

# Legendary Expeditions

## ALEX MARUMA

Alex comes from the Kilimanjaro region, and was born and raised in a town called Moshi. His father was an advocate and his mother an entrepreneur, and they took great pride in providing Alex and his sister Esther with the best possible education – which in turn motivated the two siblings to strive to make their parents proud.

In spite of this urban and academic upbringing, Alex heard the call of the wild young, and early mornings would find him ready with a bow and arrow, catapult, knife and machete, trying to hunt scrub hare for fun. Fortunately, his family shared his enthusiasm, and their pets over the years included baboons, vervet monkeys, blue monkeys and a bush baby as well as the more usual dogs, cats and tortoises.



Having studied Business Administration and Information Technology, Alex was pursuing a career that would likely have landed him behind a desk. But instead he found his true passion in guiding, and his specialty is walking safaris. Meeting a diverse variety of people from all over the world and sharing his love for the wilderness, all in the most legendary of settings, keeps his passion alive and reminds him daily of why he loves to guide.

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## ALOYCE MOSHI

Aloyce Moshi's interaction and growing fascination for wildlife and its surroundings began at a tender age of five. Since he was a little boy he used to go out into the bush and catch birds and small animals such as Dik-Dik and Scrub Hares, and often seemed lucky so he was easily considered a "hero" within his local community.

At the age of eight his dad started a primary school and was hoping for Aloyce to follow in his footsteps as a teacher, but Aloyce had bigger dreams. He hoped to be a Safari Guide instead and his dreams came true as he left



school and complete a course at Mount Meru Tour Guides College and graduated as a Safari Guide.

He lives in Arusha with his wife and two daughters and his love for the bush has carried over to his daughters and would love to pursue in dad's footsteps and graduate themselves as Safari Guides. Over the years he established himself as a leading Private Guide sharing his knowledge of wildlife and interacting with guests from all over the world. During his employment with Singita Grumeti Reserves he gained enormous experience for about 10 years in his field and wide knowledge of wildlife and bush activities.

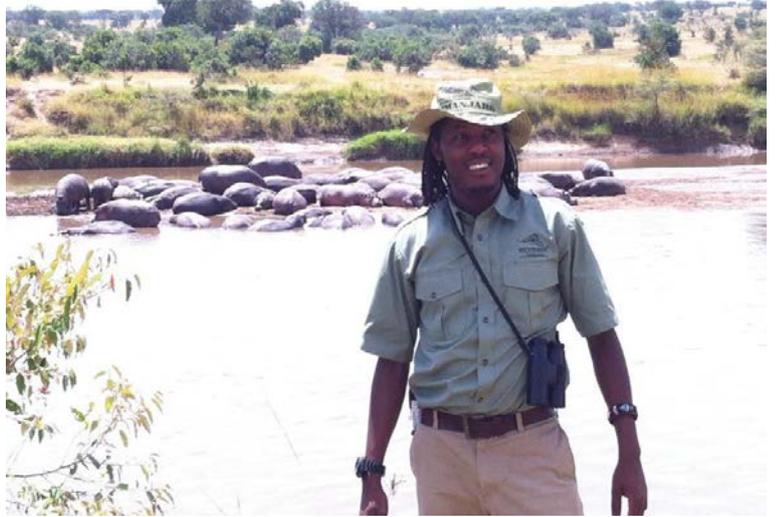
To him the bush is magical and he could not picture himself sitting behind an office desk!

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## MATTHEW LAISER

He grew up at Monduli and Ngorogoro in a Masai ethnic group. He stayed in Arusha for more than five years, developing his personal guiding knowledge and skills as a freelance guide, working with companies such as Thomson Travel, Nature Discovery and others in the area.

He joined Mweka College, the College for African Wildlife Management, and achieved his qualifications as a Field Guide & Conservationist in 2012. He then worked as a Camp Manager in Lake Natron.



Mathew then moved across to the plains

of the great Serengeti where he is now based as a field guide with Legendary Expeditions. He is a very passionate and enthused individual, who truly loves what he does and it shows constantly, thriving on the daily interactions between the guests, the wildlife and himself.

Mathew thoroughly enjoys the ongoing guide training within the Legendary Expeditions group, and comes across to all who meet him as a very keen conservationist and exhibits a very rare and engaging enthusiasm & personality when talking about what he loves best, the African Bush!

