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with special guest lecturer
Dr. Billy Miller

CIVIL RIGHTS

*a Journey
to Freedom*



*Political, ethical, and cultural lessons of
a past remembered for a path forward*



Your 5-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

- Day 1:** Arrive in Birmingham, AL
 Program introduction by Dr. Martha Bouyer, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Kelly Ingram Park, dinner at leisure
 Overnight: Hampton Inn and Suites Birmingham-Downtown Tutwiler
- Day 2:** Birmingham (B,D)
 Guided touring of Birmingham Jail, 16th Street Baptist Church, lunch at leisure, Bethel Baptist Church, dinner with group
 Overnight: Hampton Inn and Suites Birmingham-Downtown Tutwiler
- Day 3:** Birmingham / Montgomery (B,D)
 Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church with Tour Minister, National Memorial for Peace and Justice plus Legacy Museum visits, dinner and musical tribute at Bricklayer Hall
 Overnight: SpringHill Suites by Marriott Montgomery Downtown

- Day 4:** Montgomery / Selma / Montgomery (B,L)
 Discussions with Dianne Harris and Joyce O'Neal, fellowship lunch at Tabernacle Baptist Church, oral history with foot soldier Dr. Verdell Lett Dawson, Gee's Bend Quilters presentation, Edmund Pettus Bridge walk, Lowndes Interpretive Center visit, choir performance
 Overnight: SpringHill Suites by Marriott Montgomery Downtown
- Day 5:** Montgomery / Tuskegee / Birmingham / Depart Birmingham (B,L)
 Rosa Parks Museum, Tuskegee University visit, farewell lunch with Sandy Taylor at her restored antebellum home

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Activity Level: It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to walk a mile at a moderate pace, walk up and down a flight of stairs, and get in and out of a motor coach without assistance.





Program Highlights

- Journey through the Deep South accompanied by an Orbridge Travel Director to gain an enhanced understanding of the historic and continued struggle for racial equality in the U.S.
- Visit prominent locations integral to the Civil Rights Movement many have only read about in books, including Kelly Ingram Park in Birmingham and the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma.
- Retrace the footsteps and learn more of central figures, including Dr. King, Rosa Parks, and Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth.
- Treasure the opportunity to hear first-hand the powerful accounts of foot soldiers' struggles and triumphs with interactive discussions.
- Meet quiltmakers from Gee's Bend to discuss their art.
- Join choir members for a musical program that outlines the origins of traditional African American spirituals and how these songs were integrated into the first independent black churches and how choirs supported Dr. King on his visits around the U.S.
- Visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice—two institutions that have taken diverse and complementary approaches to telling the rich and moving stories of the Civil Rights Movement and of America's history of racial inequality.
- Gather together at Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church.
- Celebrate the accomplishments of pioneering African American aviators at the Tuskegee Airmen Historic Site.
- Delight in a farewell lunch accompanied by true southern hospitality at the private restored antebellum home of Ms. Sandy Taylor, the retired Superintendent of the National Park Services Tuskegee Site.

What's Included

- 4 nights accommodations
- 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director
- All activities as described in the program itinerary, including admission
- Private deluxe motor coach with air conditioning and comfortable seating
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times





Accommodations *(subject to change)*

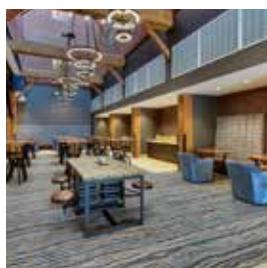
HAMPTON INN AND SUITES BIRMINGHAM-DOWNTOWN TUTWILER

This property's namesake originally began hosting dignitaries in 1914 and today features 149 modern rooms, historic photographs, a grand marbled entrance, mahogany furniture, views of the cityscape, snack shop, and restaurant. Enjoy the ease of staying under a half mile from downtown Birmingham attractions including the Museum of Art and Civil Rights Institute along with onsite complimentary Wi-Fi and fitness room.



SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT MONTGOMERY DOWNTOWN

This outstanding property combines modern décor with an industrial vibe. Located across from the Legacy Museum in the heart of Montgomery's downtown dining and entertainment district, this all-suites property re-purposed from warehouse space offers spacious rooms, a market open 24/7 for snacks and necessities, and a fitness center.



FEATURED SPEAKERS



Dianne Harris

When Dianne Harris was 15 years old, she walked off the Alabama Lutheran campus with a group of 14 other students to join the student arm of the Civil Rights Movement in Selma. The year was 1965. It was the first time Dianne had openly disobeyed any authority at school. Although Dianne will be the first to tell you that disobedience is never a good decision without due cause, she is happy she made the decision to leave campus that year. For about a week, Dianne and the other Alabama Lutheran students participated in nightly meetings at the historic Brown Chapel AME and daily marches.

