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Civil Rights Trail & Gospel Roots of The King

Featuring Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham, Tupelo, and Memphis

9 Days / 8 Nights

Day 1 - Tour CNN Center and National Center for Civil & Human Rights

Enjoy lunch on own at **CNN Center Food Court**, which offers a variety of dining experiences, from fast casual to full-service, in the heart of downtown Atlanta. Tour **CNN Atlanta Studio**, see the science, and origin of TV news making at **CNN's Headquarters**. Visit the **National Center for Civil & Human Rights**, a museum dedicated to the achievements of both the civil rights movement in the U.S. and the broader worldwide human rights movement. Depart and transfer to your hotel and check in.

Day 2 - MLK Jr. National Historic Park & Civil Rights Tour

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Baggage handling is included. Depart and meet your **guide** at the **Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park**. Next take a journey on a **Civil Rights Tour of Atlanta**: Visit the **tombs** of **Dr. King** and his wife, **Coretta Scott King**, visit **Atlanta Student Movement Rush Memorial Church** to the graves at **South-View Cemetery** of **King's Father & John Wesley Dobbs**. See **Dr. King's birth home** and the historic **Ebenezer Baptist Church**. See **Paschal's Restaurant**, where, in the front dining room, morning politicians helped elect Atlanta's first black mayor, **Maynard Jackson**. Now we will see **Ralph Abernathy's** West Hunter Street Church, the mural of **John Lewis** and the office on where **MLK, Abernathy, Andrew Young, and Hosea Williams** made decisions that **changed the world**. Enjoy lunch on own in downtown Atlanta's **food court**. Visit the **Tuskegee Airmen Global Academy**. Depart for Montgomery and check in to hotel. Enjoy **dinner included** at a **soul food restaurant**, a Southern eatery featuring **all-you-can-eat buffet** with rotating entrees & sides. Return to hotel.

Day 3 - Rosa Parks, MLK, and Civil Rights Memorial Center

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Depart with **guide** and visit the **National Memorial for Peace & Justice**. Visit **Rosa Parks Museum** on the Troy University satellite campus. See exhibits and artifacts from the **1955 Montgomery bus boycott**. We'll visit **Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church** and **Freedom Rides Museum** which used to be the **Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station building**. Tour the **Alabama State Capitol Grounds** which includes the historic building with offices of the **state governor** and executive branch, plus a gift shop. See **Dexter Parsonage Museum** where **Martin Luther King, Jr.** lived in the 1950s. Visit the **Civil Rights Memorial Center**. Enjoy lunch on own in the cafeteria at **Alabama State University**, a

historically black college, then depart for **Selma**. Depart and walk across **Pettus Bridge**, site of the brutal **bloody Sunday beatings** of civil rights marchers during the first march for voting rights. It is named after **Edmund Pettus**, a **Confederate brigadier general**, Democratic U.S. Senator and **grand wizard** of the **Alabama Klu Klux Klan**. Enjoy **dinner included** at a local Southern Cuisine chef owned establishment. The chef takes many **traditional dishes**, and mixes both **international** and **European** styles to bring to you a dining experience that takes the meaning of 'fine dining' to a new plateau. Enjoy a combination of comfort and savior faire you'll not find anywhere else! Depart and check into hotel.

Day 4 - Tour Voting Rights Museum & Historical Sites

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Depart with **guide** and visit the **Voting Rights Museum & Institute**, the cornerstone of the contemporary struggle for **voting rights** and **human dignity** located at the foot of the famous **Pettus Bridge**. Visit the **National Civil Rights Trail Selma Interpretive Center**, also located at the foot of the Pettus Bridge, marking the beginning of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail. See **Brown Chapel AME Church**, a starting point for the **Selma to Montgomery marches** in 1965, and meeting place and offices of the **Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)** which played a major role in the events that led to the adoption of the **Voting Rights Act of 1965**. Depart for Birmingham with box lunch then enjoy a **Guided Tour** of 16th Street **Baptist Church**, site of a **supremacist terrorism bombing** before Sunday morning services on September 15, 1963 at the predominantly black congregation. Visit the **Civil Rights Institute**, a large **interpretive museum** and **research center** that depicts the struggles of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s. Tonight enjoy a **private dinner** event in the old **Greyhound Bus Stop** featuring local BBQ plus an appearance by an **Elvis Presley** performer!

Day 5 - Tupelo National Civil Rights Museum, and Beale St.

