EXPLORING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Journey to America’s South:
Atlanta, Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery and Tuskegee

FEBRUARY 13-17, 2020
Dear Alumni and Friends,

I invite you to join Brandeis Travelers on a journey to America’s Deep South to explore the lasting legacy of the civil rights movement, and experience the rich history and culture of the region. As we approach 2020, it is an opportune time to examine the struggle for equality in America and the social movements and historical figures that have shaped the nation.

On our exclusive journey, meet with past and present leaders of the civil rights movement, visit historical sites and engage in dialogue with key individuals dedicated to achieving racial equality and social justice through nonviolence, courage and determination. Foot soldiers will guide us through their experiences and current leaders will share how they are preparing for the future while honoring the past. Our encounters will offer a deeper understanding of the sacrifice and concentrated efforts of many united individuals in the civil rights movement and inspire a future vision for equality in America.

In partnership with local guides and experts, our tour will be led by Professor Chad Williams, the Samuel J. and Augusta Spector Professor of History and African and African American Studies at Brandeis University. Professor Williams will inform and enrich the experience with his knowledge of and expertise in African American history and modern U.S. history.

The tour begins in Atlanta, the heart of the New South. Visit the birthplace of Martin Luther King Jr., discover the National Center for Civil and Human Rights and enjoy a reception with the Brandeis Alumni Club of Atlanta. In Birmingham, retrace the steps of the movement as you walk through Kelly Ingram Park, visit the 16th Street Baptist Church and meet with civil rights leaders at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. Enjoy dinner and conversation with members of the Birmingham Jewish Community. In Selma, visit the Brown Chapel AME Church, the starting point of the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery march. After lunch and a discussion at the Selma Center for Nonviolence and Reconciliation, end your Selma visit with a walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Savor southern-style dishes at cafes and restaurants famous for their patrons and cuisine.

Spend two nights in Montgomery at the historic Renaissance Hotel with visits to the Legacy Museum and the powerful National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Enjoy a special tour of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s home at the Dexter Parsonage. Conclude your journey in Tuskegee with visits to Tuskegee University and the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, which commemorates the contributions of African American aviators in World War II.

Join us for a uniquely Brandeisan experience — one that offers stimulating conversation, camaraderie and connection with other intellectually curious alumni and friends. Make your reservation today as space is limited and we expect this small-group tour will fill quickly.

Sincerely,

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Day 1 – Thursday, February 13

ATLANTA AND THE KING CENTER

After all of the arriving travelers have assembled in Atlanta, visit the Sweet Auburn neighborhood. A rolling tour of this historic district reflects the history, heritage, and achievements of Atlanta’s African Americans. Located in the heart of Sweet Auburn is the National Center for Civil Human Rights. Explore this area and discover the King Center, MLK, Jr. Tomb, MLK, Jr. birthplace and home, as well as the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. Leave empowered to join in this important conversation of fundamental rights for all human beings. This evening return to your hotel, the Hyatt Regency Atlanta for a reception with your faculty leader Professor Chad Williams and the Brandeis Alumni Club of Atlanta.

Meals included: Atlanta Brandeis Alumni reception

Day 2 – Friday, February 14

DISCOVER AMERICA’S MOST SEGREGATED CITY WHERE BULL CONNOR REIGNED AND WHERE FRED SHUTTLESWORTH PRAYED

Travel from Atlanta to Birmingham via motor coach. This morning we get an overview of Birmingham at Vulcan Park and Museum perched on Red Mountain looking down at the city. We are joined by foot soldier
Dr. Martha Bouyer as she paints a vivid picture of how segregation in Birmingham unfolded. Lunch is included today at Jim and Nick’s BBQ, a Birmingham staple. After lunch visit several important sites of the Civil Rights Movement...such as the Birmingham Jail (where MLK penned the letter from the Birmingham Jail), Sixth Avenue Baptist, Linn Park, Phillips High School, the Freedom Riders attack site. Next learn of the importance of mass meetings as Dr. Bouyer brings you to visit the historic Bethel Baptist Church and Shuttlesworth parsonage bombing site. Discover here the strategy that movement organizers employed. Now travel downtown for a walking tour of Kelly Ingram Park where police commissioner Bull Connor ordered the use of fire hoses and dogs on children and adults who were gathering to march. Across the way visit the 16th Street Baptist Church, the site of the terrible church bombing in 1963 that killed four young girls. Afterwards Dr. Bouyer leads you through the Civil Rights Institute.

