On the Road to Freedom: Understanding the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama

June 3—June 6, 2021
Dear Emory Alumni and Friends,

The history of the United States has been shaped by many movements, but perhaps one of the most significant is the Civil Rights Movement. Central to that movement—today and in the past—has always been the city of Montgomery, and the surrounding areas in Alabama. It was here that Martin Luther King Jr. led thousands of nonviolent marchers from Selma to the steps of the capitol in Montgomery on March 25, 1965 resulting in the passage of the Voting Rights Act later that year.

Begin in Birmingham, learning about the history of the 16th Street Baptists Church. Explore Montgomery, home to the Rosa Parks Museum, the Dexter Street Parsonage, the head office of the Southern Poverty Law Center, and the newly opened extraordinarily powerful National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Take a day trip to Selma, the site of “Bloody Sunday”, and walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, reflecting on the historical events that unfolded here.

Join us, as you spend three days reflecting on the region’s history, sampling southern cuisine, and remembering a powerful musical legacy. For those interested in social justice today, there are great lessons to be learned from these struggles in our history, where a profound demonstration of commitment, against all odds, succeeded. In the words of Dr. King: “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

We encourage you to join and make your reservation today!

Sincerely,
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MONTGOMERY
June 3, Thursday
Independent morning arrival into Birmingham.

Upon arrival drive to the 16th Street Baptist Church, the site of the September 15, 1963 bombing where four young girls were killed as they prepared to sing in their choir. The incident caused national outrage and gave rise to a momentum that ensured the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. We have asked Carolyn McKinstry, who was age fourteen and inside the church when the bomb exploded, to join us on our visit.

Across the street is the historic Kelly Ingram Park, site of civil rights rallies, demonstrations and confrontations in the 1960s. Sculptures throughout the park are vivid depictions of police dog and fire hose assaults on demonstrators, many of them children.

After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, an interactive museum that tells the story of the Civil Rights Movement. The museum features a rendition of a segregated city in the 1950s, as well as, the actual jail cell door from behind which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. penned his famous “Letter From Birmingham Jail.”

Drive to Montgomery and check into the Springhill Suites.

This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. L,D

MONTGOMERY
June 4, Friday
Begin the morning with a private visit to the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church and Parsonage where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was pastor from 1954-1960. Stand at the pulpit from which he preached as a minister about his passionate views on the power of nonviolence and civil disobedience.

Continue on for a visit to the Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit civil rights organization dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry. Meet with a staff member for a briefing. Just outside is the Civil Rights Memorial where Vietnam Veterans Memorial designer Maya Lin created a circular black granite table that records the names of the martyrs and chronicles the history of the movement in lines that radiate like the hands of a clock. Water emerges from the table’s center and flows evenly across the top. Engraved on a curved black granite wall behind the table is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s well-known paraphrase of Amos 5:24, “We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.”

End the morning at the Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration. Created by the Equal Justice Initiative, the museum explores the history of racial injustice in the United States and the narratives that have sustained injustice across generations.
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting the Equal Justice Initiative’s National Memorial for Peace and Justice. The memorial is the nation’s first memorial dedicated to the legacy of enslaved black people, people terrorized by lynching, African Americans humiliated by racial segregation and Jim Crow, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence. The Memorial for Peace and Justice was conceived with the hope of creating a sober, meaningful site where people can gather and reflect on America’s history of racial inequality.

End the day with a debrief led by staff members of the Equal Justice Initiative.

Dinner this evening at Dreamland BBQ, B,L,D

MONTGOMERY
June 5, Saturday
Depart

Begin the day with a visit to the Freedom Rides Museum, located in the former Greyhound Bus Station. On May 20, 1961, a group of Freedom Riders were attacked by a local mob at the Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station.

From here drive about an hour to Selma for a chance to learn about the Selma to Montgomery marches which were part of a series of civil-rights protests that occurred in 1965 in Alabama. As the world watched, the protesters—under the protection of federalized National Guard troops—finally, on their third attempt, achieved their goal, walking around the clock for three days to reach Montgomery. The historic march, and Martin Luther King, Jr.’s participation in it, raised awareness of the difficulties faced by black voters, and the need for a national Voting Rights Act.

Stop at the Lowndes Interpretive Center which is dedicated to those who peacefully marched from Selma to Montgomery to gain the right to vote. The museum houses exhibits on the death of seminarian Jonathan Daniels; the slaying of Viola Liuzzo, a white woman who assisted marchers by transporting them to Selma; and the establishment of “Tent City,” which housed families dislodged by white landowners in Lowndes County.

Upon arrival in Selma enjoy lunch at the Coffee Shoppe and meet with owner Jackie Smith.

Stop at the outside of the Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the site of Malcolm X’s address in support of voting rights, Dr. King’s eulogy for Jimmie Lee Jackson, and Jackson’s funeral. Three marches from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama began from this church, which also served as the temporary headquarters for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Meet with Foot Solider, Jo Ann Bland who began her civil rights activism in the early 1960s. The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) activists organized Bland and
other children and teenagers in the area to participate in the civil rights movement.

