

Sacred Places of a Lifetime: 500 of the Worlds Most Peaceful and Powerful Destinations**Keith Bellows**

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With yearly pilgrimages to Mecca the Muslim world has heavily influenced the notion of spiritual travel. Destinations such as Lourdes Jerusalem and the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain rank as some of the worlds most popular places to connect with ones religion. Our next book spotlights hundreds more locations some that lean heavily towards the mystical and others about “places that channel the wisdom of the ages of far-flung cultures and unique perspectives” according to Keith Bellows editor-in-chief of National Geographic Traveler magazine in his introduction to *Sacred Places of a Lifetime: 500 of the Worlds Most Peaceful and Powerful Destinations* (National Geographic 978-1-4262-0336-7). As expected the photography maps and writing are superb in this coffee table-sized tome. The contents are divided into ten chapters including “Majestic Ruins” “Shrines” “Cradles of Faith” and “Sacred Landscapes” which spotlights “hallowed hills mysterious mountains and sacred springs.”

MATT SUTHERLAND (February 13, 2009)

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