As a result, she was arrested twice and stuck in the arm with a cattle prod.

Today Dianne remains active in the Selma community. She has received the Congressional Foot Soldier Medal and Certificate, as well as numerous other medals and awards for her ongoing fight for racial equality. She is a passionate public speaker, appearing on NBC Today in 2015 and is often interviewed by newspapers, magazines and other media outlets for her unending vigil for justice. She remembers her involvement in the movement like it was yesterday. She particularly remembers listening to Martin Luther King, Jr. and the events of Bloody Sunday in Selma, Alabama.



Dr. Martha Bouyer

Dr. Martha Bouyer will lead guests to explore sites of the Civil Rights Movement, including the Birmingham Jail, Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Linn Park, Phillips High School, Freedom Riders attack site, and the Black Business District.

Learn why Dr. King chose to come to Birmingham and how important mass meetings were for the movement by visiting the historic Bethel Baptist Church and Shuttlesworth parsonage bombing site.



Joyce O'Neal

Joyce O'Neal, a Selma native and lifelong pursuer of equality through her career in Social Work, is a faithful member of Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Selma. She was baptized there as an infant and has been an active member ever since. She remembers attending mass meetings at the church with her family in the 1960's. Hear her tell of her experiences during the marches in Selma and the events of Bloody Sunday.

Mrs. O'Neal has been awarded with several honors, including: Outstanding Service Rendered to the Youth Motivation Task Force at Stillman College (2000), Outstanding Lay Person of the Biennial (2007-2009), Foot Soldier's Recognition at the U.S. Capitol (2016), Permanent Member of the Senior Citizens' Hall of Fame (2017), and the Alabama Social Work Hall of Fame (2017). Mrs. O'Neal was also the first African-American elected to the Alabama State Personnel Board (2006 and 2010).



Peggy Wallace Kennedy

Peggy Wallace Kennedy is the daughter of the late George C. Wallace, the former governor of Alabama who became known as one of America's most ardent segregationists of the 1960s when he stood in the schoolhouse door to prevent black students from integrating into the University.

Later in life Kennedy embarked on a personal journey of her own. She stepped from beneath the shadow of "the schoolhouse door" as she came to grips with her family's legacy and her own personal beliefs. She has since written and spoken on issues relating to justice and equality, most recently releasing a new book, *The Broken Road*, which is a memoir that reckons with her father George Wallace's legacy of hate—and illuminates her journey towards redemption.



Sandy Taylor

Ms. Sandy Taylor, the retired Superintendent of the National Park Services Tuskegee Site, will host a celebratory farewell lunch at her private, restored antebellum home. Lunch will feature recipes from Tuskegee scientist George Washington Carver and include locally grown ingredients.



Wanda Battle

Join Ms. Wanda Battle and friends for a night of special music. Wanda is the tourism director of Dexter-King Baptist Church. She, along with a host of others from the choirs at Dexter, Brick-A-Day, and others, will have dinner with guests. Enjoy a musical program where she outlines the origins of traditional African American spirituals, how these songs were integrated into the first independent black churches, and how choirs supported Dr. King on his visits around the U.S.

Optional Post-Tour Muscle Shoals



As a finale to your time discovering Alabama, consider exploring The Shoals—the quad cities of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tusculumbia—rich in musical and cultural history. Tour studios where some of the greatest hit records were recorded by legends, including Aretha Franklin, the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Etta James, and Little Richard.

At the Alabama Music Hall of Fame—a must-visit for music fans—check out the exhibits and personal memorabilia of inductees: Nat King Cole, Hank Williams, Percy Sledge, Wilson Pickett, Jim Nabors, and many more.

Honor the Father of the Blues, W.C. Handy, by visiting his museum, and stop by inspirational Ivy Green, the birthplace of Helen Keller.

Post-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 5: Birmingham / The Shoals / Florence
Panoramic touring, evening at leisure
Overnight: The Stricklin Hotel

Day 6: Florence / Muscle Shoals / Florence (B)
FAME Studios, Muscle Shoals Sound Studios, Cypress Moon Studios, evening at leisure
Overnight: The Stricklin Hotel

Day 7: Florence / The Shoals / Birmingham / Depart Birmingham (B)
Ivy Green, W.C. Handy Home and Museum, Alabama Music Hall of Fame

What's Included

- 2 nights accommodations at The Stricklin Hotel (shown below) featuring all king beds and a Southern-style breakfast each morning
- Admission and fees for included activities
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Private transportation
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times

