The Civil Rights Movement: Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham

An Exclusive Learning Adventure for Members of OLLI at the University of Minnesota

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Payment Schedule

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Explore the Civil Rights Movement

Overview
Follow in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and hear the story of Rosa Parks. Walk across the Selma Bridge with an activist who was there when the peaceful protest devolved into unforgettable violence. Pay homage at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and learn the story of the victims of the 1963 KKK bombing. Study how these catalysts ignited a pivotal movement, and gain a deeper understanding of the historic and continued struggle for racial equality in the U.S.

Highlights
- Commemorate the central figures of civil rights on field trips to the Rosa Parks Museum, Carter Center and the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site.
- Follow the path of heroic marchers through Atlanta and Birmingham and from Selma to Montgomery, now a National Historic Trail.
- Learn from an activist who was a witness and participant in some of America’s most significant civil rights battles.

About Our Lodging
Hyatt Place Buckhead Atlanta, Atlanta, 3 nights
Stylish and modern Buckhead hotel near Georgia’s biggest city.

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa, Montgomery, 2 nights
Unbeatable location in the heart of Montgomery.

Hampton Inn & Suites Birmingham-Downtown-Tutwiler, Birmingham, 2 nights
Experience traditional Southern elegance by combining history and distinctive style with a modern downtown setting.

About This 8-Day Adventure to the Deep South Includes:
- 7 Nights of accommodations
- 17 Meals (7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 5 Dinners)
- 6 Expert-led lectures
- 15 Field trips
- 2 Performances
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- A Group Leader to accompany you throughout the program to handle all logistics
- Customary gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- The Road Scholar Assurance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

About Read Scholar
This Civil Rights experience is offered through Read Scholar, formerly known as Elderhostel, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975. Read Scholar inspires adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures open minds to new ideas and deepen understanding of oneself and of the world’s peoples, places, cultures, history and environments. A true university of the world, Read Scholar’s meaningful—often transformational—educational adventures engage people for whom learning is a journey of a lifetime.

About Trip Itinerary
Day 1: Sunday, March 15
Check-in, Registration, Orientation, Welcome Dinner
Hotel check-in begins at 4 p.m., followed by a Program Orientation and a Welcome Dinner.

Day 2: Monday, March 16
MLK Sites, National Civil Rights, Carter Library
After breakfast in the hotel conference room, start the morning off with a lecture by an expert on civil rights. Travel by motorcoach to the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site and visit the Martin Luther King Memorial, Dr. & Mrs. King’s Crypt and the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. Stop for lunch at Paschal’s, one of the meeting places for key civil rights leaders and strategists in the 1960s. After lunch, visit the National Center for Civil and Human Rights Museum and end the day at the Carter Center and Museum. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and an evening at leisure.

Day 3: Tuesday, March 17
Morehouse College, Apex Museum
Travel via motorcoach to Morehouse College in Atlanta. This private, all-male and historically black liberal arts college is the alma mater of many prominent African American leaders, including Martin Luther King Jr., Jeh Johnson and Spike Lee. Set out on a campus walk led by a Morehouse ambassador. Stop at the MLK International Chapel and enjoy a special presentation at the Leadership Center. After lunch on campus, join a storyteller at the Apex Museum, which presents history from an African-American perspective. Enjoy dinner on your own followed by an evening at leisure. The Group Leader will be happy to offer suggestions.

Day 4: Wednesday, March 18
To Montgomery, Freedom Rider Museum, Dexter Baptist Church
Check out of the hotel and head to Montgomery, Alabama. Explore the Rosa Parks Museum with an expert before spending some time on your own to view the exhibits. After lunch, walk to the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, where Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. first preached and a center point of the Montgomery bus boycott. Continue the story of Dr. King at the Dexter Parsonage Museum, where Dr. King and his family lived from 1954-1960. Enjoy lunch and dinner on your own and a free evening to explore downtown Montgomery at your own pace.

Day 5: Thursday, March 19
National Memorial for Peace & Justice, Civil Rights Memorial
Explore the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, visit the Civil Rights Museum and discover the Civil Rights Museum with a speaker from the Southern Poverty Law Center. Stop in at the Little White House of the Confederacy, the executive residence of President Jefferson Davis after the South seceded from the Union. After lunch on your own, regroup at the Freedom Riders Museum and then spend some time at the Equal Justice Initiative. After dinner at a local restaurant, step back in time with a visit from a Rosa Parks interpreter.

Day 6: Friday, March 20
Selma, Alabama History, Sturdivant Hall
Check out and depart for Selma. Stop by the Lowndes Interpretive Center for a self-led field trip. In Selma, visit the Edmund Pettus Bridge, Brown ChapelAME Church, and the Interpretive Center, all with commentary by a local expert. After lunch, visit Sturdivant Hall, one of the South’s best and most beautiful examples of Greek revival antebellum homes. Desart for Birmingham and check into the hotel. Dine at a local restaurant this evening.

Day 7: Saturday, March 21
Civil Rights Institute, 16th St. Church, Sloss Furnaces
Learn about the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham on a field trip to the historic Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, bombed by Klansmen in 1963. Stroll through the Kelly Ingram Park, where sculptures depict the reality of the police dogs and fire hoses that were turned on demonstrators who gathered there to protest segregation laws. Visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute before stopping for lunch. Then take a field trip to the Sloss Furnaces for a presentation about the industrial evolution of Birmingham’s iron plantation. Enjoy a farewell dinner with the group. Prepare for departure in the morning.

Day 8: Sunday, March 22
Departure Birmingham to Atlanta, Program Concludes
The motorcoach will make stops at Atlanta International Airport and the Hyatt Place hotel in Atlanta to drop anyone who may have left a car at the hotel. This concludes our program.