

Duke TRAVELS

A CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNEY

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A native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Dr. Dixie specializes in American religious history and has written on a wide range of topics—from the African American Civil Rights Movement to the history of Black Baptists in the United States. Among his publications are, *The Courage to Hope*, and a companion to a PBS documentary, *This Far By Faith*. Dr. Dixie worked on two documentary projects with James M.: *I Have a Dream*, a collection of Martin Luther King Jr.'s writings and speeches for young adult readers; and *Conversations With God*, an edited volume of African American prayers ranging from early America to the close of the twentieth century.

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Four Spirits sculpture at Kelly Ingram Park

Dear Duke Travelers,

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s reshaped the history of the United States and the world, creating an important and inspiring legacy that is especially relevant today. In Alabama, the cities of Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma were home to many of the key turning points of this historic movement: where national leadership of the Civil Rights Movement took shape and where tens of thousands of people came together to struggle for the cause of racial justice.

Duke's transformational civil rights journey provides exclusive opportunities to engage first-hand with the actual foot soldiers and activists of the movement — veterans of the struggle who are fewer and fewer each year. In Birmingham, Montgomery, Tuskegee and Selma, visit key historical sites, experience the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice - institutions which have taken diverse and complementary approaches to telling the moving stories of the Civil Rights Movement and the history of America's ongoing mission to achieve racial equality.

Those who joined us on the March, 2022 journey remarked that their experience on the Civil Rights Journey was enriching, powerful and transformational. We've enhanced this year's journey, and space is limited, so we expect it to fill quickly. The time remaining to hear these stories first-hand is limited. Please join us!

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder

Senior Director, Duke Travels

Duke Alumni Engagement and Development

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUDED FEATURES

- In Birmingham, historian and educator **Dr. Martha Bouyer** guides you through civil rights history including the **Birmingham Civil Rights Institute**, Kelly Ingram Square and Bethel Baptist Church.
- Featured speaker **Dr. Rev. Carolyn Maull McKinstry** speaks about surviving the 16th St. Baptist Church bombing and how it changed the course of her life.
- Visit Selma, in the company of foot soldier and activist **T. Dianne Harris** and enjoy a private lunch hosted at Tabernacle Baptist Church and meet **Gee's Bend Quilters**. Retrace the footsteps of the 1965 march as you traverse the landmark **Edmund Pettus Bridge** on foot. Visit the Lowndes Interpretative Center focusing on the Selma to Montgomery March.
- In Montgomery, visit the **Rosa Parks Museum, Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, Southern Poverty Law Center's Civil Rights Memorial Center** and Private visit to the **Harris House**.
- Featured speaker **Peggy Wallace Kennedy**, daughter of George Wallace, relays her personal account of reconciliation and redemption.
- Enjoy a private, traditional southern soul food dinner at Montgomery's historic **Bricklayer's Hall** and learn the importance of the songs that united activists of the movement, in a joyful celebration of music.
- Visit the **Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum**: From Slavery to Incarceration, and **National Memorial for Peace and Justice**—institutions that tell the rich and moving stories of the Civil Rights Movement and of America's history of racial inequality.
- In Tuskegee, visit the **Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site and Museum**, the campus of **Tuskegee University** and the **Tuskegee History Center**. Enjoy a home-hosted lunch at Cobb House.
- Included Meals: 6 Breakfasts; 2 Lunches; 2 Dinners
- Two nights at the Hampton Inn & Suites Birmingham-Downtown-Tutwiler; Four nights at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Montgomery Hotel & Conference Center.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate: Walking and standing in museums and outdoors for 45 minutes to 1 hour at a time.

GETTING THERE FROM BIRMINGHAM: For arrival, there will be a transfer that departs the Birmingham airport (BHM) at 3 pm CST. (Uber and Lyft are also readily available from BHM to the hotel in Birmingham.) For departure, a transfer will leave the Montgomery hotel at 7:30 am CST. Please schedule flights to depart after 12:00 pm CST.

GETTING THERE FROM ATLANTA: For guests who arrive and depart from Atlanta Hartsfield Airport (ATL), there will be a transfer that departs at 1:00 PM EST on Sunday, March 12th to transport guests to the hotel in Birmingham. For departure, a transfer will leave the Montgomery hotel at 7:30 am. Please schedule flights to depart after 12:00 pm. Please note that transfers to and from Atlanta Hartsfield Airport are not included in the tour price.

Day-By-Day Schedule

Day 1: Sunday, March 12 ARRIVE BIRMINGHAM, AL

Independent arrivals to Birmingham, AL. See the detailed **Getting There** information below to plan your travel to the start of this journey.

