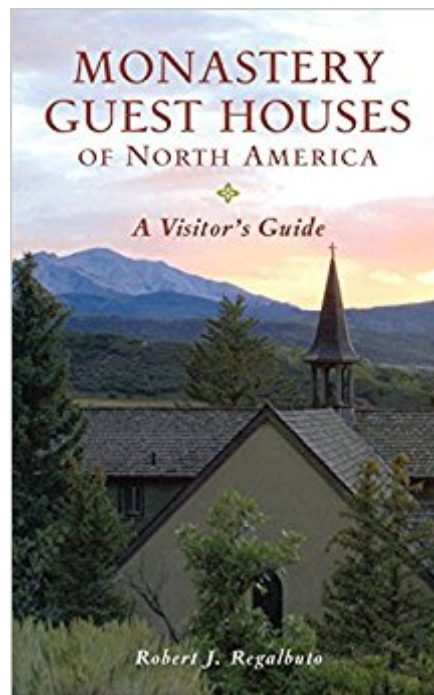




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Monastery Guest Houses Of North America: A Visitor's Guide (Fifth Edition)



Synopsis

“An invitation to share, if briefly, in the contemplative spirit of monastic life.”

National Geographic Traveler For centuries monasteries have been places of solitude and retreat. Many monasteries and convents offer hospitality to those seeking a quiet place and a time of purposeful rest, reflection, and renewal. This book is your guide to guesthouses at convents and monasteries throughout the United States and Canada. Each chapter includes contact information, directions by car and by public transportation, accommodations offered, meals provided, charges, each place’s history and description, nearby points of interest, and special notes; illustrations and a helpful index round out the book. Locations range from Midtown Manhattan to the Pacific Coast, Chicago to Florida’s orange groves. The cost of these lodgings is surprisingly low – ideal for budget travelers. The monasteries and convents featured span a spectrum of Christian traditions, yet each is open to pilgrims of any faith. 30 black-and-white illustrations

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Customer Reviews

Robert J. Regalbuto has traveled extensively, staying at monastery guesthouses along the way. He is the author of several books, including *Monastery Guest Houses of North America*, *Weekend Walks in Historic New England*, *Weekend Walks in the Historic Washington, DC, Region*, and *Weekend Walks in Brooklyn*. Regalbuto graduated from Harvard cum laude and lives in Rhode Island.

If you have always wanted to know the places for a real vacation, this is it. Vacation is not a job.

Objective and informative. Some information is outdated.

This is a book I can really use. It is clear, well organized and helpful. Or will be if I can ever get it back from my friends.

I'm so old that I remember actually using a book titled "Europe on \$5 a Day"!--I forget if the exclamation point was within or outside the title. Anyway, something about "Monastery Guest Houses..." reminds of the aforementioned 60's travel book, probably the newer book's strength of getting a ton of valuable material within its 260 pages. If you are considering spending a vacation, or part of a vacation in a monastery or convent, consult this book about the geographical region you have your thoughts on--AND GO. The beauty of this book, and it is considerable, is its breadth, and its depth. From its 43 states, and half-dozen provinces you are sure to find an area that you will like to experience in an unconventional way--perhaps within the confines of an environment where you can actually think--again. So pore over the possibilities in "Monastery Guest Houses of North America", and zero in on a specific guest house to read the specifics regarding meals (usually included during one's stay), directions/public transportation, history, etc.--there really is a wealth of material in this seemingly casual travel/guide book--Monastery Guest Houses truly delivers.

This little book is a real treasure. For fellow travelers who have a desire to stay in peaceful, unique, spiritual and hospitable places, this book holds the key. The prices at the monasteries usually include meals and are very reasonable. Plus there are accommodations in most states. Travel in a more non conventional way and some wonderful things happen!

Being retired, on a budget, this helps me to visit places and have a "roof over my head" without breaking the budget.

I was rather disappointed in this volume. I had ordered it in preparation for a summer religious retreat. This volume is very incomplete, supposedly giving data on Monastery Guest Houses in North America (that includes Canada). Barely a couple listed for each state, not many listed for Canada. Only about 240 pages, paperback. Waste of money, check out the internet instead.

Simply written, informative. Functions as a good reference book when researching places to stay. I had hoped for a bit more detail, but otherwise this book was helpful and to the point.

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