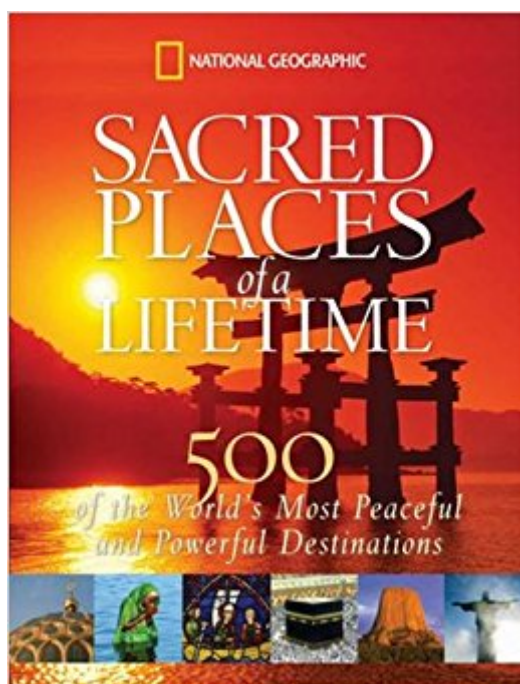


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# Sacred Places Of A Lifetime: 500 Of The World's Most Peaceful And Powerful Destinations



## Synopsis

This inspirational book showcases 500 of the world's most powerful and spiritual places—and guides modern-day travelers who wish to visit them. With eloquent text, hundreds of gorgeous full-color images, and practical visitor information, *Sacred Places of a Lifetime: 500 of the World's Most Peaceful and Powerful Destinations* highlights fascinating icons of many religions around the world and offers an intriguing window into the cultures that created them. From prehistoric burial chambers to modern monuments and sanctuaries, each site's history, lore, and appeal is evocatively detailed. Nearly 300 locator maps point out pilgrimage routes, temples, mountains, churches, and holy places, including Mont St.-Michel Abbey in France, founded after a reported vision of the Archangel Michael; the White Horse Temple in China, site of the country's first Buddhist temple, dating from the first century A.D.; Machu Picchu in Peru, whose origins lie in obscurity; and Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, said by many to be the holiest city in the world. A follow-up to the bestselling *Journeys of a Lifetime: 500 of the World's Greatest Trips*, this beautiful book answers the call of the spiritual traveler while also appealing to the many readers interested in sites of unique cultural heritage.

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I purchased this for a course I was taking but the book is beautiful. It is hard-back and sturdy with gorgeous and huge pictures of all of the places mentioned in the book. I would have bought it even if it wasn't a required text.

I LOVE THIS BOOK! I love to travel and visit a lot of different places around the world so this is now a guide for me to visit some of the places in the book.I was able to visit a Mayan underground river in Belize this past fall, that had been restored by National Geographic, so I know that they put a lot of money towards restoring historical sites for all of us to enjoy. I am looking forward to being able to see a lot of these places in person!!

I had originally seen this book at the hotel where my cousin got married. Although I did not go through the whole book at the time, I liked it enough to purchase.I leave this out when company comes over (especially for those who enjoy travel and other cultures) and it gets perused with some locations/festivals discussed.

Amazing book! I would give it 10 stars if it were possible.Here is the best and most beautiful places on earth, humanity striving to see beyond the every day, if you are not fortunate enough to be able to go to around the globe, then this book, with its breathtaking pictures, will take you there. For anyone who loves beauty, adventure, and seeing what lies over the next hill, this is a MUST.

I purchased this book for my husband as a Christmas gift and he has been browsing through it frequently since then. As expected in any National Geographic publication, the photography is stunning. The background information on each of the sites is well written and useful - just enough to whet your appetite to further explore these sacred sites. I'm sure this book will factor into the planning for many future trips.

## BEAUTIFUL BOOK

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