ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM
A CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNEY
Atlanta, Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery, and Tuskegee
APRIL 24-30, 2020
Dear Emory Alumni and Friends,

I invite you to join the Emory Travel Program on the road to freedom in America’s Deep South to explore the lasting legacy of the civil rights movement and experience the rich history and culture of the region. As we approach 2020, it is an opportune time to examine the struggle for equality in America and the social movements and historical figures that have shaped the nation.

On our exclusive journey, meet with past and present leaders of the civil rights movement, visit heritage sites and engage in dialogue with key individuals dedicated to achieving racial equality and social justice through nonviolence, courage, and determination. Foot soldiers will guide us through their experiences and current leaders will share how they are preparing for the future while honoring the past. Our encounters will offer a deeper understanding of the sacrifice and concentrated efforts of many united individuals in the civil rights movement and inspire a future vision for equality in America.

Join us for a uniquely Emory experience — one that offers stimulating conversation, camaraderie, and connection with other intellectually curious alumni and friends. Make your reservation today as space is limited and we expect this small-group tour will fill quickly.

Sincerely,

Frances Stanfield
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Day 1 – Friday, April 24  ASSEMBLE IN ATLANTA
Travelers choosing to arrive early may opt, at your own expense, to overnight in Atlanta and enjoy a welcome reception at the university.
Meals included: Reception dinner

Day 2 – Saturday, April 25  DISCOVERING DR. KING’S LEGACY AND TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY
This morning travel to the Sweet Auburn neighborhood. A driving tour of this historic district reflects the history, heritage, and achievements of Atlanta’s African Americans. Along the way we will point out important places such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference headquarters and others. Your first visit is to the King Center, home to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr’s Tomb, birthplace, and home, as well as the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church.
Just before noon depart Atlanta and travel west to the historic town of Tuskegee, Alabama, home to a great deal of African American history. First though enjoy lunch and southern hospitality at the private home of Ms. Sandy Taylor, the retired Superintendent of the National Park Services Tuskegee Site.
After lunch and a short distance away is the campus of Tuskegee University. Tuskegee remains an extremely important center of learning as it was during the days of Booker T. Washington. Washington was born into slavery and overcame immense challenges to become educated formally and was the first principal of what later became Tuskegee University. Washington’s philosophy was to provide opportunities for African Americans through education in the crafts and industrial skills combined with the cultivation of the virtues of patience, enterprise, and thrift to attain economic security.
Washington’s idea was to consistently and effectively build the social and economic level of African Americans over time within the confines of the system available to them. Although he clashed with other African American leaders on this approach, between 1890 and 1915, Washington was the dominant leader in the African American community across the country.
Washington recruited the best and the brightest to come and teach here, including George Washington Carver, the institute’s most celebrated professor whose work changed southern agriculture. Carver’s innovations in agriculture, especially with peanuts, were important in the South’s economic growth.
Here enjoy a historic campus tour of Tuskegee University and a visit to the Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site and Interpretative Center.
Next visit the Tuskegee Airmen Historic Site commemorating the contributions of African American aviators of World War II. Here we learn about the history of Moton Field, the site of primary flight training for the pioneering pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen.
Later this afternoon travel a relatively short distance to Montgomery. Take time to check into your hotel and freshen up.
Dinner tonight is at Odessa’s Blessings, a family-operated event venue, where we have a panel discussion about what you will see for the next couple of days and how they are interwoven into the movement.

*Meals included: L,D*

Day 3 – Sunday, April 26

**EXPLORING INJUSTICE AND CHANGE**

Enjoy a leisurely morning before beginning a city tour of Montgomery. If desired, some may prefer to attend church services at Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church.

During the city tour visit the sites of the Montgomery Slave Market and the location that Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, as well as take in the breadth of Dexter Avenue in the steps of foot soldiers marching for equal rights. This is followed by a walking visit to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. This is followed by a walking visit to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, which opened to the public on April 26, 2019. This 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.