Visit the Selma Interpretive Center, located at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where armed forces attacked the first wave of unarmed marchers during Bloody Sunday. Walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge where beginning on March 21, 1965 marchers walked for five days to Montgomery camping during the night in the fields of farmers sympathetic to their cause.

Return along the 54 miles known as the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail stopping at the Viola Liuzzo memorial.

Enjoy a farewell dinner at Central Restaurant. B,L,D

DEPART
June 6, Sunday
This After breakfast walk to attend a Sunday church service at the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church where Martin Luther King Jr. pastured from 1954-1960.

Independent transfers to the Montgomery Airport for return flights. B
Pricing:

Tour Price: $1,520 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: $330 (Limited availability)

Hotel information

Montgomery, Alabama (3 nights)
Springhill Suites Montgomery Downtown by Marriott
152 Coosa Street,
Montgomery, AL 36104

Terms, Conditions, and Inclusions:

Reservations and Payments:
Reservations for this tour require a deposit of $500 per person and an application form signed by the participant. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure, by April 4, 2021 and must be paid by check.

Tour Price Includes:
Accommodations in hotels as outlined in the itinerary based on double occupancy, prices listed are based on two persons sharing a twin room. Distant Horizons reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in the brochure when necessary. Distant Horizons will do all possible for single participants to satisfy requests to share rooms. On occasions when it is not possible, the single room supplement will apply. If Distant Horizons assigns you a roommate and your roommate cancels or changes their mind about sharing a room, you will be liable for the single room supplement. American breakfast (B), lunches (L) and dinners (D) are included as specified in the itinerary. Soft drink is included with lunch and one with dinner; welcome and farewell receptions include beer and wine; educational program of discussions; entrance fees to monuments; bottled water kept on the bus; transportation in a deluxe, air conditioned motor coach; arrival transfer in Birmingham for those on dedicated group flight; the services of a Distant Horizons tour manager; special activities as quoted in the itinerary; and gratuities to the local guides; tour manager, driver, and wait staff for included meals.

Tour Price Does Not Include:
Air service to Birmingham and from Montgomery; international airfare; meals not specified in the itinerary; departure transfer to Montgomery airport; chambermaid gratuities; alcoholic drinks at included meals except for welcome and farewell receptions; drinks other than soft drink at meals; personal items such as laundry; email; fax or telephone calls; liquor; room service; independent and private transfers; luggage charges and private trip insurance. Any increases in the in-tour security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included.

Tour Cost is based on rates of currency exchange at time of printing (December 2020) and is subject to change with or without previous notice. If there is a price increase prior to the day of departure in the basic costs, such increases may be passed on to the participant. If bookings fall below the minimum required, passengers will be advised of additional costs for that departure date. The minimum group size of this departure is 15 paying participants, should the number of participants fall below this number, a small group surcharge and/or revised staffing will apply.

Cancellations:
Distant Horizons and the Emory Alumni Association reserve the right to cancel the tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, and to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant at any time. Should this happen, refunds will be made without obligation, although we cannot be held responsible for any additional costs already incurred by participants. If a participant cancels, the following refunds will be available upon written notice of cancellation to Distant Horizons:

Notice more than 60 days prior to departure: Your deposit will be refunded in full
Notice on or between 60 days and 30 days prior to departure: a refund less 50% of trip price per person.
No refund shall be issued if cancellation is received less than 30 days prior to departure date.
No refunds shall be issued after the tour has commenced. No refunds shall be issued for occasional missed meals, sightseeing tours or any unused services.
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**Travel Insurance:** The purchase of trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended. Travel insurance information will be mailed to you by Emory Alumni Association upon receipt of your registration form and deposit.

**Air Carriers Contract:** The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time tour members are on board their planes or conveyances. The passage contract in use by the airline concerned when the ticket is issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the passenger.

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Tour participant acknowledges receipt of a copy of these terms and conditions and signifies acceptance of, and consents to, all of the terms and conditions set forth herein, on behalf of any participants they may act for and for themselves when registering for, or making payments on, this tour.

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Reservation Form

Name as it appears on your driver’s license/identification card
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Preferred name for name tags ________________________________________________________________

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Room Arrangements
☐ I would like to share a room with ________________________________
☐ I would like to request a single room at an additional $330 (pending availability)
☐ I would like to share my room; please try to find me a roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed)

Reservation Deposit, a deposit of $500 is required for each participant
☐ I have enclosed a deposit of $ _____________ (Please make checks payable to Distant Horizons.)

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis.
Reservations to be paid in full 60 days prior to departure, Final payments must be made by check only.

I/We have read the tour conditions and responsibility clause and agree to all therein (all participants must sign).
Name __________________________ Signature_____________________________________ Date: __________
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