

A Kenyan Journey of Hope

June 19 - July 3, 2024



Highlights

Our School of Hope, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School
Jesuit Ministries in Nairobi | Cultural Sites in Nairobi
Masai Mara Game Park and Safari

KENYAN JOURNEY

What is this journey?

Think of this as a retreat, an extraordinary learning opportunity in the classroom of life, and an opportunity for some exhilarating fun.

This journey will break your heart and heal it again and again. It is an opportunity to peer into the shadows of life and embrace the joy that faithful courage can bring. Local experts will teach us about the challenges facing Africa today. We will learn about the great work being done at **St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School** and have opportunities to interact with students and faculty. We will have an opportunity to reflect daily on what we experience. On our mini-safari, we will witness breathtaking vistas and marvel at the wonder of creation.

Founded and supported by the Society of Jesus and the Christian Life Communities of Kenya, the school is open to children of all faiths. The trip is similarly intended to appeal to visitors of all faith traditions and all daily activities are optional.



Experience the miracle of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School in Nairobi, Kenya

Celebrate the feast of St. Al's, after whom the school is named, with students and staff. 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 a 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 up to 480 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. The safari includes lodging for two nights at the Sarova Mara Resort (or comparable), meals, and airfare to and from Masai Mara.

www.masaimara.org



Lodging

We will be staying at The Mary Ward Centre for Education, Spirituality and Justice which is a Ministry of the Loretto Sisters whose mission is to promote peace, justice, and the integrity of creation. This package includes a private guest room and bathroom and two meals daily. Dining at a variety of local restaurants is also included. A daily sundowner is included most evenings.

PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE—Cost per person: \$2,850 USD

Attractions

All entrance fees and transportation to and from all museums and places of interest are included. Gratuities are at the discretion of each visitor.

Deposit required

A minimum deposit of 50% (\$1,425/person) is due ASAP.

Airfare

Airfare is not included; please make arrangements to join us in Nairobi the evening of June 20. Most flights will depart from a US city on June 19 and have a layover in Europe. Schedule a flight to arrive at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya on the evening of June 20, and a return flight departing from Kenya on the evening of July 2. If you would like to arrive a day early to get acclimated to the time change or if your flight arrangements necessitate arriving earlier or staying longer, charges are \$30 per day for housing and meals. Late arrivals can make it more difficult for the group to come together, and early departures can cause difficulty with bringing closure.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Tourist Visa

Each visitor will need to secure their own visa for “single entry” into Kenya. Visas cost \$51 (plus credit card fees) and can only be purchased online. Please use the official site of the Kenyan government at <https://evisa.go.ke/single-entry-visa.html> to obtain the visa.

Vaccinations

No proof of COVID-19 vaccination is currently required for entry into Kenya. Vaccinations for Yellow Fever, Hepatitis A and Typhoid, as well as medication for malaria prevention, are recommended. Consult a doctor for more details.

DIRECTORS AND TOUR GUIDES

Daniel G. O'Hare, SJ, Ph.D.

Dan, a Jesuit priest, is a professor of Medical Ethics and currently lectures at New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York; in the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Program of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. and regularly lectures to physicians, nurses, social workers, respiratory and physical therapists, pastoral care personnel, and mortuary science students.



Terry Charlton, SJ, Ph.D.

Terry is a member of the first graduating class at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1966 and was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1976. He has a doctorate in Theology. He has taught at Xavier University in Cincinnati before moving to East Africa in 1990 where he served as a professor of Theology at Hekima College and Catholic University.



From 1990 to 2010, Terry was the National Chaplain of Christian Life Community (CLC- a movement of lay people rooted in the Jesuit tradition and dedicated to living their Catholic faith by serving those in need) in Nairobi, Kenya. Together they co-founded St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School in 2003, a Jesuit-model high school for AIDS orphans in the Kibera slum of Nairobi. He has served in various capacities in Jesuit ministries in Kenya and is presently the Director of Mwangaza Jesuit Spirituality Center in addition to his ongoing work with St. Aloysius.

