

Mt. Athos: A visit to the Holy Mountain

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(CBS News)

After two years of negotiating, Bob Simon and a team from «60 Minutes» were given unprecedented access to document monastic life on Mt. Athos – which is also known as the Holy Mountain and The Garden of the Mother of God. The result is a portrait of a place and a Christian community that hasn't changed much in a thousand years that most people, other than Orthodox Christians, have ever seen.

Mt. Athos was created by ancient Byzantine emperors to be the spiritual capital of Orthodox Christianity. Millions of Orthodox Christians believe it is the most sacred place on Earth. The story of Mt. Athos will be broadcast on «60 Minutes» Sunday, April 24 at 7 p.m. ET/PT. ([περισσότερα...](#))