       |
|  | <b>Tanzania's Serengeti</b>                               | May 6 – 18<br>Led by Marco  | Savor the "Out of Africa" experience of the Serengeti at its most exquisite, with the legendary migration in full swing across wildflower-studded plains.                 |
|  | <b>Amazonian Brazil<br/>onboard <i>Dorinha</i></b>        | May<br>Led by Kevin & Diogo   | An extraordinary primate extravaganza aboard a classic riverboat, deep into the watery wilderness of the Amazon basin at the height of its annual flood.                  |
|  | <b>Uganda</b>   | May 21 – June 2<br>Led by Marco & Liam                                    | Chimp tracking and Nile wildlife watching are combined with Bwindi Impenetrable Forest's endangered Mountain Gorillas on this comprehensive exploration.                  |




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|    | <b>Sea Of Okhotsk</b><br>onboard <i>Silver Explorer</i>                         | June 17 – July 6<br>Led by Gerald, Peter, Shirley,<br>Jonathan & Kevin | Untouched landscapes and wildlife encounters, including bears, rivers choked with salmon and clouds of birds that move across the sky like swarms of locusts.                 |
|    | <b>Coastal Alaska</b>   | July<br>Led by Kevin   | Explore wildlife-rich waters, lush rainforest and vibrant cultures in an intimate way that few visitors ever do, in the company of a resident: Apex co-founder Kevin Clement. |
|    | <b>Hudson Bay, Baffin Island &amp; Greenland</b><br>onboard <i>Silver Cloud</i> | August 4 – 21<br>Led by Jonathan, Kevin & Gerald                       | Start from the famous Polar Bear town of Churchill, and continue the quest for Arctic wildlife—Belugas, Narwhals, Muskoxen, and more—among the islands of the Far North.      |
|   | <b>Secret South Africa</b>  | August 28 – September 12<br>Led by Jonathan                            | An insider's guide to the best South Africa has to offer: dramatic scenery, outstanding wildlife, endemic flora, and fascinating cultural history.                            |
|  | <b>Brazil</b>   | September<br>Led by Diogo  | Seek the incomparable wildlife treasures of the Amazon rainforest and Pantanal wetlands—Jaguar, Capybara, Caiman, Hyacinth Macaw and Giant Anteater.                          |
|  | <b>Southern Tanzania</b>  | September 16 – October 2<br>Led by Liam                                | Tanzania's less-traveled southern circuit offers excellent wildlife viewing at Selous and Katavi, combined with superb Chimpanzee tracking in Mahale..                        |
|  | <b>Banda Sea</b>  | September 19 – October 2<br>Led by Jonathan                            | From your liveaboard, discover a vibrant and healthy reef system with huge sea fans, spectacular hard corals, Manta Rays and schools of Hammerhead Sharks.                    |
|  | <b>Namibia</b>  | September 19 – October 3<br>Led by Marco                               | Astonishing scenery, including the Skeleton Coast and red sand dunes of Sossusvlei; wildlife-packed Etosha; and the fascinating Himba culture.                                |
|  | <b>Mongolia</b>   | September / October<br>Led by Kevin & Gerald                           | Attend the Golden Eagle Festival, stay in traditional Ger camps, search for wild horses, and track Snow Leopards in the lower-altitude Altai Mountains.                       |



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|  | <b>Madagascar</b>                           | October<br>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.               |
|  | <b>China: Sichuan &amp; Tibetan Plateau</b> | October<br>Led by Jonathan & Gerald | Search bamboo forests and alpine grasslands for an alluring mix of wildlife, including Red Pandas, Pallas's Cats, and exquisite Golden Pheasants.                      |
|  | <b>Colombia</b>                             | November<br>Led by Kevin            | Discover Colombia's mix of natural history and rich culture from bustling Bogotá to charming Cartagena, along with the Sierra Nevadas and rainbow-hued Caño Cristales. |

# Apex Expeditions 2021 Super Sneak Peek!

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|  | <b>Amsterdam Island &amp; Southern Indian Ocean onboard <i>Silver Wind</i></b> | March / April 2021<br>Led by Peter, Shirley, Jonathan & Kevin | Rare and exciting voyage to four of the most remote and least-visited islands on the planet: Prince Edward, Kerguelen, Crozet and Amsterdam Islands. Penguins and albatrosses galore! |

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. Call or e-mail us now to secure your spot on any expeditions that interest you. *Adjustments to this expedition schedule may occur as dates and itineraries are finalized.*

## 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!*



# 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 7 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 inside Alaska's Denali National Park, 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 *Seabirds: An Identification Guide*, is considered the bible of seabird identification.



**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 turned out to be an adventurous 16-year career as a naturalist guide throughout Southern and East Africa. His passion for the art and science of tracking has been honed to a fine skill.



**Gerald Broddez**

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.



**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.



**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 exciting 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.



**Mike Boyce**

As an expedition leader, Mike draws upon his years spent discovering the Alaskan wilderness and sailing throughout Greenland, the Canadian Arctic, Svalbard, and the South Pacific. When he's not out on an expedition, Mike works as a Captain and narrator exploring the spectacular Kenai Fjords National Park in Alaska.



**Richard Visser**

Born and raised in Cape Town, Rich turned his passion for the bush into a career as a professional safari guide, spending ten years at various lodges and game reserves around South Africa and Tanzania. From approaching Rhino on foot to crawling up to Meerkats and Pangolins, Rich loves sharing the many wonders of nature.