Next visit the Legacy Museum, which uses interactive media, sculpture, videography, and exhibits to immerse you in the sights and sounds of the domestic slave trade, racial terrorism, and the Jim Crow South of years past. Later in the afternoon, walk with your guide around Centennial Hill. This is the historic African American community that includes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr’s home at the Dexter Avenue/King Parsonage, which was bombed by segregationists. Here was the place where fate and the hand of God shaped him into the Movement’s leader. One night while Dr. King was speaking during the Bus Boycott, a bomb exploded on the porch while only his wife Coretta and their young daughter were at home.
We will see evidence of the bomb blast, but we will not be able to go inside the home on Sunday. We will see the Dr. Richard Harris House, which provided a haven to Freedom Riders, and the iconic Ben Moore Hotel & Malden Brothers Barber Shop, the central point for communication between community leaders and the community itself. 

Dinner tonight is at your own expense. There are numerous choices of restaurants near the hotel.

*Meals included: B,L*

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**Day 4 – Monday, April 27  **
**THE TRAIL TO SELMA**

This will be a very meaningful day. Depart after breakfast and we will begin with a visit to the Lowndes Interpretive Center. The location is near a campsite and the place where Ms. Viola Liuzzo was shot and killed on the day the Selma to Montgomery march concluded. Ms. Liuzzo was a Caucasian civil rights activist from Michigan and mother of five.

Near here you will see, but may not be able to go inside, the Matthew and Emma Jackson Freedom Complex. The small home served as the headquarters where Stokely Carmichael, SNCC, and local voting rights workers launched the Black Panther Freedom Party. It provided a safe place for Carmichael to live and work.

Afterwards you continue to Selma to tour Brown Chapel AME Church, the starting point of the Selma to Montgomery march. Our specialist guide in Selma will share her experiences as a teenage foot soldier in the movement. Brown Chapel served as the headquarters for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference during the 1965 Voting Rights Campaign. It was the starting point for voting right marches including the events of March 7, 1965 “Bloody Sunday” when 600 marchers were violently turned back by state troopers at the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Two days later, 2,000 marchers approached the state troopers blocking the bridge, but turned back, and this day became known as Turn Around Tuesday. Two weeks later, under federal protection, 4,000 marchers crossed the bridge and by the time they reached the state capitol five days later, numbers had grown to 25,000.

Lunch today is at Tabernacle Baptist Church with representatives of the Alabama African American Civil Rights Heritage Sites Consortium. We will enjoy a tour of the church whose members were active in the Dallas County Voters League that invited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
to Selma in 1964.

As we drive through the interesting neighborhoods of Selma, we pass the First (Colored) Baptist Church, host to the Dallas County Voters League, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and frequent site of mass meetings. We will also see the Sullivan and Richie Jean Sherrod Jackson Museum where Dr. King and other prominent leaders stayed and strategized while in Selma.

We end the visit in Selma at the small but interesting Selma Interpretive Center. This is followed by a walk across the Edmund Pettis Bridge where our bus is waiting to take us back to Montgomery along the route of the Selma to Montgomery marchers.

Dinner tonight is again at your own expense in one of the dozen or so restaurants near the hotel.

Meals included: B,L

Day 5 – Tuesday, April 28  MONTGOMERY EXPLORATION AND BIRMINGHAM IN THE AFTERNOON

After breakfast, with your bags packed, an early morning visit to the Voices Gallery at the Alabama Department of Archives and History for an interactive overview of Alabama and the root causes of segregation. Then a visit to the nearby Rosa Parks Museum, which tells the story of Ms. Parks, who just wasn’t going to take it anymore and refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white person. Her arrest in December of 1955 resulted in the Montgomery Bus Boycott and a monumental victory in the early civil rights movement.