After **breakfast** and check out, we'll enjoy a **guided tour** of **Tupelo** to see where **Elvis** went to school, visit **downtown Tupelo** and the **Hardware Store** for unique **Elvis** souvenirs and enjoy **lunch** in a "Dive". Afterwards enjoy a **milkshake** served at **Elvis's** favorite Drive In. Depart for **Memphis** and the **National Civil Rights Museum**. Located at the original **Lorraine Motel**, site of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination**, this award-winning museum traces the history of the American Civil Rights Movement and honors its' leaders through



interactive displays, artifacts, hands-on exhibits and audiovisual programs. Return to hotel to refresh, then explore and enjoy dinner on own with live music along historic Beale Street.

Day 6 - Johnny Cash Boyhood Home, Farmer's Union, and Mojo Tour

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel prior to checking out. Baggage handling is included. Depart and cross the Mighty Mississippi River. Arrive in Dyess, Arkansas and visit the Johnny Cash Boyhood Home Visitor Center. It is furnished as it appeared when the Cash family lived there, based on family memories. Continue and tour John Grisham's The Painted House, the original movie set farmhouse, used in the 2003 Hallmark Hall of Fame film production of "A Painted House." The house is patterned after the Arkansas boyhood home of novelist John Grisham, who wrote "A Painted House." Many items used in making the movie are displayed.

The town Mayor is expected to join the group for our included lunch. Next visit the Southern Tenant Farmer's Union Museum (STFU) to learn about tenant farming and agricultural labor movements in the Mississippi River Delta. The Southern Tenant Farmers' Union was founded in 1934 as a civil farmer's union to organize tenant farmers in the Southern United States.

Originally set up during the Great Depression, the STFU was founded to help sharecroppers and tenant farmers get better arrangements from landowners. The STFU was one of few unions in the 1930's that was open to all races. They promoted non-violent protest to gain their fair share of the AAA money. They also promoted the goal of blacks and whites working efficiently together. STFU met with harsh resistance from the landowners and local public officials. The leaders were often harassed, attacked, and many were killed. Depart for Memphis and check in to hotel.

Enjoy an exciting introduction to Memphis on this action-packed Mojo Tour where we drive through the city. It's great fun for all! The Home of the Blues comes alive on this city tour aboard the nation's only music bus. All of the guides on this tour are professional Beale Street musicians who play and sing selections from the city's rich musical heritage, while entertaining you with comedy, history, and behind-the-scenes stories of your favorite Memphis personalities.

Enjoy dinner included at The Rendezvous, in a circa 1948 BBQ eatery in a basement serving up racks of smoked ribs & sausages with dry-rub spices.

Day 7 - Rock n' Soul Museum and Music Hall of Fame

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Depart and visit the Rock n' Soul Museum. The museum tells the critical story of the musical pioneers who overcame racial and socio-economic obstacles to create the music that changed the cultural complexion of the world. Visit the legendary Sun Studio, the birthplace of Rock N Roll. NOTE: Sun Studio tour does include stairs. Enjoy lunch on own in Memphis then visit the Memphis Music Hall of Fame which honors Memphis musicians for their lifetime achievements in music. The induction ceremony and concert is held each year in Memphis.

Enjoy a tour of Sun Studios. Next up is the Withers Collection Museum & Gallery, a charming museum holding historically important photos honoring civil rights and black history. Enjoy dinner included at one of Elvis's favorite restaurants. It is Memphis' oldest and family-owned, since 1923, serving Italian food and famous BBQ pizza.

Day 8 - Underground Railroad, Stax Museum, and The Peabody Ducks

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel prior to checking out. Depart and visit Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum, a 19th-century home once part of the Underground Railroad featuring tunnels, trap doors and artifacts. Visit the Stax Museum of American Soul Music. When the modest Capitol Theater in the heart of Soulsville, USA was transformed into Stax Records in 1959, it began launching the careers of unknowns who would become icons, cranking out a massive catalog of smash soul hits. On its many and varied labels, Stax Records also recorded such legends as Big Star, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Moms Mabley, and the Grammy-winning comedic genius Richard Pryor.

Enjoy farewell afternoon tea at The Peabody in the hotel's Chez Philippe restaurant, the only spot in Memphis that offers a traditional English afternoon tea. Enjoy a three-course menu of savory tea sandwiches, assorted sweets, and warm scones from the Peabody Pastry Shop in addition to a selection of teas, with champagne.

Day 9 - Graceland & Depart

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then arrive at Graceland! Tour includes: Graceland Mansion Audio-Guided Tour with New Orientation Film, Access to Elvis Presley's Memphis, Elvis' Two Custom Airplanes, Presley Motor Car Museum, Elvis: The Entertainer Career Showcase Museum, and Elvis Discovery Exhibits.

Depart for Airport.

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