

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL EVENT

The Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement in Montgomery

FEBRUARY 14-17, 2023





Selma to Montgomery March



Civil Rights Memorial Center

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s reshaped the history of the United States and the world— leaving a legacy that is both vibrant and inspiring, but also fragile. In Alabama, the city of Montgomery was home to some of the great turning points of the multi-year effort. It was here that the Movement’s national leadership took shape and tens of thousands of people came together to advance the cause of justice against remarkable odds and violent resistance.

With special experiences, speakers and visits, go beyond the headlines to hear the personal stories of the actual activists and foot soldiers of the struggle whose vivid and compelling stories bring a history of unforgettable tragedy, triumphs and continuing struggles to life.

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TRIP PRICE

\$899 per person in a double room
\$1,179 per person in a single room

PRICE INCLUDES

- Three nights accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Ice tea and coffee/tea with all meals
- Exclusive Inside Access Experiences
- Expertly guided sightseeing, transportation and entrance fees for all included visits
- Local Tour Manager/Guide from the Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED

airfare; transportation to/from the hotel; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

REGISTER ONLINE

www.civilrightstours.org/hbob

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUDED FEATURES

- **Three nights at the** Embassy Suites by Hilton Montgomery Hotel & Conference Center
- In **Montgomery**, visit the **Rosa Parks Museum, Southern Poverty Law Center’s Civil Rights Memorial Center, State of Alabama Archives Museum, Freedom Rides Museum** and enjoy an **exclusive visit to the Harris House**; visit the **Equal Justice Initiative’s Legacy Museum: From Slavery to Incarceration, and National Memorial for Peace and Justice**—institutions that tell the rich and moving stories of the Civil Rights Movement and of America’s history of racial inequality.
- At a special dinner event, hear the personal testimony of **Sheyann Webb-Christburg**, known as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Smallest Freedom Fighter.”
- Enjoy a private music performance and join in singing the songs that unified and gave voice to the civil rights movement.
- **Included Meals: 3 Breakfasts; 2 Dinners**

Day-By-Day Schedule

Please note that the itinerary is provided as preliminary information, and is subject to local conditions on the day of operation.

Day 1: Tuesday, February 14 ARRIVE MONTGOMERY, AL

Independent arrivals to Montgomery, AL. Check in for the tour at the Alabama Civil Rights Tourism hospitality desk from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Check in at the hotel available from 4:00 p.m. This evening, we'll gather for a special dinner event in the hotel. Our guest speaker this evening is Sheyann Webb-Christburg. Known as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Smallest Freedom Fighter," Sheyann Webb-Christburg attended her first civil rights meeting as a nine-year-old. She marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on March 7, 1965, and was among the protesters beaten and gassed with tear gas on Bloody Sunday. She is the co-author of *Selma, Lord, Selma: Girlhood Memories of the Civil Rights Days*. Sheyann received the Congressional Gold Medal From President Barack Obama for her lifelong career as a voice for hope, justice, equality and humanitarianism. (D)

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Day 2: Wednesday, February 15 MONTGOMERY, AL

Today we'll spend a full day delving into Montgomery's civil rights history. After breakfast, we walk 2 blocks to the Rosa Parks Museum. Here, interactive audio-visual exhibits describe Jim Crow and the social and political setting leading up to Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat, then detail the Bus Boycott, how it operated, and its results.

Next, we'll proceed by motorcoach to the Alabama State Archives, where we'll have a guided visit of the Archives Museum, where interactive and three-dimensional exhibits provide a complete, illustrated historical background of Alabama, including the natural geography and its impact on the state's development and economy, native American history and the key highlights of Montgomery's history.

Continue to the former Greyhound station – now the Freedom Rides Museum. In 1961 groups of volunteers made history by challenging the practice of segregated travel through the South. They called themselves Freedom Riders as they crossed racial barriers in depots and onboard buses. The 1961 Freedom Riders did not begin or end their journey in Montgomery, Alabama, but their arrival changed the city and the nation.

We'll head to a convenient cafeteria style eatery with many options for lunch on your own.

After lunch, drive through the Centennial Hill neighborhood, and South Jackson St – traditionally, the African-American neighborhood that is the location of the Dexter Parsonage, the Ben Moore Hotel, the Maulden Brother's barber shop and the Harris House.

On an exclusive private visit, we are welcomed inside the Harris Home, by **Valda Harris Montgomery** and her family. This house, originally constructed at the turn of the century, was the home of Dr. Richard H. Harris Jr. and his family. The house illustrates the differences in social life during segregation,



Rosa Parks Statue

when African Americans were not permitted to enter restaurants and entertainment venues, so much of the community's social life was centered in private homes. In May 1961, Dr. Harris opened this home to 33 Freedom Riders challenging interstate bus segregation who were harassed and attacked at the Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station upon arrival. In the days following the attack, Harris' home served as a haven for the Freedom Riders while martial law was declared in the area. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, James Farmer, John Lewis, Diane Nash, and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement met at the Harris House to develop a strategy for continuing the rides. On May 24, the Freedom Riders were escorted from the Harris House by the National Guard to the Greyhound Bus Station to continue their mission to Jackson, Mississippi. The house today is still owned and occupied by the Harris family.

We'll end the day at the Southern Poverty Law Center Civil Rights Memorial, where we examine the struggle for justice up to the present day.

Dinner and the evening are at leisure. Enjoy the hotel's complimentary evening reception. There are many dining choices within walking distance of the hotel. (B)

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Day 3: Thursday, February 16 MONTGOMERY, AL

After breakfast in the hotel, we'll walk to the newly expanded The Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration for our reserved, timed entrance. The museum is situated on a site in Montgomery steps away from the rail station where tens of thousands of Black people were trafficked during the 19th century and sold at auction into bondage. The self-guided visit through immersive and interactive audio-visual exhibits is at your own pace.

Use the Legacy Museum's complimentary shuttle to



National Memorial for Peace and Justice

transfer to the powerful National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Created as a somber and meaningful place for people to gather and reflect on America’s history of racial inequality, the site memorializes the legacy of enslaved Black people terrorized by lynching.

This evening a final dinner is included in the hotel. After dinner, we’ll learn how music played a role in the civil rights movement. Join in singing the songs that unified, uplifted and gave voice to the movement. (B,D)

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Day 4: Friday, February 17 DEPARTURES OR STAY ON FOR THE FOUR NIGHT HBOB EVENT AND TOUR

Breakfast is included. Check out of hotel rooms by 11:00 a.m. (B)



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Extend your journey by adding the four-night HBOB toura, featuring the Honda Battle of the Bands, special guest speaker JoAnne Bland and a day tour to Selma, and take \$50 per person off of your trip price. Those staying on for the second tour may choose to have a free morning on Sunday.

ACCOMMODATIONS



MONTGOMERY EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON MONTGOMERY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

300 Tallapoosa Street, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104

Situated in the heart of Montgomery’s Entertainment District, the hotel is a five-minute walk from the Legacy Museum, the Montgomery Performing Arts Center, and Riverwalk Stadium, home of the Montgomery Biscuits. The all-suite hotel standard rooms feature either two double beds or a king-sized bed; separate living room. Wi-Fi access is included. Hotel Amenities include made-to-order breakfast, Complimentary evening reception, Non-smoking rooms, Digital Key, On-site restaurant, Indoor pool, Fitness center, Business center.