



## Civil Rights Gospel

### 6 Nights / 7 Days

#### **Day One - National Center for Civil & Human Rights**

Arrive to **Atlanta Airport**, then board your MARS arrange **motorcoach**, and depart. Visit the **CNN Atlanta Studio** and enjoy lunch on own in the food court, which offers a variety of dining experiences, from fast casual to full-service, in the heart of downtown Atlanta. 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. Transfer to your hotel and check-in. Hotel offers **FREE** airport shuttle. Relax and recharge in the afternoon. Hotel guests may enjoy a variety of food – like salad, soup, & more—and cold beverage from 5:30 pm to 7pm. (Meals: Sundown Reception Dinner)

#### **Day Two - Civil Rights Tour & 16th Street Baptist Church**

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Meet your **GUIDE** at the **Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park** and enjoy a **Journey on a Civil Rights Tour of Atlanta**. Visit the **tombs of Dr. King and his wife, Coretta Scott King**, then the famous **Atlanta Student Movement Rush Memorial Church** to the graves at **South-View Cemetery of Daddy King & John Wesley Dobbs**. At stops you will see close up the **house Dr. King lived in at the time of his assassination** and where Coretta raised her four children, then **Dr. King's birth home** and the **Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church** where MLK Jr. was baptized and both he and Daddy King preached. There will be a chance to stand in front of the crypt of MLK & Coretta Scott King. See **Pascal's Restaurant**, where, in the front dining room, morning politicians helped elect Atlanta's first black mayor, Maynard Jackson. Other sites include: **Ralph Abernathy's West Hunter Street Church**, the mural of **John Lewis on Auburn Avenue** and the office on **Auburn Avenue where MLK, Abernathy, Andrew Young, and Hosea Williams made decisions that changed the world**, **Edgewood Avenue-Sweet Auburn Market, State Capitol and City Hall, the King Memorial (US Parks Service), SCLC & SNCC Freedom House, Morehouse College, historic Hunter Street (MLK now), and Magnolia Ballroom**. Enjoy lunch on own. Enjoy a **Guided Tour of the 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Depart for Montgomery then enjoy **dinner included** at a soul food restaurant, a Southern eatery featuring all-you-can-eat buffet with rotating entrees & sides. Depart and check-in to your hotel for the evening. (Meals: B, D)

#### **Day Three - Rosa Parks Museum & Selma**

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Depart with **GUIDE** and visit the **National Memorial for Peace & Justice**, a memorial that commemorates the victims of lynching in the U.S. It is intended to acknowledge past racial terrorism and advocate for social justice in

America. Visit the **Rosa Parks Museum** on the Troy University satellite campus. See exhibits and artifacts from the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott. Visit **Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church**, founded in 1877 in a slave trader's pen on what was Market Street. In 1887, the first registration of students for Alabama State University (–then the Normal School for Colored Students) – was held in the lower unit of the church. Over the years, it has served the community using its facilities as meeting place for many civic, educational, and religious groups. Much of Montgomery's early civil rights activity – most famously the 1956 Bus Boycott – was directed by Dr. King from his office in the lower unit of the church. In 1978, the name was changed to Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, in memory of its twentieth pastor, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who led the congregation from 1954 to 1960. Visit the **Freedom Rides Museum** which used to be the Montgomery Greyhound Bus Station building, site of a violent attack on participants in the 1961 Freedom Ride during the Civil Rights Movement. Tour the **Alabama State Capitol Grounds**, which include 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**, which honors 41 people who were killed in the struggle for equal and integrated treatment of all people, regardless of race, during the 1954-1968 civil rights movement in the U.S. It is sponsored by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Depart for **Selma** with **boxed lunch**. Stop at **Lowndes Interpretive Center**, which serves as a repository of information for the unfortunate and significant events that occurred in Lowndes County during the Selma to Montgomery march. Learn about the **Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail**. On August 6, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which extended equal voting rights for African Americans. As both White and Black non-violent supporters led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought for the right to vote in Central Alabama, today, you can trace their march toward freedom on the 54-mile trail and connect with their history. 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. 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. Enjoy **dinner included** at a local favorite this evening. Depart and check-in to your hotel for the evening. (Meals: B, D)

#### **Day Four - Pettus Bridge & Elvis Presley**

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. 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, U.S.



