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VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS



Children on front line leading the Selma to Montgomery March for the Right to Vote

## Turning Points on the Civil Rights Trail

Atlanta • Tuskegee • Montgomery • Selma • Birmingham

March 28–April 3, 2022



Edmund Pettus Bridge, Selma / Liz Marjoret

*Commemorate the triumphs and tragedies of the Civil Rights movement by exploring the poignant past of several cities that helped shape the movement: Atlanta, Tuskegee, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham.*

*See the pulpits and bus stops from which Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks inspired thousands. Walk the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma where the late John Lewis and other activists were attacked on “Bloody Sunday.” Visit Birmingham’s 16th Street Baptist Church, a pivotal flashpoint after the deadly bombing that killed four young girls. Visit other influential museums and monuments to Freedom Riders, victims of lynching, and voters’ rights activists, as well as two of the South’s top art museums: the High Museum of Art in Atlanta and the Birmingham Museum of Art.*

## Tour Highlights

- Visit the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection, which includes over 600 works, including drafts of the “I Have a Dream” speech.
- See the newly opened Montgomery Interpretive Center on the campus of Alabama State University.
- Behold the places where the Montgomery Bus Boycott was planned and sustained.
- Meet acclaimed quilters from the Gee’s Bend Collective, hailed by the New York Times as “some of the most miraculous works of modern art America has produced.” Gee’s Bend quilts constitute a crucial chapter in the history of American art and today are in the permanent collections of over 20 leading art museums, including the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.
- Hear from civil rights organizers who risked life and limb to gain freedom.
- Cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in the footsteps of thousands who marched from Selma to Montgomery and beyond for equal voting rights.
- Visit the Freedom Rides Museum, and learn about the 21 young people who helped end racial segregation in public transportation.
- Explore the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame, an art deco museum at the Carver Theater that honors great jazz artists connected to the state.
- Experience the best of Southern comfort and hospitality while savoring home-cooked soul food and BBQ in restaurants selected for their high quality and ambiance.



The 16th Street Baptist Church and Elizabeth MacQueen's 'The Four Spirits' (2013) / Ron Cogswell



Civil Rights Memorial / StretchyBill

## Tour Itinerary

Monday, March 28, 2022

### Arrivals in Georgia

Upon arriving in Atlanta, join a 1:30 pm group transfer to a restaurant near the four-star Ellis Hotel. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and then check into the Ellis Hotel. In the afternoon, meet your guide and set forth on an informative orientation bus tour of Atlanta. Hear about the city's Civil Rights legacy and about Atlanta's most famous native, Martin Luther King, from a local historian. Visit the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection, home to hundreds of handwritten notes, famous and lesser known speeches, manuscripts, sermons, and other writings of unparalleled historical significance. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner with regional cuisine at one of Atlanta's best restaurants.

*Ellis Hotel (L, D)*

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

### Atlanta

Set out for the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site on Auburn, hear his story, and see where he played as a child. Walk in his footsteps and hear

his voice in the church where he moved hearts and minds. Continue to the new Ebenezer Baptist Church, across the street from the church where King, his father and grandfather were pastors. At the Atlanta Center for Civil and Human Rights, experience an engaging cultural attraction that connects the American Civil Rights Movement to today's ongoing human rights struggles around the globe. Following lunch in Atlanta, visit the High Museum of Art, the Southeast's leading art museum, home to a renowned collection of historical and contemporary art with celebrated architecture by Richard Meier and Renzo Piano. Dinner is independent.

*Ellis Hotel (B, L)*

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

### Atlanta—Tuskegee—Montgomery

Check out of the hotel and drive to Montgomery, stopping in the city of Tuskegee. Visit Tuskegee's Human and Civil Rights Multicultural Center. After lunch, visit the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site. This site commemorates the contributions of African American airmen in World War II, and was the primary flight training site for

the first African American pilots to fly for the Army Air Corps. Continue to the Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, and tour founder Booker T. Washington's home, the Institute's campus, and the George Washington Carver Museum. See the Tuskegee Legacy Museum. Continue to Montgomery, and check into the four-star Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center. Dinner is independent.

*Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center (B, L)*

Thursday, March 31, 2022

### Montgomery

Walk to the Legacy Museum that opened in 2018 and experience the chronological narrative outlined by its compelling exhibition on the history of racism in America, from slavery to current racial injustices. See the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, a six-acre site that powerfully commemorates the victims of lynching. Pause for a traditional southern lunch in the museum's renowned restaurant. Continue to the Rosa Parks Museum and see artifacts from the Montgomery Bus Boycott. At the Freedom Rides Museum located in the repurposed Greyhound

Bus Station where the Riders were attacked, learn how brave activists helped end transportation segregation. Finish at the newly-opened Montgomery Interpretive Center on the ASU campus, which focuses on events that occurred between March 12 and March 25, 1965. At the Southern Poverty Law Center, discuss the Center's important work in protecting those that have been victims of hate groups. Reflect and rest during a free evening.

*Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center (B, L)*

**Friday, April 1, 2022**

### **Montgomery—Selma—Gee's Bend—Birmingham**

Check out of the hotel and drive to Selma stopping along the way to visit the Marchers Memorial and Interpretive Center in Lowndes County, which commemorates the events, people, and route of the Selma to Montgomery March of 1965. Continue to Selma, and walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, site of "Bloody Sunday," where 600 marchers led by John Lewis were

attacked by state and local police. At the Selma Interpretive Center, learn about the events leading up to the march, and then see exhibits and artifacts from the voting rights struggle in America in the National Voting Rights Museum. Savor local recipes at a popular lunch spot in Selma. Continue to the Brown Chapel AME church, where "Bloody Sunday" marchers gathered before attempting their walk from Selma to Montgomery. Travel to Gee's Bend to meet notable quilters. Proceed to Birmingham and check into the four-star Westin Birmingham in the evening.

*The Westin Birmingham (B, L)*

**Saturday, April 2, 2022**

### **Birmingham**

Spend the day exploring Birmingham, beginning at the Birmingham Museum of Art for a guided tour of collection highlights. Following lunch at the museum's café, visit the 16th Street Baptist Church, the tragic site of the 1963 Birmingham Ku Klux Klan bombing that killed four young girls. Take a guided tour of the

church and learn about its critical role in the advancement of the Civil Rights cause in Alabama. Continue to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, a large interpretive museum that depicts the struggles of the Movement. Enjoy a free afternoon or an optional visit the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame at the historic Carver Theater. This art-deco museum honors great jazz artists with connections to the state of Alabama. Bid farewell to the south during a memorable dinner at one of the city's best restaurants.

*The Westin Birmingham (B, L, D)*

**Sunday, April 3, 2022**

### **Departures**

Following breakfast, visit West Kelly Ingram Park, an historical assembly point for sit-ins, boycotts, and marches. It is also the site where Birmingham police and firemen attacked Civil Rights demonstrators, many of whom were children. At 10:30 am, drive 2.5 hours to the Atlanta airport for afternoon flights home departing after 3:30 pm. Note: Atlanta is an hour ahead of Birmingham. (B)



## **Travel with Valerie Cassel Oliver**

Valerie Cassell-Oliver joined VMFA as the Sydney and Frances Lewis Family Curator of Contemporary Art in 2017. Prior to this, Valerie spent 16 years as Senior Curator at the Contemporary Arts Museum in Houston, Texas. She has directed numerous programs and has organized many exhibitions across the country, including those at the Art Institute of Chicago, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. Her current exhibition, "The Dirty South," runs at VMFA through September 6, 2021, and then will travel to Bentonville, Arkansas to the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

## Tour Information

### TOUR COST

Land Package.....	\$3,695
Single Supplement.....	\$625

*Tour Price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 15 paying participants.*

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Moderate, good walking mobility required

**DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$1,000 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour. This deposit is a registration and planning fee and is non-refundable unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. This deposit may be paid by check or by Visa or MasterCard. Final balance will be invoiced and is due on January 12, 2022 and must be paid by check to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations are accepted after this date on a space-available basis with payment in full by check only.

**FLIGHTS:** Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for their own air arrangements to and from Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL). Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:** 2 nights at the Ellis Hotel, Atlanta; 2 nights at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center, and 2 nights at the Westin Birmingham; breakfast daily, 6 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 glasses of wine or beer at included dinners; land transportation by private coach; 1 group airport transfer from ATL upon arrival and 1 group airport transfer to ATL upon departure; entrance fees to sites and visits listed in the itinerary; services of an ISDI Tour Manager; expert local guides; gratuities for local guides and drivers and at included meals; bottled water on coach; handling of two pieces of luggage at the hotels; service charges and taxes; \$200 donation to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

**TOUR EXCLUSIONS:** Airline tickets, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; airport portage; individual airport transfers for those not using the scheduled group transfers; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; personal items such as telephone calls, room service, valet service, à-la-carte orders, specialty wines and liquors, laundry charges, travel

extensions, or tour deviations; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

**CANCELLATION & REFUNDS:** Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before January 12 2022: refund of payments made minus \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between January 13 and February 11, 2022: refund of payments made minus \$1,850 per person cancellation fee (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellation received by ISDI on or after February 12, 2022: no refund. Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour. If the tour is cancelled by ISDI or The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel Insurance is not included in the tour cost, but ISDI and The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts strongly encourage participants to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be sent upon tour registration.

### FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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# Registration Form

Name (Participant 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Participant 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (Participant 1) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address (Participant 2) \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOMING OPTIONS:** *(please select)*

- Double Occupancy; I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_
  - We prefer separate beds
- Single Occupancy (\$625 single supplement)
  - I would like a roommate but will pay the single supplement if one cannot be found

**TOUR DOCUMENTS:**

ISDI will send all documents pertaining to the tour by email to the email address(es) listed above.

- If you wish to receive hardcopy versions of the tour documents by post as well, please check this circle.  
Paper documents will not be sent to your home address unless this circle is checked.

**DEPOSIT (\$1,000 PER PERSON):**

- Visa     MasterCard     Check *(Make check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.)*

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on credit card \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN** *(registration invalid without signature)*

*By registering and paying the deposit for this tour, registrant acknowledges that he/she has carefully read and understands all information contained in the tour brochure, recognizes and accepts any risks therein, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions outlined above.*

Signature Participant 1 / Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Participant 2 / Date \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL, EMAIL, OR FAX TO:**

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