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## MEDISON SAMUEL

Medison was born on the northern border of Serengeti, and as a child he loved to hear his grandfather's tales from as far back as the 1900's, long before the area had been designated the National Park that it is today.

Growing up in the natural beauty of these surrounds, and then visiting nearby natural wonders such as Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara and the Maasai Mara, inspired Medison to take up studies at a Ranger Training College.

He followed in the footsteps of his best friend Aloyce – also now a Legendary Expeditions guide

– who had been working in the field for over 8 years at the time. For Medison, time spent in the wilderness is a reminder of who he truly is; he feels at home in the wild, and connected to nature. Being out in the bush is a fulfilment of his childhood dream, and being able to share his knowledge and experience with guests makes him appreciate his job even more.

Connecting with people from all over the world and learning about their cultures inspires him and makes him even prouder to be where he is – and his true passion lies in being part of unforgettable experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.

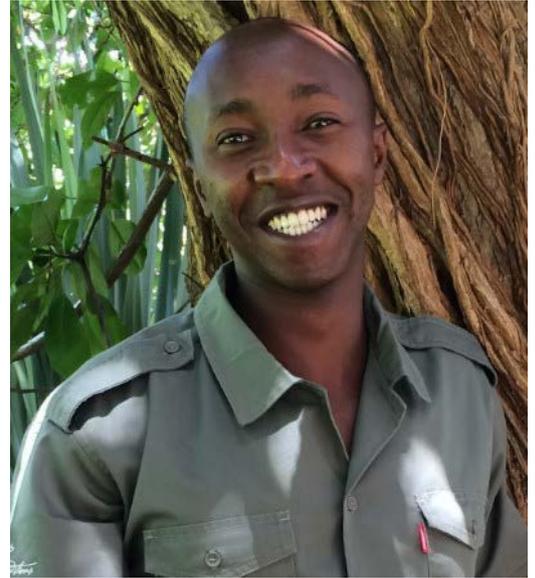


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## SAITOTI OLE KUWAI

Saitoti's interaction and growing fascination with wildlife began at the tender age of five when he was sent out to tend the family goats and sheep. On these daily-grazing excursions the tiny five-year old was to encounter leopard, buffalo, elephant and lion, amongst other smaller wildlife. It was these encounters, later even including a lion attack on the cattle he was herding, which were instrumental in forming what Saitoti calls his 'total love of the wilderness'.

Now living in Arusha with his wife and two children, Saitoti has established himself as a leading private guide, sharing with guests his endless knowledge of wildlife and his native Tanzania, as well as first-hand insight into the fascinating culture of Maasai. His school holidays were spent in the Serengeti, where his father was based as the project director for the Frankfurt Zoological Society and was very involved in Rhino protection.



So special were these times, that as soon as he completed his schooling Saitoti returned to the Serengeti for a number of years, working in various volunteer positions including vehicle mechanics and the Serengeti National Park Anti-Poaching Unit. Throughout this time, he took every opportunity to get into the field with his dad. This further enhanced his love of the bush and he left the Serengeti to study at Mount Meru Guiding College and later Pasiansi Wildlife Training institute in Mwanza to qualify as a field guide.

After graduating Saitoti joined the renowned Singita Grumeti Reserves where he worked as a professional guide for close on ten years, conducting vehicle based and walking safaris.

A keen follower of football, Saitoti marvels that it is still the sounds of the animals and birds in the bush that make him truly happy. When asked if his own son has been sent out with the cattle, Saitoti gives one of his signature smiles and says he's keeping his son safely ensconced in school.

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## **VIANNEY JACOB**

You could say Vianney Jacob was born into his profession: his father was a safari guide, and his childhood was filled with tales of adventures in the bush. Drawing on this early inspiration, he joined a Wildlife Club at school, awakening and nurturing his own passion for the natural world and its many creatures.

His career began in Mahale Mountains National Park in Western Tanzania, where he enjoyed the rare privilege of close interactions with chimpanzees. From here, he ventured forth to the famed Selous Game Reserve, whose diverse terrain granted him the opportunity to expand his

skill-set to include game-driving, boating, fishing, fly-camping, and leading walking safaris.