5:00 p.m.: Depart to Historic Bethel Baptist Church. The church was at the forefront of the church-led civil rights movement of the 1950s, using nonviolent mass techniques to affect social change. Find out how the congregation was crucial to the success of the 1961 Freedom Rides. Bethel, led by Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth from 1953-1961, was bombed repeatedly between 1956 and 1962. We'll have a Southern dinner in the church community room. Our keynote speaker this evening is Rev. Dr. Carolyn McKinstry, survivor of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing on Sunday morning, September 15, 1963. Dr. McKinstry is the author of "While the World Watched: A Birmingham Bombing Survivor Comes of Age during the Civil Rights Movement." (D)

Accommodations: Hampton Inn & Suites Birmingham-Downtown-Tutwiler

Day 2: Monday, March 13 BIRMINGHAM, AL

After breakfast, we'll begin our full day exploration of Birmingham, delving into the city's civil rights history. Our guide today is historian and educator Dr. Martha Bouyer. Together, we'll have a comprehensive driving tour around the city's historically significant sites including Vulcan Park, Birmingham Jail, Dynamite Hill, Linn Park, Phillips High School. We'll stop for lunch on your own at a traditional "meat & three buffet."

We'll walk through Kelly Ingram Park and visit inside the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and an element of the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument. The Institute promotes a comprehensive understanding of the civil rights movement in Birmingham.

Dinner is on your own this evening. (B)

Accommodations: Hampton Inn & Suites Birmingham-Downtown-Tutwiler

Day 3: Tuesday, March 14 SELMA TO MONTGOMERY, AL

After an early breakfast, we depart by motorcoach to Selma, Alabama, where we meet Dianne Harris, Selma native and former student activist in the Voting Rights march. She'll be our guide through the history and events that took place in Selma. On a drive through Selma's neighborhoods, we'll see First Baptist Church—originally referenced as the First "Colored" Baptist Church that was host to the Dallas County Voters League, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and mass meetings. We'll drive by Brown Chapel, the headquarters of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference during the 1965 Voting Rights Campaign.



Edmund Pettus Bridge

Next, we'll head to Tabernacle Baptist Church. Begun in 1884, its members were active in the Dallas County Voters League that invited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Selma in 1964. The church, and foot soldier Dr. Verdell Lett Dawson host us for an intimate lunch in the church community hall.

Our special guests will be two ladies from Gee's Bend. The nationally recognized quilts of Gee's Bend were made by a group of women and their ancestors, direct descendants of the enslaved people who worked the former cotton plantation located along the Alabama River downstream from Selma. The quilts of Gee's Bend are considered to be unique and one of the most important African American visual and cultural contributions to the history of art within the United States. Hear the personal stories and examine modern-day quilts made by the ladies.



As we depart Selma, we'll traverse the landmark Edmund Pettus Bridge on foot, retracing the footsteps of voting rights marchers. Crossing the bridge, the weight of history is tangible. It's easy to sense of history sweeping over you as you picture the scene marchers found awaiting them on the other side of the bridge on "Bloody Sunday" and acknowledge their fear and courage. The late civil rights icon and Georgia congressman John Lewis was there. He described the law enforcement presence that day as a "sea of blue." Badly beaten, he suffered a broken skull.

We'll retrace the route of the 54-mile march from Selma to Montgomery and stop at the National Park's Lowndes Interpretive Center. Here, through an audio-visual presentation and self-guided exhibits, we'll learn the details of the struggles that culminated in the 54 mile-march from Selma to Montgomery for voting rights.

Continue to Montgomery, where we check in at the hotel. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. Enjoy the hotel's complimentary evening reception and the many dining choices within walking distance of the hotel. (B,L)

Accommodations: *Embassy Suites by Hilton Montgomery Hotel & Conference Center*

Day 4: Wednesday, March 15 MONTGOMERY, AL

After breakfast, we walk two blocks to the Rosa Parks Museum. Here, interactive audio-visual exhibits describe Jim Crow and the social and political setting leading up to Rosa Park's refusal to give up her seat, then detail the Bus Boycott, how it operated, and its results.

Proceed on foot to the history-rich area of the heart of Montgomery – the Court Square-Dexter Avenue Business

District, where human beings were auctioned off during the slave trade, Rosa Parks was arrested, and the telegram calling for the strike on Fort Sumter was issued to trigger the Civil War. From 1850 until the end of the Civil War, Montgomery was the Southern port most active in slave trading.

We continue on foot to the old Greyhound bus station to visit the Freedom Rides Museum. In 1961 groups of volunteers made history by challenging the practice of segregated travel through the South. They called themselves Freedom Riders as they crossed racial barriers in depots and onboard buses. The 1961 Freedom Riders did not begin or end their journey in Montgomery, Alabama, but their arrival changed the city and the nation.

Lunch, at your own expense, is at nearby Cahawba House.

