

EASTERN AFRICA PILGRIMAGE TOUR

JUNE 12 - 26, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PILGRIMAGE

NAIROBI, KENYA

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA HIGH SCHOOL

NYUMBANI ORPHANAGE

Masai Mara Game Park and Safari

JESUIT MINISTRIES IN THE EASTERN AFRICA PROVINCE

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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

Celebrate St. Al's Feast Day with students and staff on Sunday, June 17, 2018. Students at St. Al's have lost one or both of their parents to AIDS, or are vulnerable due to other family circumstances. 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. Currently, we are raising funds to build residence halls for all 300 students.

Trip to Masai Mara

Visit one of Africa's greatest wildlife reserves and one of the world's top safari big game viewing eco-systems. Includes lodging for two nights at the Sarova Mara Resort, meals, and airfare to Masai Mara. <u>www.masaimara.org</u>



Lodging

We will be staying at Pedro Arrupe Jesuit Community at Mwangaza Jesuit 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.

PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE -

Cost per person: \$2,600 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% (\$1,300/person) is due ASAP.

Airfare

Airfare is not included; please make arrangements to join us in Nairobi the evening of June 13. Most flights will depart from a US destination on June 12 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 13. Return flight departing from Kenya on the evening of June 25 arriving in the US on June 26. If your airline arrives in the morning or its frequency is less than daily, we recommend that you arrive earlier or stay later; any charges for extra accommodation are minimal.

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 \$51 USD if the passport is valid for not less than 6 months. Travelers with newer passports can visit <u>http://kenyaembassy.com/visa.html</u> for more details and an application for a tourist visa.

Vaccinations

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

OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



Daniel G. O'Hare, SJ, PhD, a Jesuit priest, currently lectures in Medical Ethics at New York Medical College and is an adjunct professor in the Master of Anesthesia Education Program and the Master of Health Care Management in the Graduate

School of Business Administration of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Dr. O'Hare also participates in the ACGME curriculum for medical residents in Connecticut and regularly lectures to nurses, respiratory and physical therapists, and mortuary science students.

He is the consultant ethicist to several hospitals and health care agencies and previously held the position as the first institutional ethicist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He has published in the areas of Ethics, AIDS, and Physician-Assisted Suicide.

A frequent speaker, both nationally and internationally, Dr. O'Hare was awarded a Visiting Professorship in Ethics in Australia and was named a Harris Fellow by the American Bureau for Medical Advancement in China, lecturing extensively at medical and nursing schools in Asia. Most recently, he presented at an international congress on palliative care in Berlin, Germany. Serving on many boards, he was also invited to join that of the Foundation for Hospices in Sub-Saharan Africa.

In addition, with over thirty years' experience with terminally ill patients, their families, and loved ones, Dr. O'Hare has been involved in grief counseling and conducts a bereavement series through the auspices of a number of funeral homes in the New York area.

DAILY ITINERARY

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

Afternoon - Leave the US

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 Evening – Arrive in Nairobi

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

Morning – Visits to the Giraffe Centre, Elephant Orphanage, Mwangaza Jesuit Retreat House

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

Morning – Visit the original site of St. Al's and tour of Kibera Slum



Visit St. Al's – Meet your buddy, attend a class, tour school, speak with staff

Afternoon – Visit Christian Life Community National Office, Introduction to the Zaidi Centre for Ignatian Spiritualiy



DAILY ITINERARY

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Morning – Visit Nyumbani (Jesuitfounded orphanage for AIDS-infected children)

Afternoon – Visit Bomas of Kenya, traditional homesteads and dance

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

ST. AL'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Mass and Reception, Activities with buddies

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Morning - Visit Jesuit Refugee Service Regional Office

Afternoon - Visit to a local hospital

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Morning – Visit African Jesuit AIDS Network

Afternoon - Visit Social Projects of Kangemi Jesuit Parish

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Morning - Visit Lea Toto, a Jesuit-founded program serving AIDS-infected children in the slums

Afternoon – Visit Chapel of Hekima College Jesuit School of Theology – African Liturgical Art, Karen Blixen Museum,

Kazuri Beads

THURSDAY, JUNE 21 Flight to Masai Mara National Reserve – First game drive







FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Game drives at Masai Mara

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Final game drives at Masai Mara and return flight to Nairobi

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Morning - Mass at Kangemi Jesuit Parish

Afternoon – Visit National Museum – Human Ancestors

Evening - Final Celebratory Dinner

MONDAY, JUNE 25

Morning – Group Recollection

Afternoon - Final visit to St. Al's

Evening - Depart for US

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

Afternoon – Arrive in US





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