Terry and Dan have accompanied visitors on this journey for many years.

DAILY ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Depart USA

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Night Arrive in Nairobi

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Morning Visit original site of St. Al's and
tour of Kibera Slum
Meet the Principal
Meet your student buddy, tour
of the permanent school, visit a classroom

Lunch Java - Galleria

Afternoon Shopping and money exchange
Introduction to Mary Ward Centre

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

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

Lunch Spur, The Hub

Afternoon Visit site of dormitory campus

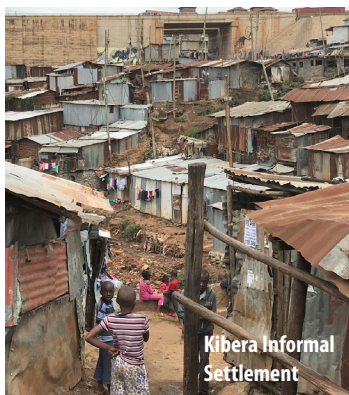
Evening Visit Provincial and supper at the Loyola House Jesuit Community

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Morning and Afternoon

St. Al's Feast Day

Celebration



DAILY ITINERARY

MONDAY, JUNE 24

- Morning St. Al's presentation on the school programs
Visit Christian Life Community National Office
- Lunch Mary Ward
- Afternoon Presentations on culture, religion, history and politics of Kenya
The Zaidi Centre for Ignatian Spirituality

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

- Morning The Projects of St. Joseph the Worker
- Lunch ArtCafe – Galleria
- Afternoon Giraffe Centre
Kazuri Beads

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

- Morning National Museum – Human Ancestors
- Lunch For You Chinese Restaurant
- Afternoon Bomas of Kenya –
Cultural Dance

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

- Flight to Masai Mara National Reserve
– first game drive

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- Game drives at Masai Mara, including a
visit to a Masai village



DAILY ITINERARY

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Morning & Afternoon

Final game drives at Masai Mara
and flight to Nairobi

Supper

Pedro Arrupe Community with
the Jesuits



SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Morning Sunday Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Jesuit Parish

Lunch Art Café – The Hub

Afternoon Karen Blixen Museum

Evening Final Celebratory Dinner: The Talisman

MONDAY, JULY 1

Morning Lea Toto (Outreach to children living with HIV-AIDS)

Visit Elephant Orphanage

Lunch Urban Burger – Galleria

Afternoon African Jesuit AIDS Network (meet at St. Al's)

Pilgrims meet St. Al's students in small groups

TUESDAY, JULY 2

Morning Group Recollection and packing

Lunch Mary Ward

Afternoon Final visit with St. Al's; farewell to buddies

Night Depart for USA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Arrive in USA

Note: All dinners are at Mary Ward unless otherwise noted.





SCHOOL OF HOPE FOUNDATION provides fundraising and operational support for St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School for children whose lives have been impacted by AIDS, and for other vulnerable youth in Nairobi, Kenya.

TESTIMONIALS

“I’m 73 and have had the good fortune to have visited six continents. Still, no trip has been as meaningful, memorable or impactful as my 2017 pilgrimage to Kenya and St. Al’s.” — Richard Burbach

“I highly recommend this trip to anyone with a heart for the developing world. This is a chance to encounter extreme poverty and amazing hope. I loved every adventure!” — Mimi Krsak

“My relationship with St Al’s and the brief journey I have walked with several of the students has been a grace and a gift for me. The resilience and growing confidence of the young people can be heard in their words and in their laughter. The pattern of their improving grades shows their determination to overcome tremendous obstacles as they pursue a foundational education with hopes of a better future. I have been blessed to participate in one of the yearly School of Hope Foundation pilgrimages and have seen this ‘miracle’ firsthand. The dedication of the teachers and staff is beyond expectation. The students are guided, nurtured, and supported, each in their own need.” — Terri Mierswa

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