Our motorcoach meets us after lunch for an overview of Montgomery. Drive up Dexter Avenue for an exclusive private visit with Wanda Battle at Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, where Dr. King was pastor during the bus boycott and where Dr. King had his first public forays into prominent leadership.

From here, we continue on to the adjacent Centennial Hill area. This was the center of African American commerce and society in the 1950s. Here, we'll meet the Harris family on an exclusive visit inside the Dr. Richard Harris House, which provided a haven to Freedom Riders. Nearby is the iconic former Ben Moore Hotel. Both the former hotel and the Malden Brothers Barber Shop were the central points for communication between community leaders and the community itself in the 1950s. We return to the hotel. The evening is at leisure. (B)

Accommodations: *Embassy Suites by Hilton Montgomery Hotel & Conference Center*



Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church

Day 5: Thursday, March 16 MONTGOMERY, AL

After breakfast, we drive east to the town of Tuskegee, and begin with visit of the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, to learn the history of the African-Americans who trained here in a system designed for them to fail. Their success as World War II pilots, in spite of the odds, paved the way for the integration of the U.S. military, federal government and the nation overall. Gain insight into their challenges and the accomplishments celebrated through stories of some of America's most important citizens.

Continue to the campus of Tuskegee University, where we'll drive through and stop at key sites to learn its important history as the first Black college designated as a Registered National Historic Landmark. The institution, founded in 1881, is the offspring of two American giants—Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.



Tuskegee Airmen Historic Site



Peggy Wallace Kennedy at Bricklayer's Hall

From here, we'll head over to historic Bricklayer's Hall. Built in 1954 by the local African American bricklayers' union, it stands within the Centennial Hill neighborhood, a historically Black neighborhood in Montgomery. From February 1956 until 1960, the Bricklayers Hall housed the headquarters of the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA). The MIA formed on December 5, 1955, four days after activist Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to move from her seat in a racially segregated bus. We'll enjoy a private, casual dinner of traditional southern soul food.

Our special guest is civil rights activist and author Peggy Wallace Kennedy, daughter of George and Lurleen Wallace, former governors of Alabama. Peggy relays her moving account of reconciliation and redemption. Afterwards, we'll join in singing the songs of the civil rights movement with local musicians. (B,D)

Accommodations: Embassy Suites by Hilton Montgomery Hotel & Conference Center

Day 7: Saturday, March 18 DEPARTURE

After breakfast, independent departure.

Please note: Please note that the itinerary is provided as preliminary information, and is subject to local conditions on the day of operation.

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Montgomery, Birmingham, Selma and Tuskegee

Price per person, double occupancy: \$3,699

Price per person, in a single room: \$4,299

PRICE INCLUDES

- Six nights accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner)
- Purified Potable water for you to refill your water bottle, ice tea and coffee/tea with all meals
- Exclusive Inside Access Education
- Expertly guided sightseeing, transportation and entrance fees for all included visits
- Local Tour Manager/Guide from the Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Personal protective materials including masks and hand sanitizer

NOT INCLUDED

airfare; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



ACCOMMODATIONS

BIRMINGHAM HAMPTON INN & SUITES BIRMINGHAM- DOWNTOWN-TUTWILER

2021 Park Place, Birmingham, Alabama, 35203

Situated in the heart of downtown Birmingham, steps from the Birmingham Public Library, the Birmingham Museum of Art, and convenient to civil rights historic sites, the Tutweiler has held a place in the city's history since 1914. The newly renovated Hampton Inn & Suites features complimentary hot breakfast, Wi-Fi and fitness center. Hotel standard rooms are non-smoking, with one king or two queen beds; City views, free WiFi, coffeemaker.



MONTGOMERY EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON MONTGOMERY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

300 Tallapoosa Street, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104

Situated in the heart of Montgomery's Entertainment District, the hotel is a five-minute walk from the Legacy Museum, the Montgomery Performing Arts Center, and Riverwalk Stadium, home of the Montgomery Biscuits. The all-suite hotel standard rooms feature either two double beds (limited availability) or a king-sized bed; separate living room. Wi-Fi access is included. Hotel Amenities include made-to-order breakfast, Complimentary evening reception, Non-smoking rooms, Digital Key, On-site restaurant, Indoor pool, Fitness center, Business center.

RESERVATION FORM DUKE TRAVELS: A CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNEY

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$ _____ (\$400 per person) for _____ person(s) on **Duke Travels: A Civil Rights Journey**. The credit card provided will be charged the balance of \$3,299 per person double occupancy or \$3,899 per single occupancy on December 2, 2022. Payment may be made by Discover American Express, MasterCard, or VISA. Please complete your reservation online at www.civilrightstours.org/duke or send the completed reservation form to: Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association; 103 Brookwood Drive; Troy, Alabama 36081.

