

**Tour Company:** Etgar Tours, specializing in multi-faith civil rights journeys

# PLANNED ITINERARY

(subject to gentle changes)

- **<u>Sat. May 4</u>** Fly to Atlanta, transfer to Atlanta hotel (TBD)
  - 8:00pm Welcome program & Havdalah
- Sun. May 5 Breakfast At hotel
  - 8:00am Load luggage onto bus
  - 8:15am Bus departs hotel
  - 8:30am Walking tour of Historic Auburn Avenue District / <u>King Center</u> Neighborhood. Culminating at tombs of Dr. Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott King.
  - 10:00am <u>Ebenezer Baptist Church</u> Service (Rev. Warnock)
  - Lunch Ponce City Market, Atlanta GA

	12:45pm	Bus departs for Montgomery, Alabama
	2:30pm	Equal Justice Initiative
		<ul> <li>Peace &amp; Justice Memorial, the nation's first memorial to lynching victims</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Legacy Museum, exploring racial oppression from slavery to modern mass incarceration</li> </ul>
	5:30pm	Southern Poverty Law Center
		> Civil Rights Memorial
		> Mothers of Gynecology Monument
	Dinner	Montgomery, AL (with group debrief)
	Hotel	Fairfield Inn, Montgomery AL
<u>Mon. May 6</u>	Breakfast	At hotel. Load bus
	8:00am	Bus departs hotel
	8:15am	Talk on events leading to Rosa Parks / bus boycott
	9:00am	U.S. Civil Rights Trail: Rosa Parks Museum
	Lunch	Martha's Place, Montgomery AL
	12:45pm	Bus departs for Selma AL
	2:00pm	Walking Tour of Selma
		> Hear from participant in Bloody Sunday march
		<ul> <li>Learn about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel's involvement in the Civil Rights struggle</li> </ul>
		> Walk across Edmund Pettus Bridge (0.25 mi.)
	4:00pm	Bus departs for Birmingham, AL
	Dinner	On our own in Birmingham Transfer from restaurant district to hotel

<u>Tue. May 7</u>	Hotel Breakfast	Fairfield Inn Colonnade, Birmingham AL At hotel. Load bus.
	8:15am	Bus departs hotel
	8:45am	Talk on city role in Civil Rights movement
	9:00am	<ul> <li>Walking Tour with Civil Rights clergy</li> <li>U.S. Civil Rights Trail: Kelly Ingram Park</li> <li>16th Street Baptist Church &amp; bombing</li> <li>Personal testimony of 1960s violence survivor</li> </ul>
	10:30am	Birmingham Civil Rights Institute & Museum
	Lunch	Pizitz Food Hall, Birmingham AL
	12:30pm	Bus departs for Atlanta-Hartsfield Int'l Airport
	6:30pm	Earliest "safe" flights home

<u>Covid policy</u>: All participants will be required to test on Friday, May 3. Folks who test positive, or who have symptoms, will need to please stay home. Participants are strongly advised to purchase trip insurance in case illness prevents participation.

Masking is anticipated to be optional. In the event that future circumstances warrant it, masking may become mandatory at the request of the tour company or clergy leaders.

Pricing: \$1,095 (double occupancy) if 25+ participants
 \$1,275 (double occupancy) if 20-24 participants
 Single supplement: \$245

Pricing <u>includes</u> all meals from Sunday lunch through Tuesday lunch (excluding Monday dinner on our own), hotels, event admissions and programming, bus rental, tour guides, bus snacks / water, taxes and driver tips.

Pricing <u>excludes</u> round-trip airfare and transfer from ATL to Saturday night hotel, Saturday night hotel and Monday dinner. Alcoholic beverages, appetizers and desserts are excluded from meal costs.

### **<u>Flights</u>**: Participants must make their own flight arrangements.

Delta has the most flights from all airports to/from Atlanta. For most participants, the most convenient routing will be via Westchester County Airport (HPN), as follows:

Sat. May 4Delta 2081HPN<br/>ATL12:50pm<br/>3:19pmTue. May 7Delta 1233ATL<br/>HPN6:34pm<br/>8:58pm

# SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### Q. Can dietary requests be honored?

A. Yes. The registration page will solicit those requests (e.g. vegetarian, gluten-free). We can't 100% ensure compliance, so participants may wish to bring extra snacks and protein bars just in case. Meals will not be certified kosher, but participants can choose kosher-style offerings.

### Q. What if I want a single room?

A. On the registration page, indicate that you're requesting a single room, and pay the single supplement (\$245) along with your \$500 deposit.

### Q. If I don't want a single room but want a roommate, how does it work?

A. On the registration page, indicate that you're looking for a roommate. If you know the roommate you want, you can indicate that as well.

### Q. What's the deal with Saturday's night hotel?

A. Stay tuned, please. It's the one detail that hasn't been worked out in advance, but we plan to stay at a hotel reasonably close to Ebenezer Baptist Church, where our Sunday morning programming is scheduled to begin.

### Q. How much walking is involved?

A. A bunch. Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes.

#### Q. Can the bus accommodate walkers / scooters / assistive devices?

A. Yes, and we'll do our best to make reasonable accommodations along the way. Persons who anticipate substantial mobility hardship, however, may should please consider the trip carefully. Bus departures will keep us on a tight schedule, and we might not be able to wait for folks who run late.

### Q. Is the trip insured?

A. No. Participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip insurance, especially in case of covid symptoms or a positive test before departure. Neither Congregation Shir Ami nor Round Hill Community Church will be responsible if participants cannot participate, become ill, miss the bus, lose luggage or the like.

### Q. What kind of weather can we expect?

A. "By the book," early May should be ideal weather: high 70s by day, mid 50s at night. That said, climate change is climate change. The Deep South has experienced bizarre cold snaps into mid-spring, and summer-style heat waves seem to be starting earlier and earlier. Participants should be prepared for most any weather, and have an extra layer in case of sudden temperature changes, strong air conditioning, etc.

# Q. If I get to Atlanta early, or want to stay later, what else can I see?

A. We won't have nearly enough time at the King Center.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Jan. 31 Registration due with \$500 deposit. If by that date we don't have at least 20 paid registrations, the tour company will cancel the trip and all deposits will be refunded.
- Feb. 16 Last day to cancel registration. After this date, deposits will be nonrefundable. (We'll do our best, but no promises.)
- Feb. 28 Final payment due (based on group size).
- TBD Joint multi-faith learning and orientation meetings

*More questions?* Please email Rabbi David (davidevanmarkus@gmail.com).