

Card Blurb: Follow Dr. King along the U.S. Civil Rights Trail.

Name: Civil Rights Tour

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Duration: 7 Days

Program Overview

Go on a truly American pilgrimage along the U.S. Civil Rights Trail, following the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Start the cultural journey in Atlanta, Georgia, where Martin Luther King, Jr. was born and grew into a powerful leader of the Civil Rights Movement. While the Civil War began the fight for freedom and equality for all in 1865, nearly 100 years later African American citizens were still fighting for their basic rights. Born in 1929, Martin Luther King, Jr. joined the movement for racial equality in 1957, promoting nonviolent disobedience in response to an unjust government. Join a local specialist for a guided tour of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park. See where Martin Luther King, Jr. preached at Ebenezer Baptist Church, the segregated elementary school he attended as a student, his birth home, Homage to King, The King Center and his gravesite.

Continue to Alabama to experience more of the stories that are significant to the U.S. Civil Rights Movement from the 1950s to 1960s. Learn about the first African American pilots in the U.S. Armed Forces whose achievements during World War II led the way to desegregation in the U.S. military at Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site. Church communities were instrumental in organizing for equality, especially the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church where Martin Luther King, Jr. preached his message of freedom for all. Meet the mother of the Civil Rights Movement at the Rosa Parks Museum through exhibits that tell her story, inspiring the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Follow in the footsteps of history across the Edmund Pettus Bridge that preceded "Bloody Sunday" and motivated the Voting Rights Act of 1965. After 100 years of struggle, African American voters could finally practice their rights as full citizens of the United States of America.

Journey through the history of civil rights, black culture and commerce in Memphis, Tennessee that spanned from 1619 to 1968. On a guided tour along the Mississippi River with a local specialist see how much change has taken place at the Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum, Auction Square, MLK Reflection Park and more. Visit the National Civil Rights Museum, starting at the Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in 1968 the morning after his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech. Experience the heart and soul of Memphis on Beale Street, where African Americans gathered to take part in the community of legendary blues musicians, such as B.B. King, Muddy Waters and Louis Armstrong. While at Sun Studio and the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum, walk through the

collected history of American music from its origins in Tennessee, creating a culture of rhythm and blues.

Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Home to Atlanta – Travel Day

Begin the journey through civil rights history, traveling from home to Atlanta. Get oriented to the city by exploring Midtown, walking through Centennial Olympic Park and stopping by the Georgia State Capitol. Dine at Paschal's this evening, before checking in to local accommodations.

- Travel to Atlanta, Georgia
- City orientation tour of Midtown, Centennial Olympic Park and Georgia State Capitol
- Dinner at Paschal's
- Check in to the hotel

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Day 2: Atlanta – Birth of a King

Go on a guided tour to learn civil rights history with a local specialist by motorcoach and on foot, starting at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park. During the tour, stop at Martin Luther King, Jr.'s church, see the home where he was born, his burial place and more. Spend time in the King Historic District before free time for lunch on own at the historic Sweet Auburn Curb Market. Explore the exhibits of the civil rights movement from the 1950s to the 1960s and the interactive galleries on global human rights at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

- Guided tour starting at Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park with a local specialist, including John Wesley Dobbs Plaza and The King Center
- Spend time in the King Historic District
- Free time for lunch at the historic Sweet Auburn Curb Market
- Explore the exhibits at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights

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Day 3: Atlanta to Montgomery – U.S. Civil Rights Trail

Travel from Atlanta to Montgomery early this morning. En route, visit the Tuskegee Army Airfield National Historic Site to learn about the first African American pilots in the U.S. Armed Forces. On arrival in Montgomery, tour the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, where Martin Luther King, Jr. served as a pastor. View local destinations on the U.S. Civil Rights Trail, including the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, Civil Rights Memorial, Alabama State Capitol and Court Square. Check in to local accommodations and eat dinner nearby.

