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USA Civil Rights Journey (Scheduled Group Departure)

Dates & Pricing:

February 26 - March 2, 2027 (\$2,385 per person, + \$610 single room supplement)

Extension to Memphis available (March 2-3) - see pricing below

Included: 4 nights' accommodation at premium hotels per itinerary¹
1 MEJDI guide for 5 days private touring²
5 days of private transportation per itinerary
Meals listed in the itinerary: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches
Entrances, activity fees, and speaker honoraria per itinerary
Dedicated pre-trip traveler services and 24/7 on-ground support

Not included: Airfare
Travel insurance
Single supplement costs
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Gratuities for guide and drivers
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

¹ Or similar; King Room, double occupancy, breakfast included indicated as [B] in itinerary

² Experienced city and/or site guides from MEJDI's network



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Overview

Journey through the American South on a reflective exploration of the **Civil Rights Movement—past and present**. This five-day, multi-city tour highlights key moments in the historic struggle and initiatives working to carry forward its legacy. Travel from **Atlanta's Sweet Auburn** neighborhood through downtown Montgomery, walk the bridge from **Selma**, and step inside the sanctuaries of **Birmingham**. Immersive site visits and interfaith dialogue foster a deeper understanding of race, faith, and freedom in America; hearing the voices of movement veterans and contemporary activists inspires commitment to the ongoing struggle for racial justice.

"MEJDI Exclusive" Socially Conscious Experiences:

- Walk in the **footsteps of Civil Rights leaders**
- Visit **Atlanta's oldest synagogue** and explore the **Black-Jewish alliance** in the movement for justice
- Engage with **young entrepreneurs** and advocates for Black business development in the South
- Hear living testimony from **individuals who marched and organized in the 1960s**
- Honor Black culture through the arts at a contemporary gallery



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Itinerary

Day 1: Atlanta, Sweet Auburn - Friday, February 26 **[Guide, Transportation]**

Pre-stay accommodations available on Thursday, February 26 for additional cost.

Tour begins in the lobby of your Atlanta hotel at 12pm. Boxed lunch provided.

Meet your guide for introductions and a quick lunch sourced from an Atlanta-born, black-owned vegan eatery. The journey begins with a contemporary note at the **Zucot Gallery**, where African American art offers a powerful perspective on culture, identity, and social justice. Continue into Atlanta's historic **Sweet Auburn** neighborhood, walking in the footsteps of Civil Rights leaders, visiting the **King Center** to learn more about the remarkable Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, and seeing the inside of the original **Ebenezer Baptist Church**. Peak at the nearby Beltline for a glimpse of current development trends in the city, then head towards **The Temple**, Atlanta's oldest Jewish congregation. Hear about its historic role in the civil rights movement and the 1958 bombing that underscored the fight against bigotry and injustice.

Interested travelers may remain at The Temple for Friday evening services (return transportation on own); others will return to their accommodations downtown.

Optional, recommended: walk to the Centennial Olympic Park for the Fountain of Rings show at 6:30pm or 9:00pm.

Overnight: Candler Hotel, Atlanta [lunch included]

Day 2: Montgomery: Legacy & Heroes - Saturday, February 27 **[Guide, Transportation]**

Depart Atlanta in the morning and head south, making a **brief stop at the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site** to learn about the legacy of the first African American military pilots and their impact during World War II. Continue on to **Montgomery**, reaching the **Rosa Parks Museum** to explore the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the courage of ordinary citizens in the civil rights movement. In the afternoon, delve into the nation's racial history at the unparalleled **EJI Legacy Museum**, which traces the legacy of slavery, racial terror, segregation, and mass incarceration. Conclude the day with a reflective visit to the **SPLC Civil Rights Memorial**, honoring the lives lost in the pursuit of justice and equality.



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Evening at leisure in Montgomery or optional performance at Davis Theater (cost not included, depends on schedule of events).

Overnight: Staybridge Suites - Montgomery Downtown [breakfast included]

Day 3: Road to Selma - Sunday, February 28 **[Guide, Transportation]**

Begin the day at the **EJI National Memorial for Peace and Justice**, honoring the victims of racial terror at this powerful outdoor installation. Join Sunday morning worship services (*optional**) at the **Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church** and take a short **boat ride** (*time permitting*) to **EJI's Freedom Monument Sculpture Park**, connecting stories of slavery and resistance to the Montgomery riverfront. Depart Montgomery, making a brief stop at the **Viola Liuzzo Memorial**, honoring the white civil rights activist murdered after the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery march, and arrive in Selma for a view of the **Brown Chapel AME Church**. Walk together across the iconic **Edmund Pettus Bridge**, a symbol of courage and sacrifice in the fight for voting rights, before continuing to **Birmingham** for the evening.

**Travelers may opt instead for an informal tour exploring downtown Montgomery sites such as the State Capitol, the First Capital of the Confederacy, the campus of the HBCU Alabama State University, and others.*

Overnight: Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown, Birmingham [breakfast and lunch included]

Day 4: Birmingham: Paths to Justice - Monday, March 1 **[Guide, Transportation]**

Walk through **Kelly Ingram Park** downtown, where powerful sculptures depict scenes of protest and police violence during Birmingham's civil rights struggle. Pass the nearby **16th Street Baptist Church**, site of the tragic 1963 bombing that galvanized the nation, and discuss the resonance of King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail. Make a coffee stop at the newly restored **AG Gaston Motel**, where young entrepreneurs have established a business carrying on the spirit of this key historic site. Meet with members of the **Civil Rights Foot Soldiers**, who share firsthand experiences of marching and activism during the 1960s. After lunch at the vibrant Pizitz Food Hall, tour the **Historic Bethel Baptist Church of Collegeville**, once led by Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, a major figure in the Birmingham Campaign. Conclude the day in dialogue with a local leader working on issues such as housing discrimination, education and/or Black business development in Birmingham



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Overnight: Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown, Birmingham [breakfast included]

Day 5: Reflection & Conclusion - Tuesday, March 2 **[Guide, Transportation]**

Visit one of Birmingham's synagogues for a workshop on the community's reckoning with its role in local civil rights history and ongoing commitment to racial justice. End your visit on a lighter, but powerful note at the **Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame**, celebrating the state's rich musical legacy and Black cultural expression. Enjoy a classic soul food lunch together as a group, with time for reflection and closing conversation.

Transfer to the airport for your late afternoon departing flights.

Post-stay accommodations available on Tuesday, March 3, for an additional cost.

Overnight: N/A [breakfast and lunch included]

Extension

5-7 paying travelers: \$905 pp

8+ paying travelers: \$875 pp

Day 5 (extended): Road to Graceland - Tuesday, March 2

Afternoon drive to Memphis, including pitstop at the Elvis Presley birth home in Tupelo (entrance to home itself is optional, cost not included). Arrive in Memphis and check-in, followed by a guided welcome tour of the downtown area and group dinner along Beale Street.

Overnight: Hu Hotel, Memphis [dinner included]

Day 6: Memphis Icons - Wednesday, March 3

City tour focusing on Memphis history, social movements and urban development trends including stops at the Lorraine Motel courtyard; First Baptist Church; Clayborn Temple, and the Slave Haven Museum (outside). Arrive at the Wither's Gallery for a short presentation and wrap-up discussion, concluding the tour at 12:30/1pm. Transfer to the airport included (flights should be booked for 3pm or later).



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Post-stay extension available, with time to visit Graceland and/or the National Civil Rights Museum (entrances not included) in the afternoon of March 3.

Overnight: N/A [B]