




EASTERN AFRICA PILGRIMAGE TOUR

JUNE 10 - 24, 2016



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PILGRIMAGE

NAIROBI, KENYA




ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA
HIGH SCHOOL



NYUMBANI ORPHANAGE

JESUIT MINISTRIES IN
THE EASTERN AFRICA PROVINCE



MASAI MARA GAME PARK
AND SAFARI

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WHAT MAKES THIS A PILGRIMAGE?

Pilgrims go on a journey far from the security of home in search of deeper spiritual conversion. Think of it as a retreat, an extraordinary learning opportunity in the classroom of life, and an opportunity for some exhilarating fun.

This pilgrimage will break your heart and heal it again and again. Local experts will teach us about the challenges facing Africa today. We will learn about the great work being done at **St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School** and have opportunities to interact with students and faculty. We will pray daily and reflect on what we experience. On our mini-safari, we will witness breathtaking vistas and marvel at the wonder of God's creation.

This pilgrimage is not for the faint of heart. It is for those who are willing to peer into the shadows of life and embrace the joy that faithful courage can bring. This is the kind of religious experience that will challenge and change your understanding of where God is found in our world. We invite you to join us on this spiritual adventure quest.

Experience St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School in Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya



St. Aloysius Feast Day, June 2014

Celebrate St. Al's Feast Day with students and staff on Sunday, June 19, 2016. Students at St. Al's have lost one or both of their parents to AIDS. This Jesuit school gives these students hope for a bright future by providing a solid high school education and graduate program as well. Through the generosity of numerous benefactors, a new school

was built in 2010 that has twelve classrooms, three science laboratories, a chapel, two computer centers, a library, several offices, and a dining hall.

Trip to Masai Mara

Includes lodging for two nights at the Sarova Mara Resort and meals. Travel to Masai Mara will be by van and there will be plenty to see as you travel the Kenya countryside through the Rift Valley Overlook. www.masaimara.org



Lodging at Rosa Mystica Spiritual Centre

We will be staying at Rosa Mystica Spiritual Centre, a very comfortable facility a few miles from St. Al's. This package includes a guest room and two meals (breakfast and supper) for 10 nights. Dining at a variety of local restaurants each day for lunch is also included. **www.rosamysticakenya.org**

PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE

Cost per person: \$2,000 USD

Attractions

All entrance fees and transportation to and from all museums and places of interest are included.

Deposit required

A minimum deposit of 50% (\$1,000/Person) is due ASAP.

Airfare

(Not included, arrange on your own) Most flights will depart from a US destination on June 10th and have a layover in Europe. Schedule a flight to arrive at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya Airport on the evening of June 11th. Return flight departing from Kenya on the evening of June 23rd arriving in the US on June 24th.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Tourist Visa

Each pilgrim will need to secure their own tourist visa for "single entry" into Kenya. Visas can be purchased at the airport in Kenya for \$50 USD if the passport is valid for not less than 6 months. Travelers with newer passports can visit **<http://kenyaembassy.com/visa.html>** for more details and an application for a tourist visa.

Vaccinations

Official certification is not required for entry. However, immunizations are strongly recommended for Yellow Fever, Hepatitis A, Typhoid and Malaria when visiting Kenya. Consult a doctor for more details.



St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School

MONDAY, JUNE 13 *(continued)*

Afternoon Presentations on culture, religion, history, and politics of Kenya

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Morning Visit St. Al's, beginning at the original site and walking through the Kibera slum

Afternoon Visit St. Al's – meet with faculty staff, students and graduates
Visit Christian Life Community National Office and
Introduction to Zaidi Centre

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

Morning Jesuit Refugee Service regional office
Visit Hekima College (Jesuit School of Theology)

Afternoon Meet Jesuits in Formation for Tea

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

Morning Depart to Masai Mara National Reserve



FRIDAY, JUNE 17

All Day Masai Mara

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Afternoon Return from Masai Mara

Evening Open

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Morning Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga - traditional African celebration at the high school

Evening Open

MONDAY, JUNE 20

Morning Visit Nyumbani (Jesuit founded orphanage for AIDS-infected children)

Afternoon Presentation on proposed Jesuit University of Eastern Africa

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

Morning Visit African Jesuit AIDS Network



Nairobi National Museum

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 *(continued)*

Afternoon Lunch at Bomas of Kenya – traditional dance and tribal villages

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Morning Lea Toto – Jesuit founded program to serve AIDS-infected children in slums; Visit families in their homes

Afternoon Jesuit Hakimani Centre and
Jesuit Historical Institute

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Morning Group Recollection -
Pack for departure

Afternoon Final Visit to St. Aloysius

Evening Depart for the USA

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Noon Arrive in the USA



Bomas of Kenya



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