- Travel from Atlanta, Georgia to Montgomery, Alabama
- Visit the Tuskegee Army Airfield National Historic Site
- Arrive in Montgomery and tour Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church

- See the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, Civil Rights Memorial, Alabama State Capitol and Court Square
- Check in to local accommodations

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Day 4: Montgomery, Selma to Birmingham – Equal Rights for All

Learn from the past on a guided tour of the Rosa Parks Museum, where artifacts and exhibits share the story of Rosa Parks' arrest in 1955 that began the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Continue the U.S. Civil Rights Trail in Alabama, stopping in Selma for the Footprints to Freedom Tour with the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute. This tour includes The National Voting Rights Museum and Institute, the Slavery and Civil War Museum, Brown Chapel AME Church and the Edmund Pettus Bridge. End of the day in Birmingham in time for dinner and check in to local accommodations.

- Guided tour of Rosa Parks Museum
- Continue to Selma for the Footprints to Freedom Tour
- Travel to Birmingham for dinner and check in to a local hotel

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Day 5: Birmingham to Memphis – Church Community

Following breakfast, everyone climbs into the motorcoach for a city orientation tour around Birmingham. Go on an educational tour of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute with lesson plans to guide the learning process through the exhibits. On a tour of the 16th Street Baptist Church, learn about the bombing tragedy that took place here in 1963 and how people came together in support of their church community. Spend some free time at Kelly Ingram Park, viewing the commemorative sculptures of figures who fought for racial equality. Afterwards, travel to Memphis, arriving in time for dinner and checking in to local accommodations.

- City orientation tour
- Educational visit to Birmingham Civil Rights Institute with lesson plan
- Tour 16th Street Baptist Church
- Free time in Kelly Ingram Park
- Travel to Memphis, Tennessee for dinner and hotel check in

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Day 6: Memphis – Death of a King

Go on a guided tour of Memphis to learn civil rights history with a local specialist by motorcoach along the Mississippi River, including Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum, Auction Square and MLK Reflection Park. Visit the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated and take a guided tour of the National Civil Rights Museum. Hear the stories of the musical legends who recorded their first albums at Sun Studio. Dine on Beale Street this evening.

- Guided tour of Memphis civil rights history with a local specialist
- National Civil Rights Museum guided tour at the Lorraine Motel
- Historic guided tour of the Sun Studio

- Dinner on Beale Street

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Day 7: Memphis to Home – Pioneers

After breakfast, visit the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum to see the birth of rock and soul exhibit. Inspired by these musical pioneers, begin the journey home to share the experience with family and friends.

- Visit the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum
- Depart Memphis for the journey home

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Learning Outcomes

On this Civil Rights Tour, gain a deeper understanding of the U.S. Civil Rights Movement through experiential learning activities. Starting in Atlanta, Georgia, explore the birthplace of Martin Luther King, Jr. to see how he overcame adversity, growing up in a time of racial segregation and becoming a leader of the Civil Rights Movement. Travel along the U.S. Civil Rights Trail to significant sites in Alabama, following the steps on the Edmund Pettus Bridge and sit ins in protest of racial inequality that finally resulted in the Voting Rights Act of 1965. End the journey in Memphis, Tennessee, where Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated and where blues musicians lifted their voices to share their spirit of freedom and hope. With a curated curriculum for educators to apply with the program, students are empowered to put their learning into practice before, during and after the trip.

Services Included

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Quality, safe hotels with quad occupancy corresponding to the destination.

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OVERNIGHT SECURITY

A night chaperone is on site to ensure security.

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TRANSPORTATION

All transportation is provided throughout the program.

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ROUND-TRIP FLIGHTS

Airfare covers round-trip flights from major airports.

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MEALS

Two meals are provided daily, breakfast and dinner, featuring local cuisine.

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EDUCATION

Interactive learning experiences designed to expand educational and career goals.

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CURATED EXPERIENCES

Customized experiences developed by travel experts to promote learning and engagement.

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GUIDED TOURS and ACTIVITIES

Scheduled activities, experiences and guided tours are all included.

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FULL-TIME TOUR DIRECTOR

Full-time Tour Directors are on site for the duration of the trip, for an all-inclusive experience.

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GRATUITIES

Tips for bus drivers, guides, Tour Directors and meals.

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INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Advanced student security software that integrates geofencing, logistics, communication and more optimized safety features.

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24/7 SUPPORT

Dedicated 24/7 staff availability, supporting students every step of the way.

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