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# LEGACIES OF RACE

## A SOUTHERN SEARCH FOR AMERICA'S SOUL

May 22 - 31, 2021



## MILESTONES OF A MOVEMENT

Journey south into the heart of the civil rights movement to gain a deeper understanding of the historic and continued struggle for racial equality in the United States. Begin in New Orleans, an important cross-generational center of activism. Meet with local leaders in New Zion Baptist Church, a hallowed ground pivotal in inspiring the civil rights movement. Continue the historic journey toward emancipation with a visit to the Whitney Plantation and then onwards to the Mississippi Freedom Trail and into Birmingham. Walk across the Selma Bridge with an activist who took part in the peaceful protest that devolved into unforgivable violence known as "Bloody Sunday." Pay homage at the 16th Street Baptist Church as you learn the story of the victims of the 1963 KKK bombing. Follow in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., visiting his home in Montgomery, and the place in which he made his personal commitment to non-violence.

Study how these catalysts ignited a movement that would define this pivotal moment in American history, discuss how they echo through modern day racial and economic injustice, and learn how to support the protection of human rights for all.



# ITINERARY

## NEW ORLEANS

### DAY 1 - A WARM WELCOME TO THE BIG EASY

Arrive in New Orleans-- the "Crescent City" -- one of the most distinctive cultural centers in North America rich in iconic music and cuisine. Settle into the hotel and relax before a festive welcome dinner, where you'll meet your private guides and local civil rights leader for an overview of the remarkable journey ahead!

Meals: B, L



### DAY 2 - A SOUNDTRACK FOR THE MOVEMENT

After breakfast at the hotel, the day begins with a historic walking tour of the French Quarter. From there, explore the Treme, the oldest African American neighborhood in the nation and home to Armstrong Park, honoring the Father of Jazz. Along the way, our guide will share stories of the people and events that shaped New Orleans' 1960s civil rights movement. From notable leaders such as Reverend Avery C. Alexander to events like the infamous Canal Street "sit ins" that ultimately led to the desegregation of lunch counters. Stop by the New Orleans African American Museum, a space dedicated to preserving, and promoting the history and art of the African diaspora.

After lunch in town, meet with local leaders in New Zion Baptist Church, one of the oldest and largest African American churches in the city that played a vital role in leading, inspiring, and supporting the Civil Rights movement. You have the freedom to spend the rest of your evening as you wish with many walkable NOLA restaurants and bars.

Meals: B, L

# JACKSON, MS

## DAY 3 - THE WHITNEY PLANTATION

After breakfast at the hotel we embark on a very special visit to the Whitney Plantation and learn about the lives of people who were held in bondage on these historic grounds for over 100 years. The unique Plantation Museum is the only museum in Louisiana with an exclusive focus on the lives of enslaved people. Its buildings, exhibits and memorials are all first-person narratives of enslaved Africans.

Enjoy some cajun cuisine over lunch at a nearby restaurant. Then return to the hotel in the the heart of NOLA for a leisurely evening of exploration and free time.

Meals: B, L

## DAY 4 - RIDING FOR FREEDOM

After an early breakfast, we drive roughly 3 hours to Jackson Mississippi. Upon arrival we visit the newly opened Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, which provides an authentic and painful accounts of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi.

Settle into the hotel and explore the downtown area. This evening we'll enjoy a classic southern feast and reception at a local restaurant.

Meals: B, L, D



## DAY 5 - THE MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM TRAIL

After breakfast at the hotel, we visit the famed Medgar Evers Home Museum, where Evers lived and was later assassinated in 1963. Stop by the former Greyhound Bus station, a site that played a prominent role in the 1961 Freedom Rides against segregation. Explore Farish Street, which was the thriving center of African-American life in Jackson during the Jim Crow era. Lunch is on your own with many local gems to choose from such as The Big Apple Inn, whose famous Pig's Ear Sandwich, has attracted a few celebrities including BB King and former President Obama.

Our final stop is at the Smith Robertson Museum, dedicated to increasing public understanding and awareness of the historical experience and cultural expressions of people of African descent. Freshen up at the hotel before enjoying a private group dinner and music performance by a renowned blues musician at Frank Jones Corner.

Meals: B, D

## BIRMINGHAM, AL

### DAY 6 - *"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"*

- Letter from Birmingham Jail, MLK Jr.

