Civil Rights Tour



Day 1 • Depart / Memphis, TN

Today we make our own way to Memphis, TN (no later than 1:00 pm). Upon our arrival we make our own way to the hotel where we start our Civil Rights Tour. We visit the National Civil Rights Museum, which houses artifacts, films, oral histories and interactive media that take patrons through centuries of history in regard to the fight for equality. Tonight, we have a group dinner at a local restaurant. **D**

Day 2 • Jackson, MS

After breakfast we check out and then head toward Jackson, MS. We stop en route at the Emmett Till Historical Marker in Greenwood, MS, the site where the body of Emmett Till was pulled from the Tallahatchie River. We then continue on to the Emmett Till Interpretive Centre in Sumner, MS, where we have a tour of the center as well as the Sumner Courthouse, site of the Emmett Till trial. **B**

Day 3 • Jackson, MS

Today we visit the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, housed inside the first public school for African Americans in Mississippi. We also visit the home of famed civil rights pioneer Medgar Evers, whose namesake museum tells of his life and 1963 murder by a white supremacist. We enjoy dinner together this evening at a local hotspot. **B/D**

Day 4 • Montgomery, AL

This morning, we head south to Monroeville, AL where we visit the Old Courthouse Museum, model for Harper Lee's courtroom setting in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Later we make our way to Selma, AL where we participate in the Footsteps of Freedom tour. This tour includes visits to the National Voting Museum as well as the Slavery Museum. We also walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where the civil rights march began in 1965 and where law enforcement personnel confronted voting rights marchers on Bloody Sunday. The marches and other protests around the state eventually led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. We visit the Brown Chapel AME Church, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. launched the voting rights march. We make our way to Montgomery for a group dinner and our overnight. **B/D**

Tour Inclusions

- Motor coach transportation
- Accommodations (double occupancy) in 3 and 4-star hotels
- 8 days / 7 nights
- 10 meals
- Professional tour director
- Local step-on guide services
- Admission to all activities per the itinerary
- Assistance with luggage handling
- Taxes and gratuities for provided services, excluding end-of-tour tips to coach driver and tour guide

Tour Highlights

- National Civil Rights Museum
- Emmett Till Historical Marker
- Emmett Till Interpretive Center & Summer Courthouse
- Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center
- Home of Medgar Evers
- Old Courthouse Museum
- Footsteps of Freedom Tour
- Edmund Pettus Bridge
- Brown Chapel AME Church
- Memorial to Peace and Justice
- Freedom Rides Museum
- Rosa Parks Museum
- Civil Rights Memorial
- Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
- 16th Street Baptist Church
- Kelly Ingram Park
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change

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Day 5 • Montgomery, AL

This morning we visit the Memorial to Peace and Justice. This memorial is the nation's first dedicated to the legacy of enslaved Black people, people terrorized by lynching, African Americans humiliated by racial segregation and Jim Crow, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence. When we enter the memorial, the ground drops and perception shifts as we realize that the columns that appeared to be holding up the structure are actually monuments suspended from above, which evoke the lynchings that took place in the public square. Over 4,000 names of lynching victims are inscribed on these monuments. We visit the Freedom Rides Museum, the old Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station where the violent attack happened on the participants in the 1961 Freedom Ride during the Civil Rights Movement. This afternoon we are in for a special treat as Rosa Parks (or an expert on Rosa Parks dressed as Rosa Parks) joins us for the afternoon. We visit the Rosa Parks Museum and experience what it was like to be arrested for not moving to the back of the bus. Our final stop today is the Civil Rights Memorial. **B**



Day 6 • Birmingham, AL

After breakfast at our hotel, we depart for Birmingham, AL. On arrival we break for lunch on our own before an afternoon of touring. Our first stop is the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, an interpretive museum that depicts the struggles of the American Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s. The exhibits tell the story of a people and a movement. Across the street, we visit the historic Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, bombed by Klansmen in 1963, killing four little girls. We stroll through Kelly Ingram Park where sculptures depict the reality of the police dogs and fire hoses that were turned on demonstrators who gathered here to protest segregation laws. We check in to our hotel and have the remainder of the evening on our own. **B**

Day 7 • Atlanta, GA

Today we drive to Atlanta, GA to visit the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. The rest of the day is free to explore Atlanta. **B**

Day 8 • Return

Today we make our way home. **B**

Payment Schedule

- A deposit of $500 per person is due with reservation.
- Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Refund/Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure, a $100/person administrative fee plus any land penalties will be assessed. From 119-46 days, a $300/person cancellation penalty plus any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Anyone canceling less than 45 days prior to departure will receive no refund.

We strongly recommend the purchase of and offer optional travel insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption.