



Civil Rights Then & Now

Legacy of a Movement and the Role of Faith

February 17-21, 2027

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Atlanta - Wednesday, February 17

Suggested flight (or similar): Delta 995 from DEN at 12:00pm, non-stop to ATL arriving at 4:57pm.

Optional pre-stay accommodation in Atlanta for the night of February 16 offered at an additional cost. Destination guide and activity recommendations provided by MEJDI.

Arrive in Atlanta and self-transfer to your accommodations downtown. Join the group in the evening for a casual welcome dinner, orientation and conversation with clergy/community leadership from a local Episcopal congregation.

Opening orientation and reflection with group leaders concludes the evening program.

OVERNIGHT: Hampton Inn & Suites, Atlanta Downtown

MEALS: Dinner Included

Day 2: Sweet Auburn and Beyond - Thursday, February 18

Spend the day exploring Atlanta, the birthplace of Martin Luther King, Jr, and a regional hub for civic and political activism. Walk the streets of the Sweet Auburn neighborhood and stand between the iconic buildings of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, old and new, where Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. once presided and the Honorable Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock serves as the senior pastor. Pay tribute at the resting place of Martin Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King and explore the exhibition halls next door. Have lunch at the historic Municipal Market ("Curb Market") then head to the Zucot Gallery for a curated visit at the largest African American fine arts gallery in the southeastern US. On the way out of town, make a brief stop at the West End Beltline (time permitting) for discussion linking the Civil Rights struggle and contemporary urban development trends. Arrive to Montgomery in the evening, enjoy the evening at leisure.

OVERNIGHT: Elevation Convening Center & Hotel

MEALS: Breakfast included



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Day 3: Montgomery: Memorials and Milestones - Friday, February 19

Track the Civil Rights struggle from “enslavement through mass incarceration” at the renowned sites of the Equal Justice Initiative. Begin at the Legacy Museum, situated on a site steps away from the rail station where slaves were trafficked and sold into bondage during the 19th century. Continue through the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, a stunning visual remembrance dedicated to the victims of racial terror. On an afternoon visit to the Rosa Parks museum, recall the remarkable act of defiance that ignited a bus boycott, and conclude the day at the Southern Poverty Law Center’s Civil Rights Memorial Center for another perspective on the legacy of a movement. Dinner is hosted by a unique local initiative seeking to leverage Civil Rights tourism to benefit the local community.

Time and space for group reflection provided either after the Rosa Parks museum visit or before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: *Elevation Convening Center & Hotel*

MEALS: *Dinner included*

Day 4: Stories from Selma, Sanctuaries of Birmingham - Saturday, February 20

Before departing Montgomery, take a short boat ride along Gun Island Chute, arriving at EJI’s Freedom Sculpture Park illustrating the Civil Rights story through works created by African American, African, and Indigenous artists. Head to Selma for a stop outside Brown Chapel AME and have lunch at a mission-driven local cafe working to revitalize the town center. Walk the Edmund Pettus Bridge, remembering Bloody Sunday and following the footsteps of the Selma to Montgomery marchers in 1965. Drive to Birmingham for a visit to historic Bethel Baptist Church of Collegeville with Martha Bouyer, reflecting on the principles that guided organizers at this headquarters for the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights from 1956 to 1961.

OVERNIGHT: *Hilton Garden Inn, Downtown Birmingham*

MEALS: *Lunch included*





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Day 5: Worship & Conclusions - Sunday, February 21

Begin early with the story of the AG Gaston Motel, opened by a prominent African American businessman in 1954 and serving as a residence for leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in the pivotal months of April-May 1963. Hear from management of the proudly black-owned coffee shop on the site today, then walk past the 16th Street Baptist Church and browse the sculptures of Kelly Ingram Park, depicting key moments in the Civil Rights struggle. Join a local congregation for Sunday morning services and have lunch as a group before transferring back to Atlanta for departure.

Time and space for closing group reflections provided after lunch.

Suggested flight: Delta 746 from ATL at 7:00pm, non-stop to DEN arriving at 8:23pm. Transfer to ATL stops at Birmingham (BHM) airport for those who prefer flights departing from there.

Optional extension to Memphis (see below) or post-stay accommodation in Birmingham for the night of February 21 offered at an additional cost.

OVERNIGHT: N/A

MEALS: Breakfast and Lunch included



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EXTENSION TOUR ITINERARY

February 21-22, 2027

Included:

- 1 night accommodation per itinerary
- 1+ days touring with MEJDI guides per itinerary
- 1+ days private coach transportation per itinerary
- Meals listed in itinerary: 1 breakfast and 1 dinner
- Entrances and activities per itinerary
- Dedicated pre-tour support, program & itinerary development
- 24/7 ground support from MEJDI's logistics team

Not included:

- Single supplement = \$125
- Airport transfer in the afternoon of Day 6
- Customary tips for guides, drivers and hotels
- Meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Anything not explicitly mentioned under "Included"

Day 5: (extended): Road to Graceland - Sunday, February 21

Depart Birmingham in the afternoon, making stops to stretch on route to Memphis. Arrive at your hotel near Beale Street in the evening and take a short orientation walk through downtown with a local guide, culminating in a group dinner. Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.

OVERNIGHT: *voco Hotel Napoleon, Memphis*

MEALS: *Dinner included*

Day 6: Memphis Icons - Monday, February 22

Embark on a city tour focusing on Memphis history, social movements and urban development trends. Stops include the Lorraine Motel courtyard, site of the 1968 shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr; Clayborn Temple; and the Slave Haven Museum (outside). Conclude the morning with a self-guided visit to the Memphis Rock & Soul Museum, where the tour concludes a short walk from your hotel. Self-transfer to the airport for afternoon departing flights.

Post-stay extension available, with time to visit Graceland and/or the National Civil Rights Museum (entrances not included) in the afternoon of February 22.

OVERNIGHT: *N/A*

MEALS: *Breakfast included*



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