After breakfast at the hotel we travel across the state border to Birmingham, a center to activism in the 1950s and 1960s. Stop at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where a bomb killed four young girls as they prepared to sing in their choir. The incident caused national outrage and provided momentum that ensured the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

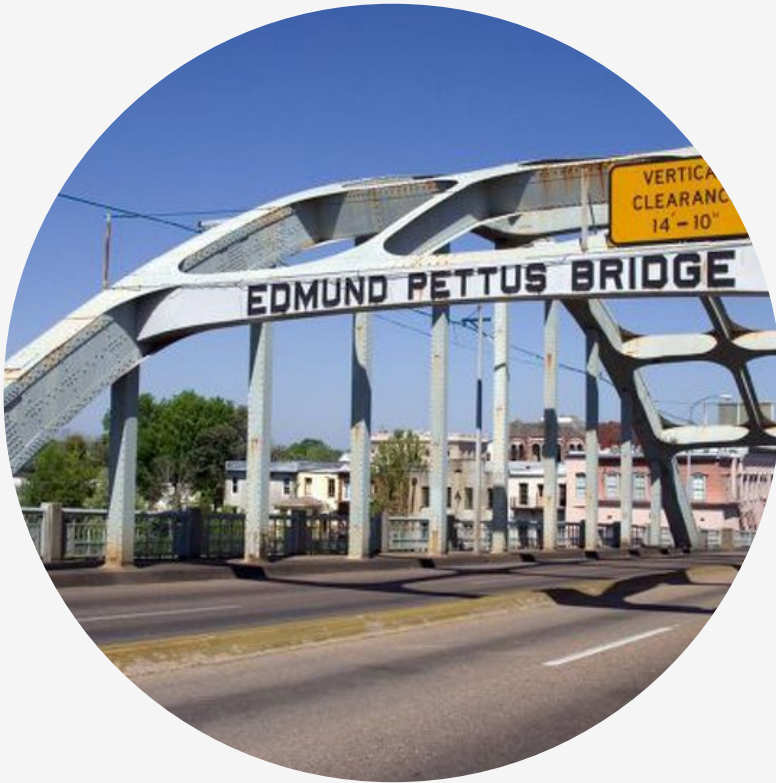
Across the street is the historic Kelly Ingram Park, which was chosen as a gathering point by activists in their 1960s campaign to end segregation in Birmingham. Today the park is a peaceful locale with dramatic statues vividly depicting the events of the day. After a late lunch at a local restaurant we arrive at our Birmingham hotel, you have the freedom to spend the rest of your evening as you wish.

Meals: B, L



## DAY 7 - STRUGGLE AND SIGNIFICANCE

After breakfast, we travel to the nearby Vulcan Park and Museum perched on Red Mountain. Meet with leaders from the Alabama African American Heritage Sites Consortium to recount a vivid picture of how segregation in Birmingham unfolded in the 1960s.



From here we will take an in depth Birmingham neighborhood tour, visiting sites that were at the center of the Civil Rights Movement, including Birmingham Jail, Dynamite Hill, Phillips High School, and the Black Business District.

Enjoy a vibrant lunch at Niki's West Historic Cafeteria, featuring a relaxed and inviting atmosphere with delicious, old fashioned southern food from country fried steak to lemon-pepper catfish. Rejoin your group to visit the Civil Rights Institute, an interpretive museum where you will explore the role of Birmingham within the larger context of the civil rights movement.

Tonight is an open evening of relaxation, exploration, and dinner on our own at one of the many great local restaurants.

Meals: B, L

## SELMA, AL

### DAY 8 - GROUND ZERO IN THE FIGHT FOR VOTING RIGHTS

Today we'll travel to Montgomery, stopping en route to explore one of the most pivotal battlegrounds of the civil rights struggle: Selma.

Selma is best known for the 1960s Selma Voting Rights Movement and the Selma to Montgomery marches, beginning with "Bloody Sunday" in March 1965 and ending with 25,000 people entering Montgomery at the end of the last march to press for voting rights. We'll be guided through several museums and historical sites including the Lowndes Interpretive Center and Brown Chapel AME Church. Our time in Selma concludes with a silent walk across the historic Edmund Pettis Bridge across which the late Senator John Lewis passed for the final time last year. Lunch will be at the Italianate-style cottage located beside the historic Sturdivant Hall, built in 1859 and one of the South's best and most beautiful examples of Greek revival antebellum homes.

Following our visit, we will depart for Montgomery, arriving at our hotel for an open evening of free time and dinner at leisure.

Meals: B, L

# MONTGOMERY, AL

## DAY 10 - ENSLAVEMENT TO MASS INCARCERATION

Begin the day with a visit to the Dexter Parsonage Museum, the house in which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived and made his personal commitment to non-violence. Continue on to Legacy Museum, which focuses on the history of racial injustice and the narratives that have sustained injustice across generations. At lunch we will be joined by the leaders from the Equal Justice Initiative, an organization committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States. Discuss today's largest challenges concerning racial and economic injustice, and how to support the protection of basic human rights for all.

