

CHARLOTTESVILLE CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR

*A partnership between:
The Jefferson School African American Heritage Center
and
The Memory Project at the UVA Democracy Initiative*

JUNE 19 - 26, 2022



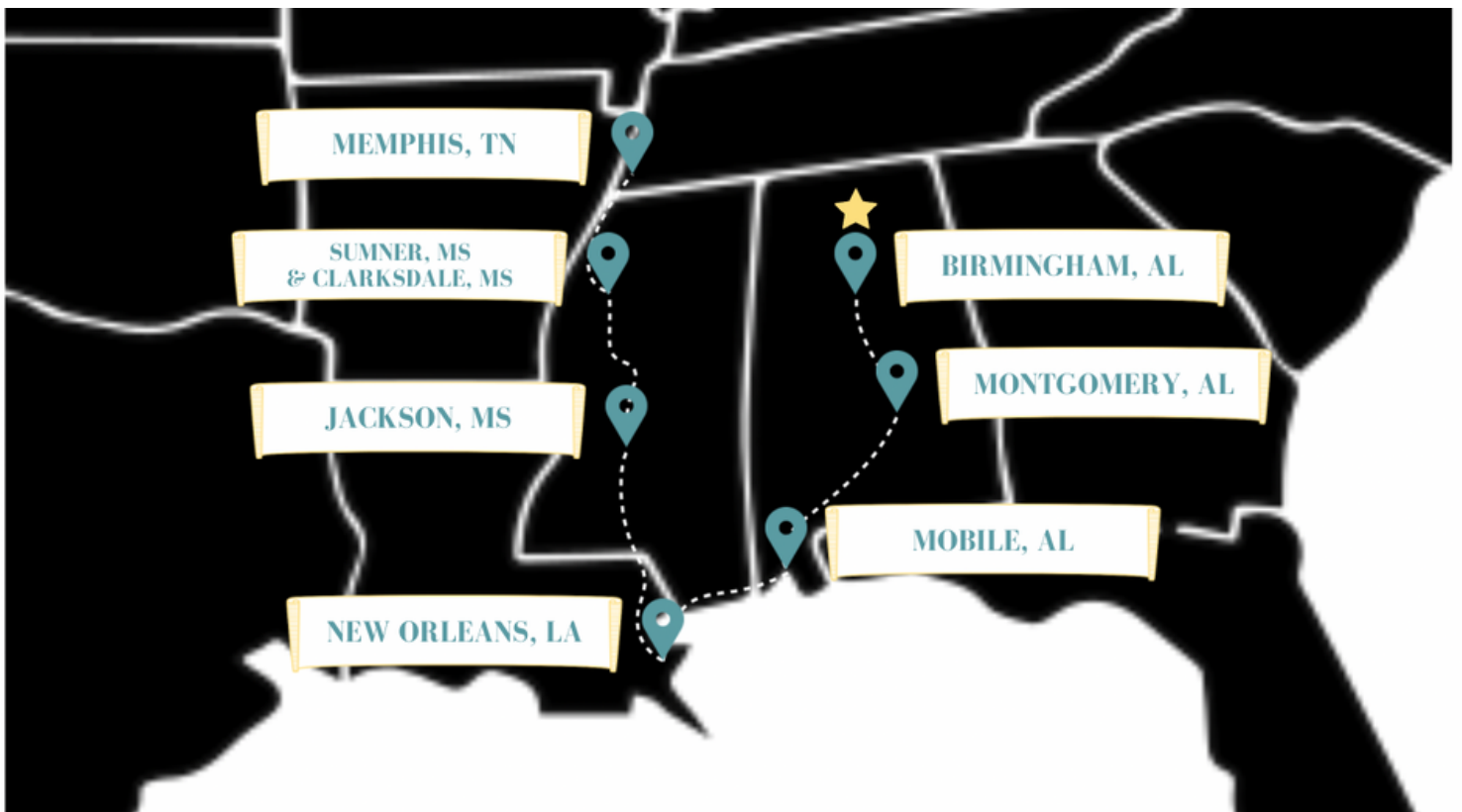
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TRIP OVERVIEW

The June 2022 Charlottesville Civil Rights Tour will travel by bus through the South for 8 days and 7 nights to visit former plantations, Civil Rights historical sites, museums, and memorials. The trip's purpose is to examine how Southern communities are reshaping the history and memory of white supremacist trauma to form honest, inclusive narratives that incorporate their ongoing struggles for racial justice. The tour will mark the 5th anniversary of Charlottesville's 2017 Summer of Hate, and coincide with -- and inform -- the Charlottesville community's considerations of what to do with the vacant public spaces in which Confederate and settler-colonialist statues once stood.

The tour will begin where the 2018 #CvillePilgrimage culminated: in Alabama. This iteration of the trip will examine the endpoint of the lesser-known domestic slave trade, in which one million enslaved African Americans from the Upper South were separated from their families, sold, and forcibly relocated to the newly-established cotton and sugar plantations of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. In the Deep South, travelers will learn about the memorialization of slavery and resistance, and visit key sites of the Civil Rights Movement.