Check into your downtown Birmingham hotel, Marriott’s Elyton Hotel, for time to relax and freshen up. Dinner tonight is at Pine Tree Country Club with members of the Birmingham Jewish Community. Here celebrate Shabbat and receive a welcome briefing from the Birmingham Jewish Community.

Meals included: B,L,D

Day 3 – Saturday, February 15

WALK THE BRIDGE IN SELMA AND DISCOVER MONTGOMERY

This morning depart for Selma. Selma once had a thriving Jewish community with many merchants, civic leaders and three Jewish mayors over the years, but the Jewish
community declined during the years after WWII. In Selma, visit Temple Mishkan Israel and other prominent locations. Next we will meet with a local foot soldier at the Selma Interpretive Center who will guide us on a visit to Brown’s Chapel AME Church, the starting point of the Selma to Montgomery march. Here engage in interesting discussions about those days and the events of March 7, 1965 when the first attempt was made to cross the Edmund Pettis Bridge. On “Bloody Sunday,” 600 marchers were violently turned back by State Troopers and were brutally beaten all the way back to Brown Chapel. Two days later, 2,000 marchers approached the state troopers blocking the bridge but turned back. Two weeks later, under federal protection, 4,000 marchers crossed the bridge and by the time they reached the state capitol five days later, numbers had grown to 25,000.

Lunch today is at Tabernacle Baptist Church with representatives of the Alabama African American Civil Rights Heritage Sites Consortium. We enjoy a tour of the church whose members were active in Dallas County Voters League that invited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Selma in 1964. We conclude our visit in Selma with a walk across the Edmund Pettis Bridge. Next we board the bus to Montgomery and travel along the route of the Selma to Montgomery marchers.

On our way to Montgomery we will stop to explore the Lowndes Interpretive Center. The location is near a campsite and the place where Ms. Viola Liuzzo was shot and killed on the day the Selma to Montgomery march concluded. Mrs. Liuzzo was a Caucasian civil rights activist from Michigan and mother of five. Near here is a small home that is known as the Jackson Family SNCC Compound. This home was loaned to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. It provided a safe place for Stokley Carmichael to live and work. His Black Power and Black Panther Party movements originated here. Arrive in Montgomery in the late afternoon and check into the Renaissance Hotel with time to relax and refresh after your active day. Enjoy dinner at leisure at one of the nearby restaurants.

Meals included: B,L
Day 4 – Sunday, February 16

EXPLORING INJUSTICE AND CHANGE

Enjoy a leisurely morning before beginning a city tour of Montgomery. This is followed by a walking visit to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and then the Legacy Museum. The Legacy Museum uses interactive media, sculpture, videography and exhibits to immerse us in the sights and sounds of the domestic slave trade, racial terrorism, and the Jim Crow South of years past. The National Memorial for Peace and Justice is the nation’s first memorial dedicated to the legacy of enslaved black people, people terrorized by lynching, African Americans humiliated by racial segregation and Jim Crow, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence. Over lunch today Professor Chad Williams will discuss tomorrow’s visit to Tuskegee, the importance of Tuskegee Institute, and the various challenges and strides which have brought change to our world from them.

In the afternoon visit Centennial Hill for a walking tour of several important sites. First is Dr. Martin Luther King’s home at the Dexter Parsonage. Here fate and the hand of God shaped him into the Movement’s leader. One night while he was speaking during the time of the Bus Boycott a bomb exploded on the porch when only his wife Coretta and their young daughter were at home. Evidence of the bomb blast can still be seen. Next is the Dr. Richard Harris House which provided a haven to Freedom Riders after they were attacked and where leaders of the Movement met to discuss strategy. We end with the Ben Moore Hotel & Malden Brothers Barber Shop which has a rich history as a site for communication and conversations. Very near us is the family owned Odessa's Blessings. Here enjoy dinner and a discussion with Brandeis alumnus Roy DeBerry ‘70, MA’78, PhD’79, executive director and co-founder of the Hill Country Project, Benton County, Mississippi.