Next we visit the Equal Justice Initiative's National Memorial for Peace and Justice. The memorial is the nation's first dedicated to the legacy of enslaved blacks terrorized by racial segregation, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence. Enjoy free time the rest of the afternoon before a final farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: B, L, D

## DAY 11 - CONTINUING THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

During a farewell breakfast reflect with your travelers on the lessons and learnings of this historic Southern journey before departing independently to the airport for flights returning home.

Meal: B



## PROGRAM DETAILS

### THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES

- All activities, sightseeing, and entry fees listed in the itinerary.
- Accommodations as described in the itinerary.
- All meals listed in the itinerary, including wine and beer at dinner.
- Transportation by private motor coach.
- Bottled water during all excursions.
- Whisper headsets for all tour participants.
- Comprehensive cultural information and reading materials.
- The services of World Affairs Council tour managers and hosts.
- All gratuities for participants and staff to cover drivers, wait staff at group meals, guides, and tour directors.

### THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Transportation to and from New Orleans, LA
- Personal expenses (including cab fares, laundry, personal items, room service charges).
- Food and beverage other than that specified in the itinerary.
- Travel insurance (we strongly advise that each participant arrange for their own travel insurance).
- Medical expenses.
- Costs associated with trip interruption or modification due to weather, travel conditions, political/civil disputes, medical emergencies or other causes beyond our control.

### HEALTH

- All travelers must be at least 18 years of age by the date of travel. Trip participants must ensure that they are suitably fit to allow full participation.

### SPECIAL NOTE ON COVID-19

We understand that travelers are wary of booking arrangements because of the growing concern of COVID-19. If authorities deem it unsafe to travel, we will cancel the trip no later than 30 days before departure as safety is always our number one priority. In the event of cancellation on our end due to COVID-19 concerns, we will fully refund all participants less any unrecoverable costs.

## Rates

*\$4,249*

*per person*

*based on double occupancy*

### Single Supplement

*\$799*

### CANCELLATION POLICY

- Final payment is due 90 days before the trip, February 21, 2021. Cancellation after this period incurs cancellation fees. The deposit is non-refundable but may be transferred to future credit on another trip.
  - 50% non-refundable if cancelled after Feb 21st, 2021
  - 100% non-refundable if cancelled after March 23rd, 2021

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

- We strongly recommend the purchase travel insurance, including trip cancellation insurance. Information on recommended travel insurance will be shared in the welcome email and made available upon request.



# World Affairs Council | Registration Form

## Legacies of Race, May 22 - 30, 2021

Full Legal Name as it appears on your passport

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

Date of Birth

Passport Number

Passport Expiration Date

Nationality

Gender

Emergency Contact Name, Phone Number & Email

Dietary Allergies or Restrictions

Medical Allergies/Physical Limitations/ Health Issues

Full Legal Name of companion traveler (if applicable)

I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Council

### FILL OUT ONLY IF ALSO REGISTERING FOR COMPANION:

Traveler 2 Phone Number

Traveler 2 E-mail Address

Traveler 2 Date of Birth

Traveler 2 Passport Number

Traveler 2 Passport Expiration Date

Traveler 2 Nationality

Traveler 2 Gender

Traveler 2 Emergency Contact Name, Phone Number & Email

Traveler 2 Dietary Allergies or Restrictions

Traveler 2 Medical Allergies/Physical Limitations/ Health Issues

### ROOMING OPTIONS:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be sharing a room with my travel companion, and will required: \_\_\_\_\_one bed in our room OR \_\_\_\_\_ two beds in our room.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be paired with another traveler of the same gender. I understand if that is not possible, I will have a room to myself and agree to pay the \$799 single room supplement.

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to have a private room to my self and agree to pay the \$799 single room supplement.

### PAYMENT:

Here is my deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$200 per person) for \_\_\_ place(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Charge my deposit to my \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ American Express

Card Number

Expires

Security Code

Authorized Cardholder Signature

Date

**To make your reservation:** Mail, scan, or fax your completed form to World Affairs Council, 1 South Broad St. 2M, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Email: [travel@wacphila.org](mailto:travel@wacphila.org), fax: 215-561-5660, or call us at 215-561-4700 x 209.

**Note: The Council is moving offices Jan. 31, 2021. Please call if you are mailing your reservation after this time.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I / We have read the Terms and Conditions for this program linked [here](#) and agree to them.

Signature

Signature Traveler 2 (if applicable)

Date