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Any dietary restrictions? _____

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I/We permit sharing my/our e-mail address with other travelers

I will share a room with _____

I request a single room (limited availability)

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Duke Travels: A Civil Rights Journey, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Date _____ Signature(s) _____

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Method of Payment

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association. The balance of the program price must be paid to Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association. Final payment should be made as outlined in the payment schedule of the Terms and Conditions and is payable by check or credit card.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$400 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE: Transportation by air or otherwise to the tour hotel starting point and from the tour ending point is not included. Hotel parking is not included. Local parking suggestions will be provided prior to the trip. A single courtesy transfer from Birmingham Airport to the hotel is offered. A single courtesy transfer from the Montgomery hotel to Birmingham Airport is offered. All other transfers between airport and hotel are optional and at an additional cost.

Hotel Rooms Before or After Tours - To start the trip relaxed and refreshed, many guests prefer to make hotel arrangements before their tour departs. As a service, we will make hotel reservations before or after your trip on a space available basis upon request. Hotel charges will be added to your tour cost. Airport transfers are not included for these bookings; ask for details when booking.

Personal expenses such as phone calls, portage, room service, alcoholic and bar beverages, meals (other than those specified in the itinerary), laundry, airline excess luggage charges, and other optional incidental extras are not included.

Optional sightseeing is not included.

Travel protection insurance is recommended but is not included in the tour cost.

LUGGAGE RESPONSIBILITY: Although every effort is made to handle guests' luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft, or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline and group carrier handling. It is important to have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities.

ITINERARY CHANGES & PRICE FLEXIBILITY: We pledge to make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. We reserve the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, guides, speakers, hotels, and / or conveyances as deemed necessary. Any savings realized by these changes will be refunded to passengers. Any resultant added expense will be covered by the Association.

HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION: To Make a Reservation, book directly via the link at www.civilrightstours/duke; connect with your Duke Travels advisor, or phone us at 919-684-2988. The trip requires a minimum of 10 participants. If by December 12, 2022, there are fewer than 10 reservations, the trip will be canceled, and any deposits already paid will be refunded.

PAYMENTS: Upon receipt of your payment either online, by phone, or via mail for your deposit, your credit card provided will be charged the balance of \$3,299 on December 2, 2022. For those paying the Single Supplement, an additional \$600 will also be charged on December 2, 2022.

CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS, AND CHANGES: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association's receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: cancel 90 days or more before departure: \$400 charge; cancel 89-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your reservation from 90 to 30 days prior to departure, Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy, for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. We understand life occurrences. Your paid slot is transferable to your designee up to the day of arrival.

RESPONSIBILITY, TERMS & CONDITIONS: Duke University, Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association, its affiliates, and cooperating agencies (hereafter referred to as THEY) act only in the capacity of agents in all matters of transportation and tour operation, and their liability is limited to the terms of the supplier agreements. THEY are not liable for any expenses or injuries due to delays, inconveniences, accidents, expenses or mishaps of any kind whatsoever resulting entirely, or in part, from the negligence of others or from causes beyond their control. THEY can accept no liability or responsibility for injuries, losses or additional expenses due to delays or changes in air or other services, acts of God, sickness, weather, strike, war, terrorism, quarantine, theft, civil unrest or other causes over which THEY have no control. The right is reserved to substitute accommodations or modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary as deemed necessary or caused by changes in transportation schedules. It is the guest's responsibility to judge the appropriateness of these travel activities to their physical capabilities. THEY take no responsibility for special arrangements or problems incurred by guests physically unable to participate in the planned activities. No refund can be made for absence from the tour unless arrangements are made at the time of booking. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a tour member for any reason, which affects the operation of the tour or the rights and welfare or enjoyment of the other tour members. THEY will not discriminate against any individual because of race, sex, creed or nationality. A refund of the cost of recoverable land tour and/or air services is the limit of liability. THEY reserve the right to take photographic or film records of any trip or guest, and may use any record for promotional and/or commercial purposes. All contracts for services are entered into in the state of Alabama and all parties to such contracts submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the state of Alabama.

ARBITRATION: Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the performance there under, including without limitation any claim related to bodily injury, property damage or death, shall be settled by binding arbitration in Birmingham, Alabama in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then existing, and judgment on the arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the controversy. This agreement to arbitrate does not waive or modify the liability release contained in the foregoing paragraph.

THE COST OF OUR JOURNEY INCLUDES: Services of the Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association as ground operator; all entrance and speaker fees; the services of an experienced program manager and study leader; meals as specified in the itinerary.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN OUR JOURNEY: Airfares, Transportation to Birmingham and from Montgomery; Travel Protection Plan, Items of a personal nature, such as alcoholic beverages, camera fees, etc.

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 the sites on 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 assumes no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.