

2024

Bible Land Tours *with Sr. Barbara Reid, OP*

From the very beginning of its history, Catholic Theological Union has had a deep connection with the lands of the Bible through its renowned Bible department. Each year CTU students and faculty have spent time studying abroad in Israel and Palestine and exploring biblical sites in Jordan, Egypt, Greece, and Turkey.

Beginning in 1988, CTU President Rev. Donald Senior, CP, conducted biblical tours designed for board members and new and prized friends of CTU, and these transformational trips continue through today. Nearly 1,000 people have participated in these special tours that include deluxe travel, five-star hotels, opportunities for worship at sacred sites, and expert biblical commentary on archaeological sites that form the historical foundations of our Christian faith.

In 2024, President Barbara Reid, OP continues this tradition. CTU will sponsor three special tours of the biblical lands in the coming year:

The Holy Land: Israel, Palestine, and Jordan

FEBRUARY 3-16, 2024



The Land of Egypt

*with Rev. Leslie Hoppe, OFM, Professor
Emeritus of Old Testament and expert in
biblical archaeology*

APRIL 5-14, 2024



The Birth of Christianity: Greece and Turkey

OCTOBER 5-13, 2024



SR. BARBARA REID, OP

President of Catholic Theological Union

Carroll Stuhlmuehler, CP, Distinguished Professor of New Testament Studies

President Sr. Barbara Reid, OP, is a Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and has been a member of the faculty of Catholic Theological Union since 1988, now serving as the Carroll Stuhlmuehler, CP, Distinguished Professor of New Testament Studies and previously as Vice President and Academic Dean. Sr. Barbara is one of the leading scholars in feminist interpretation of the Scriptures. She is General Editor for the Wisdom Commentary Series, a 58-volume feminist commentary on the Bible published by Liturgical Press.

Below is a sampling of the sites included in the Lands of the Bible trips:



Israel, Palestine, and Jordan

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Jerusalem
Herodian
Shrine of the Book
Yad Vashem

The Old City
Mount of Olives overlook
Gethsemane
Kidron Valley walk

Jericho

Bethlehem
Basilica of Nativity
Bethlehem University

Qumran
Masada
Dead Sea

Petra
Amman
Madabah
Mt. Nebo

Bet Shean
Bet Alpha
Mount of Beatitudes
Tagbha
Church of the Primacy
Capernaum

Golan Heights

Sephoris
Nazareth
Magdala
Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee

Megiddo
Murakah
Caesarea Maritima

Bethany



Egypt

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Cairo
Guided tour of Cairo Museum
Old Cairo
Coptic churches
Ben Ezra Synagogue
City of the Dead
City center

Giza Pyramids and Sphinx
Sakkara
Memphis
Serapheum
Royal tombs

Flight to Luxor
Karnak Temple complex
Temple of Luxor
Valley of Kings
Valley of Queens
Colossus
Temple of Hatshepsut
Felucca cruise on Nile

Flight to Cairo
Wadi El-Natrun on the
eastern edge of the Libyan desert
Ancient Coptic monasteries
Moonlight cruise on Nile
Salah El Din Citadel
Mohamed Ali Alabaster Mosque
Grand Bazaar



Greece and Turkey

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Thessaloniki
Philippi; Lydia's grove
Kavala
Veria (Bema of St. Paul)
Vergina (Philip of Macedonia's tomb)
Kalambaka
 Meteora monasteries

Athens: Agora, Areopagus, Acropolis,
and Parthenon
Corinth and Cenchreae

Flight to Kusadasi, Turkey
Ephesus and environs

Drive to Pamukkale
Colossea
Laodicea

Psidan Antioch
Konya
Sultan Han
Agacli

Nevşehir
Cappadocia

Flight to Istanbul
Sancta Sophia
Blue Mosque
Topkapi Palace and museums
Grand Bazaar market
Spice bazaar
Chora church
Boat ride on Bosphorus



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