Meals included: B,L,D

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Guest Lecturer

Roy DeBerry ’70, MA’78, PhD’79, is the executive director and co-founder of the Hill Country Project, a nonprofit organization that records the stories of the residents of Benton County who lived during the civil rights movement. Roy was active in the civil rights movement in the 1960s, first as a Freedom School student and then as a general organizer. He serves as a member of the Mississippi Civil Rights Education Commission and is a collaborator with the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. He believes firmly in education and in a collaboration among education, human service, faith-based organizations and the business community. Active in many community, civic and professional organizations, Roy has received numerous awards and has been cited for outstanding achievements and contributions. He recently retired as vice president for economic development and local governmental affairs at Jackson State University. Roy earned his doctorate and master’s degree in political science and a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Brandeis University.
Day 5 – Monday, February 17

**TUSKEGEE’S IMPORTANCE AND ATLANTA**

After breakfast visit to the Rosa Parks Museum before departing Montgomery for Tuskegee. We begin our activities in Tuskegee at the Tuskegee Airmen Historic Site which commemorates the contributions of African American aviators in World War II. Learn about the history of Moton Field, the site of primary flight training for the pioneering pilots known as the Tuskegee Airmen and then onto lunch and southern hospitality at the private home of Ms. Sandy Taylor, the retired Superintendent of the National Park Services Tuskegee Site.

After lunch visit the campus of Tuskegee University. Tuskegee remains an extremely important center of learning as it was during the days of its founder, Booker T. Washington. The institute was created in 1881 to educate African Americans as teachers and to help students develop occupational skills. Born into slavery, Washington grew up to become a well-known African American educator, author, orator, and presidential advisor. Washington recruited the best and the brightest to come and teach here, including George Washington Carver, the institute’s most celebrated professor and whose work changed southern agriculture. Carver’s innovations in agriculture, especially with peanuts, were important in the South’s economic growth. Depart Tuskegee to Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) by motorcoach.

*Meals included: B,L*

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**Price per person, double occupancy:** $2,495

**Single travelers please add** $700

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Living history specialty guides
- Foot soldiers in the Civil Rights Movement
- 4 nights’ accommodations in Four Diamond rated hotels
- 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Private deluxe motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
Enclosed is my/our deposit for $500 per person for person(s) on Civil Rights and Social Justice Discovery departing February 13, 2020. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or personal check. Please make check payable to Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association, and send, with completed reservation form, to: Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association; 103 Brookwood Drive; Troy, Alabama 36081. Or call the Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association at 334-372-3132 or email your completed scanned reservation to reservations@civilrightstourism.org.

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Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Civil Rights and Social Justice Discovery, February 13-17, 2020, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

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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 is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

ACCMODATIONS

ATLANTA  HYATT REGENCY DOWNTOWN
Hyatt Regency Atlanta is located in the heart of Downtown Atlanta. Rooms feature separate living and work areas, with views of the Atlanta skyline. The hotel’s acclaimed chefs partner with area farms for a truly local dining experience. Featured amenities include a pool, fitness center, and free internet access.

BIRMINGHAM  MARRIOT’S ELYTON HOTEL
Opened in 2017, The Elyton is home to the former iconic Empire Building, one of the South's best-known architectural landmarks. Built in 1909, the 16-story Empire was celebrated as a symbol of Birmingham's golden era and one of the country’s great industrial and manufacturing centers. Amenities include complimentary internet, Malin & Goetz luxury bath amenities, and smart mini-refrigerators, making Elyton one of the most coveted and comfortable hotels in Birmingham.

MONTGOMERY  RENAISSANCE DOWNTOWN
Savor a luxury stay at Montgomery’s Renaissance Hotel which features a full-service spa. Rooms are stylish retreats with free high-speed Wi-Fi and plush bedding. Conveniently located in downtown, The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, Legacy Museum, Civil Rights Memorial, and Rosa Parks Library and Museum are all nearby.

BRANDEIS RESERVATION FORM:
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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE
Not Included in Tour Price Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association (ACRTA) Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

INSURANCE
Optional travel insurance information will be sent upon receipt of your reservation form and deposit.

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 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge;
- cancel 94-65 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 94 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. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.

Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

RESPONSIBILITY
The liability of Brandeis University, as sponsor, and Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association as tour operator, is strictly limited. Brandeis University and Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Brandeis University and Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

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 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 and Brandeis University assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Please Note: The professor’s participation is contingent on a minimum number of booked guests.

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