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**
**The Land of Egypt**
**The Birth of Christianity: Greece and Turkey**

To enroll or for additional information about these tours, contact Rachel Kuhn at: rkuhn@ctu.edu  |  773.371.5415
Trip details, applications and more information are available online at: ctu.edu/travel
Below is a sampling of the sites included in the Lands of the Bible trips:

**Israel, Palestine, and Jordan**  
February 3–16, 2024

- Jerusalem  
- Herodion  
- 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  
- Sepphoris  
- Nazareth  
- Magdala  
- Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee  
- Megiddo  
- Murakah  
- Caesarea Maritima  
- Bethany

**Egypt**  
April 5–14, 2024

- 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  
- Serapeum  
- 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**  
October 5–13, 2024

- 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  
- Colosseum  
- 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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