Senator, and grand wizard of the Alabama Klu Klux Klan. Visit the **National Civil Rights Trail Selma Interpretive Center**, located at the foot of the Pettus Bridge, marking the beginning of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail. Depart to **Tupelo**. Visit **downtown Tupelo** and the **Hardware Store** for unique Elvis souvenirs and enjoy **lunch** in a "Dive" and afterwards enjoy a **milkshake** served at Elvis's favorite Drive In. Continue to the birthplace of **Elvis Presley** and visit the **Elvis Presley Museum** - Completely renovated in 2006, the state-of-the-art museum still pays tribute to that friendship and displays new exhibits containing Tupelo artifacts, large photo-murals and graphics and audiovisual presentations that focus on Elvis, his childhood and his first music. Visit the **Elvis Presley Memorial Chapel** - Elvis dreamed of having a "place of meditation" at the Elvis Presley Birthplace Park. Before his death, he shared that dream with friend Janelle McComb who envisioned adding a chapel to the Park. Dedicated in 1979, the chapel is now a popular attraction and offers a time for meditation and a venue for weddings and special services. Depart for Memphis and enjoy **dinner included** at a BBQ restaurant today. Check-in to your hotel for the night. (Meals: B, D)

#### **Day Five - National Civil Rights & Underground Railroad Museum**

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel. Visit the **National Civil Rights Museum**, located at the original Lorraine Motel, site of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1968 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. The recent \$11M expansion involves the renovation of the Young Morrow building where the fatal shot was fired. "Exploring the Legacy" brings the history that followed King's assassination into the tour. Enjoy **lunch included** today, feast upon a delicious Southern home-made BBQ buffet. Non-alcohol beverages included. Visit the **Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum**, a 19<sup>th</sup>-century home once part of the **Underground Railroad** featuring tunnels, trap doors, and artifacts. Return to the hotel for a free afternoon and evening. Enjoy **dinner on own** along exciting **Beale Street** and then return to the hotel for the evening. (Meals: B, L)

#### **Day Six - Graceland Tour & Memphis Music Hall of Fame**

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel. Depart for **Graceland!** Your 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, & Elvis Discovery Exhibits.** Enjoy **lunch on own** while visiting then continue exploring Memphis. 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. Visit the legendary **Sun Studio**, the birthplace of Rock N Roll. Visit the **Rock n' Soul Museum**, hear the story of the musical pioneers who overcame racial and socio-economic obstacles to create the music that changed

the cultural complexion of the world. Enjoy **dinner included** at a family-owned restaurant serving Italian food and famous BBQ pizza. It was one of Elvis's favorite restaurants. Return to hotel. (Meals: B, D)

#### **Day Seven - Stax Museum & The Peabody**

Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out. Visit the **Stax Museum of American Soul Music**. What began as a tiny record store in an old movie theater at the corner of McLemore Avenue and College Street in Memphis, Tennessee, grew to become one of the most important music recording studios in the world. 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, Bill Cosby, Moms Mabley, and the Grammy-winning comedic genius Richard Pryor. Depart and visit the **Withers Collection Museum & Gallery**, a charming museum holding historically important photos honoring civil rights and black history. 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. See the famous **Peabody Ducks!** In a long-standing tradition, the ducks march to the hotel fountain each day. The Peabody Ducks are five North American mallards - one drake (male) with a white collar and green head and four hens (females) with less colorful plumage. Duck is **not served anywhere** at The Peabody and has not been seen on the hotel's menus since its 1981 reopening, quite possibly making Chez Philippe the only French restaurant in the world that does not offer duck. When off-duty, the ducks live in their **Royal Duck Palace** on the hotel's rooftop. The \$200,000 structure is made of marble and glass and features its very own fountain with a bronze duck spitting water. It also includes a small house - a replica of the hotel - where the ducks can nest with a soft, grassy "front yard." The Peabody Marching Ducks have appeared on "**The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson**," "**Sesame Street**" when Bert and Ernie celebrated Rubber Ducky Day, "**The Oprah Winfrey Show**" and in **People Magazine** and the **Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue**. The Peabody Ducks have been a question on the TV game show "**Jeopardy**" and in the board game **Trivial Pursuit**. Original Duckmaster Edward Pembroke held the position for 50 years. Raised by a local farmer and a friend of the hotel, each team of Peabody Ducks lives at the hotel for only three months before retiring from their duty and returning to the farm, where they are free to live as wild ducks. With a return to the great outdoors in mind, the hotel recognizes its resident waterfowl as wild animals and does not domesticate them or treat them like pets. The Peabody Ducks are mentioned in the 1999 Jimmy Buffet song "Math Sucks" in a line that says, "Quackin' like those Peabody Ducks." Depart for home after your visit. (Meals: B, High Tea)

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