Next you will tour Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, the only church where Dr. King pastored and the site where he began his Civil Rights activism with the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Afterwards visit the Civil Rights Memorial Center for a guided tour. We will learn about the activities of the Southern Poverty Law Center and their fight against hate groups and discrimination. Taking a pledge to stand against hate, injustice, and intolerance and adding our names to the Wall of Tolerance is a very powerful experience.

From here enjoy a rest on the motorcoach for about an hour and a half to Birmingham.

Check into your hotel downtown with time to relax and refresh. There are many fine restaurants in Birmingham and dinner tonight is on your own.

Meals included: B,L
Day 6 – Wednesday, April 29  
**DISCOVER AMERICA’S MOST SEGREGATED CITY WHERE BULL CONNOR REIGNED AND WHERE FRED SHUTTLESWORTH PRAYED**

This morning, accompanied by Dr. Martha Bouyer and Mr. Barry McNealy, explore sites of the Civil Rights Movement, such as the Birmingham Jail (where MLK penned the letter), Sixth Avenue Baptist, 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.

Lunch is at your own expense at Pizitz Food Hall; there are many choices. After lunch you will visit Kelly Ingram Park where police commissioner Bull Connor ordered police to use fire hoses and dogs on children and adults who were gathering to march, then visit 16th Street Baptist Church, the site of the terrible church bombing in 1963 that killed four young girls, and finally you will visit the Civil Rights Institute.

Return to your hotel to freshen up for dinner, which is again at your own expense at one of the fine restaurants around the city.

*Meals included: B*

Day 7 – Tuesday, April 30  
**RETURNING HOME**

This morning we will return to Atlanta by coach. For travelers who live out of state, it may be preferable to fly home from Birmingham rather than from Atlanta. Transfers to the Birmingham airport will be provided as required at your own expense.

*Meals included: B*

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**ATLANTA**

**SPRINGHILL SUITES ATLANTA AIRPORT GATEWAY**

The newly renovated Springhill Suites Atlanta Airport Gateway is located just one SkyTrain stop from the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, allowing for an easy arrival and departure. Spacious suites feature separate living and work areas, and free Wi-Fi. Discover a balance of comfort and convenience at Springhill Suites Atlanta Airport Gateway.

**BIRMINGHAM**  
**TUTWILER HOTEL**

The Tutwiler Hotel, managed by Hampton Inn & Suites, is a designated National Historic Landmark. Located in the heart of Birmingham, it is within minutes of the Civil Rights Institute, Railroad Park, and Five Points South dining and entertainment district. Amenities include a complimentary hot breakfast, fitness center, and free Wi-Fi.

**MONTGOMERY**  
**SPRINGHILL SUITES DOWNTOWN**

The all-suite Springhill Suites Downtown Montgomery offers the modern amenities you need to stay refreshed and focused. Rooms are stylish retreats with free Wi-Fi and plush bedding. Conveniently located in the historic heart of downtown, the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, Legacy Museum, Civil Rights Memorial, and Rosa Parks Library and Museum are all nearby.

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**A Civil Rights Journey**

*Atlanta, Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery, and Tuskegee*

*April 24-30, 2020*

**Price per person, double occupancy:** $1,899

**Single travelers please add $635**

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Living history specialty guides
- Foot soldiers in the Civil Rights Movement
- 5 nights’ accommodations
- 11 meals
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Private deluxe motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price  Not Included in Tour Price Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association (ACRTA) Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

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Health and Medical Issues  We request that you be in good health to participate in this Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association and Emory University assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

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ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM: A CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNEY

Register online at www.civilrightstourism.org/emory or complete this form and return.

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person(s) for On the Road to Freedom: A Civil Rights Journey.  I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or personal check.

Please make check payable to Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association, and send, with completed reservation form, to: Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association; 103 Brookwood Drive; Troy, Alabama 36081. Or call the Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association at 334-372-3132 or email your completed scanned reservation to reservations@civilrightstourism.org

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