With a wealth of experience under his belt, he moved back to the terrain of his childhood in Northern Tanzania where he is now based. The natural beauty you encounter on safari makes for endless photographic opportunities, and Vianney is a keen photographer. If he doesn't get you your award-winning shot, he will at least create the moments and memories worth more than a thousand words.



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## **EUGEN SHAO**

Eugen was born and raised close to Kilimanjaro and Amboseli National Parks, and grew up in amongst the best that nature has to offer. His grandfather taught him a variety of methods for preventing wildlife from raiding the community's crops, which in turn saved the wildlife from harm by angry farmers. This close and peaceful cohabitation with the natural environment called for this passion for the wilderness.

He trained at the College of African Wildlife Management, and went on to share his knowledge, working as a tutor at the Tropical Institute Centre in Arusha, teaching animal behavior, mammalogy, ornithology, entomology, and botany.



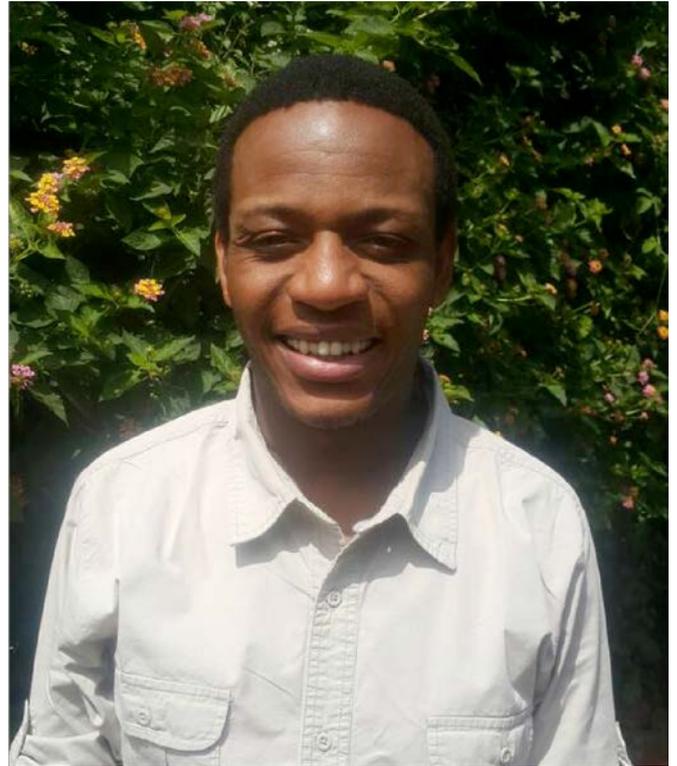
His next move took him to the endless plains of the Serengeti, where he began working as a safari guide – a vocation that allows him to exercise all of his skills, education and passions. He is a certified walking safari guide, and loves to get out on foot with his guests. He enjoys nothing more than sharing all he has to offer with others, and strongly believes that having the right person leading your safari is the key to truly enjoying and understanding the wild world around you.

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## **KIM NNKO**

Kim was born on the slopes of beautiful Mt Meru, a lush and fertile area that boasts abundant flora and fauna, and also incorporates Arusha National Park. It seems predestined then that Kim would start life with a love of nature.

He nurtured his passion through studying at the College of African Wildlife Management, and later working with the Tanzanian Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI). Both experiences opened his eyes to the complexities of conservation, and its invaluable importance. He carried his experience with him as he began to engage with the tourism industry, learning new skills and discovering new passions – most notably, a love of birds. He underwent several guide-training courses that opened up new horizons in his professional life, and brought him to where he is now.



The wilderness is a constant teacher, and there is always something new to learn, and new ways to grow.

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## REGINALD LEMA

Reginald is lucky enough to call the slopes of Kilimanjaro his birthplace and home – and in fact his family is from Machame, near the main gate that people begin their mountain ascent from.

Some of his happiest childhood memories are of going to the mountain's forested foothills to gather flowers for his church and his home at Christmastime.

As a child, these forests were a source of much enjoyment and wonder for Reginald, and he grew to know the birds and animals that could be found there. His fondness for these creatures and their natural environment came to be a passion that he would follow in his adult life.



He left the Machame region for nearby Arusha, where he worked in a number of different jobs – but he continually sought opportunities that would allow him to be in the bush. Finally, he took a post as a safari guide with Legendary Expeditions, and for the last ten years has been living his dream, out in the wilderness and sharing his passion with his guests.