



*Journeys of Exploration & Discovery*

## Civil War to Civil Rights

April 16-22, 2012

Commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Civil Rights. Traveling with a historian to enhance your experience, this tour is rich with special exhibits and sites exploring these two major events in American history. Begins in Gulfport, MS (arrivals by 11:30 am) and ends in Atlanta (After 5:15 pm). Pre- and post- stays available.

### PRICE PER PERSON:

Double: \$1699

Single: \$1949

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Tour Jefferson Davis last home, Beauvois
- Tour The Museum of Mobile
- Visit Historic Fort Gaines on Dauphin Island
- Enjoy a Visit to Bellingrath Home and Gardens
- Visit Montgomery's First White House of the Confederacy
- Confederate First Capitol where Jeff Davis to the oath of office
- Visit the Alabama Department of Archives and History
- Tour the Freedom Rides Museum
- The Rosa Parks Library and Museum
- Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church
- Visit the Confederate Memorial Park
- Lunch and Tour at Historic Rucker Place
- Tour the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
- Visit the Atlanta History Center
- Visit Atlanta's Historic Grant Park Cyclorama & Civil War Museum



### TOUR INCLUDES:

Airport transfers  
 Transportation by luxury coach  
 4 nights accommodations  
 Baggage handling (for 1 large suitcase )  
 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunch, 3 dinners  
 Attractions highlighted in itinerary  
 All taxes and gratuities (including driver and tour manager)  
 Professional Tour Manager

Deposit: \$300 per person deposit due with reservation. Final payment due 65 days before departure. Cancellation Policy: Fully refundable 65 days before departure; 64-31 days: \$200 penalty; 31 days and less: no refund.

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## Day 1: Gulfport, MS / Mobile, AL

Fly into Gulfport arriving by 11:30 am, departing from the airport by motorcoach. After included lunch in Gulfport we travel the scenic route to Biloxi for a tour of Beauvois, the last home of Jefferson Davis and the site of his retirement. There you'll also learn of the restoration of Beauvois after Hurricane Katrina. We continue to Mobile. The Museum of Mobile, devoted to Confederate Admiral Raphael Semmes and the C.S.S. Alabama, which captured 65 U.S. merchant ships. A newly acquired artifact, one of the guns of the Confederate raider, CSS Alabama now resides at the museum. This evening feast on fresh seafood at Felix Fish Camp situated on one of the most scenic ports of Mobile Bay. **Hampton Inn, Historic District, Mobile, AL (L,D)**

## Day 2: Mobile, AL / Dauphin Island / Montgomery, AL

At the outbreak of the war, Mobile was a prosperous cosmopolitan city, the hub of deep water, river and rail transportation and communication. After the fall of New Orleans in 1862, Mobile became the main Gulf port remaining open to blockade runners and a vital east-west rail link for Confederate troop movements. Only a short drive from Mobile, Dauphin Island is just off the Alabama coast, making it the southernmost point in the State. A barrier island, it has protected the coast from many storms and hurricanes...and Union soldiers. Learn the role of Fort Gaines in the Battle of Mobile Bay, one of the war's most notable naval conflicts. We're traveling in the beautiful spring season where azaleas abound, enjoy not-to-be-missed Bellinger, where you have time for lunch and a tour of the home, or wandering the expansive gardens. Mid-afternoon, we travel to Montgomery where we overnight for 2 nights. Dinner on your own tonight at the hotel or a nearby restaurant. **Hilton Garden Inn, Montgomery, AL (B,L)**

## Day 3: Montgomery

Visit the First White House of Confederacy where Confederate President Davis and his wife lived until the capital of the Confederacy was moved to Richmond; and the Alabama State Capitol where Jefferson Davis took the oath of office on the steps of this 1851 building. At the Alabama Department of Archives and History you'll find Civil War Confederate uniforms, flags, weapons, letters and diaries; antebellum planter class artifacts and records. After lunch on your own, take in the Freedom Rides Museum. You'll learn how 21 young people helped change our nation's history using nonviolent protest. The Rosa Parks Library and Museum depict events that started the bus boycott and early Civil Rights movement. Stop by the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. pastored and began his quest for civil right. Dinner included this evening. **Hilton Garden Inn, Montgomery, AL (B,D)**

## Day 4: Birmingham, AL / Atlanta, GA

En route to Birmingham, we'll stop at Confederate Memorial Park, the site of Alabama's only Old Soldiers Home for Confederate Veterans. Located in Mountain Creek, Alabama, the park is a moving tribute to the men and boys that took up arms in defense of their home state during the Civil War. Enjoy a tour and lunch at Rucker Place, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1900 by Civil War General Edmund Winchester Rucker as a wedding gift for his daughter. In Birmingham, take in richly detailed exhibits in the Civil Rights Institute which reveal slices of black and white life in Alabama from the late 1800s to the present. The powerful Movement Gallery presents the Civil Rights Movement for 1955 to 1963. Here a picture emerges of the bad old days of "Bombingham," a reference to the relentless violence that rocked the city in the late 1950s and early '60s. In the final exhibits, the Processional Gallery uses life-size figures representing all ages and races to portray the "walk to freedom." **Hampton Inn, Georgia Tech, Birmingham, AL (B, L,D)**

## Day 5: Atlanta, GA

Visit the Atlanta History Center where you can take in their signature exhibit: "Turning Point", one of the nation's largest exhibitions on the Civil War featuring more than 1,500 original artifacts, photographs, dioramas, videos, and interactive components. After included lunch, take a stirring journey through time in Atlanta's Cyclorama. Sit at the center of a sweeping panorama of the Battle of Atlanta, fought on July 22, 1864, during the American Civil War. When you visit the Cyclorama in Atlanta's Historic Grant Park you can also see artifacts of the war displayed in the Civil War Museum and a steam locomotive known as the Texas, a veteran of the Great Locomotive Chase of 1862. Fly-out to your home airport departing after 5:30pm **(B,L)**