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



SUNDAY JUNE 19: BIRMINGHAM, AL

- Fly to Birmingham, AL and check into hotel
- Enjoy the day on your own
- Welcome dinner as a group

Hotel: Westin Birmingham

Included Meal: Dinner

MONDAY JUNE 20: BIRMINGHAM, AL

- Visit The 16th Street Baptist Church, the site of the KKK bombing that killed four young girls
- Travel to Selma and walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge
- Drive to Montgomery, AL
- Enjoy a group dinner

Hotels: Springhill Suites, Hampton Inn, Doubletree Hotel

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

TUESDAY JUNE 21: MONTGOMERY, AL

- Stop by the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church
- Visit SPLC and The Civil Rights Memorial
- Explore the Equal Justice Initiative Legacy Museum and Lynching Memorial
- Visit the new Mothers of Gynecology Sculpture
- Drive to Mobile, AL
- Enjoy a group dinner and movie to prepare you for the following morning activities

Hotel: Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel and Spa

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WEDNESDAY JUNE 22: MOBILE, AL

- Experience a full day of touring in Africatown
- Meet with descendants of captives smuggled on the Clotilda, the last transatlantic slave ship to enter the U.S.
- Drive to New Orleans, LA
- Enjoy dinner on your own

Hotel: Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



THURSDAY JUNE 23: NEW ORLEANS, LA

- Visit the Whitney Plantation, a restored forced labor farm which centers the history of its enslaved workers
- Experience a Black Heritage and Jazz tour of New Orleans
- Downtime this evening
- Enjoy dinner on your own in New Orleans

Hotel: Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel

Included Meals: Breakfast

FRIDAY JUNE 24: JACKSON, MS

- Drive from New Orleans to Jackson, MS
- Visit the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum
- Stop by the Medgar Evers Home Museum
- Group dinner in Jackson

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

SATURDAY JUNE 25: SUMNER, MS & CLARKSDALE, MS

- Drive to Sumner, MS
- Explore the Emmett Till Interpretive Center
- Visit the Tallahatchie Courthouse
- Drive to Clarksdale, MS
- Tour the Delta Blues Museum
- Group dinner at Ground Zero Blues Club
- Enjoy live music in Clarksdale, the birthplace of the blues

Hotel: Quality Inn

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

SUNDAY JUNE 26: MEMPHIS, TN

- Drive to Memphis, TN
- Optional church service at Mason Temple COGIC (dependent on reopening phase), the site of MLK's "Mountaintop" speech the night before his assassination
- Visit the Lorraine Motel Civil Rights Museum
- Fly from Memphis, TN and return to home city

Included Meal: Breakfast

TESTIMONIALS



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"The pilgrimage for me was very emotional and even after a year, it is hard to articulate what it meant to be a part of this experience. The pain, courage, and fortitude of those that fought the battle to freedom and those that are still fighting for equality was mind-boggling and left me in a state of self-reflection. I am left with the conviction of fighting this battle in my community and helping in any capacity that I can."

Esther Jackson-Davis

"Embarking on the Pilgrimage, I hoped the journey would leave me with a deeper and more nuanced understanding of the past, help me continue to identify and challenge my biases, and empower me to better understand my personal role in creating change. On all counts, it did. However, the bonds of community – created in such a short time over those hundreds of miles – were largely unexpected, yet transformative. The horrors of our history are undeniable, but equally so were the joy and connectedness that I experienced with my fellow pilgrims. Thank you."

Sarah

"Of all our experiences: battlefields, museums, Black-owned restaurants, historic churches, "lost cause" narratives, bridges, lunch counters, park rangers, historic district foundations, hanging steel coffins, praying, singing, dancing, marching and riding... I learned most just being with fellow pilgrims. Even when one means no harm, she may still cause a problem. Even when one recognizes no harm, she may act problematically. Even when one sticks to her own business, as she was raised to, when she is unmindful, she contributes to the problem. It's on White folk to notice harm, wise-up to the problem, and humbly to offer help creating solutions."

Patricia A. Goolsby

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

\$2,750 Per Person

\$250 at booking to secure your seat!

TRIP INCLUSIONS

- A Travel Medic
- All activities and sightseeing listed in the itinerary
- Accommodations as listed in the itinerary
- Coach bus transportation between Birmingham, AL and Memphis, TN
- All meals listed in the itinerary
- All gratuities for drivers, group meals and tours
- Listening devices for each guests
- A water bottle and snacks for bus transfers

TRIP EXCLUSIONS

- Flights to Birmingham, AL from home city
- Flight to home city from Memphis, TN
- Transfers to and from airports
- Personal sightseeing not listed in the itinerary
- All meals, food and beverage not listed in the itinerary (ex. New Orleans)
- Expenses of a purely personal nature including cab fares, laundry and other personal items (room service charges)
- Travel Insurance (we strongly advise that each participant arrange for their own travel insurance)
- Medical Expenses
- Costs associated with trip interruption or modifications due to weather, travel conditions, political/civil disputes, medical emergencies or other causes beyond our control

Dr. Andrea Douglas, Trip Co-Director



Dr. Jalane Schmidt, Trip Co-Director



Please Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to COVID or any other unavoidable circumstances