

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Leave Florida by Charter Bus for Montgomery. During travel, we will view documentary film that includes original news footage and narration of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and the beginning of Dr. King's leadership; the origins of mass protest (exemplified by the 1960 "sit-ins" and the 1961 Freedom Rides); and the historic voter registration watershed struggle in Selma. Arriving in Montgomery, we will check in at our Hotel and participants can enjoy dinner on your own. [*A list of restaurants within walking distance will be supplied*].

DAY 2: Complimentary breakfast on your own at our hotel

9:00 AM - 12:45 PM: We will begin the day with a narrative on the early American History of the slave trade in Montgomery, and visit Hayneville and Lowndesboro as original villages of the "King Cotton Culture" and examples of the exploitation of slavery and its influence on the legacy of the struggle for Civil Rights in the 20th Century.

[Lunch will be included in our morning program]

1:15 PM - 3:45 PM: An extensive tour via our bus of Montgomery Movement sites from 1955 - 1961, narrated by Randall Williams, Rip Patton & Professor Bickel.

4:00 PM: Visitation of the Rosa Parks Museum.

[At the end of the afternoon, we will have examined the willingness of Movement leaders to challenge the city's segregation laws by first employing negotiation, and then the need to actively protest unjust law, including the basis for economic boycott of the City's segregated buses, and will begin to examine the relevance of the Montgomery Movement to the issues that we face today].

6:00 PM: Dinner on your own.

DAY 3 Complimentary breakfast on your own at our hotel

9:00 AM: Board our bus for travel to Birmingham and an all-day experience in the politics and violence of both private groups and law enforcement to stop the Movement. The Birmingham Movement, including the city's fracture into two separate governments, revealed to the nation the issue of segregation, and racial bias as unacceptable in an

American democracy.

[During drive time to Birmingham, we will view original narrated news footage of the Birmingham Movement].

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Visitation of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and Kelly Ingram Park, and the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The Institute was founded to present the harsh truth of Birmingham's culture of judicially enforced racial segregation and violent resistance to desegregation – in a way that reveals the redemptive lessons of the civil rights struggle as we currently seek to sustain and advance human rights in our social, political and legal institutions.

12:30 PM - 2:15 PM: *Lunch TDB*

2:30 PM – 4:15: PM: Visitation of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, and an Interview of Ms. Kelsey by Professor Bickel with Q&A.

4:30 PM: Board bus for Montgomery. Dinner on your own in Montgomery.

DAY 4: Complimentary breakfast on your own at our hotel.

9:00 AM: Program at The Equal Justice Initiative. Directed by acclaimed social advocate Bryan Stevenson, EJI is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment; the excessive sentences of children); and other human rights in the criminal justice system.

Visitation of the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice: “From enslavement to mass incarceration.”

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Lunch on your own at the Commerce Cafe

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM: The Southern Poverty Law Center: Co-founded in 1971 by Morris Dees (Recipient of the ABA Medal) and Joseph Levin, Jr., the Southern Poverty Law Center is one of the nation's most recognized civil rights law firms. SPLC lawyers utilize ongoing civil actions seeking to hold hate groups accountable for their activities. SPLC also directs its own juvenile justice projects, cases involving the rights of immigrant workers, and other projects.

We will also experience entering our names on the iconic “Wall of Tolerance” and visit The National Civil Rights Memorial designed by the acclaimed artist Maya Lin, who also designed The Vietnam Wall.

6:00 PM: Dinner on your own: A list of Restaurants and Cuisines will be provided.

DAY 5: Complimentary breakfast on your own at our hotel

9:30 AM: Board our bus and travel to Selma, the site of the largest, and longest voting rights march in American History, made possible by the Movement's commitment to make the right to vote the most important cause following the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. We will stop at the Dallas County Courthouse where teachers led the first mass attempt to register to vote, and were met by Sheriff Jim Clark, who barred them from registering over the passionate challenge of Rev. C.T. Vivian. Sheriff Clark's violent attacks on marchers on "Bloody Sunday" awakened the nation to the issue of the denial of voting rights. The second march, made possible by Judge Frank Johnson Jr.'s decision in the case of Williams v. Wallace declared the Selma march to be a compelling exercise of the First Amendment.

Following the end of the 52 mile march to Montgomery, President Johnson submitted the Voting Rights Act to Congress, and signed the Act into law on August 6, 1965. We will walk the first stage of the march, across the imposing Edmund Pettus Bridge, so that we can retrace the steps of those who made the Voting Rights Act possible.

Return to Montgomery.

1:00 PM: *Afternoon on your own*

6:00 PM: Historic Dinner with Veterans of the Montgomery Bus Boycott and other aspects of the Montgomery Movement.

DAY 6: Complimentary breakfast on your own at our hotel

9:30 AM: Board bus with all luggage for return to Florida: During a part of our drive time we will view the acclaimed HBO documentary "Triangle: Remembering the Fire" — the story of the shocking death of more than 130 female garment workers at the Triangle Garment Factory in Greenwich Village, New York, and the truth that this film reveals about the oppression of female workers at the same time that racial segregation defined the American South. The compelling story of these women gives us a look at the later ongoing struggle for worker solidarity, safe working conditions, decent wages, and the current issues of unequal treatment, including sexual harassment and economic discrimination against women in the workplace. It is this common cause that reveals the very special bond between women and minorities as they both seek

to challenge American political, social, commercial, and legal institutions to make real the promise of equal opportunity and human dignity.

Q & A with Professor Bickel on this issue

EPILOGUE

“The issue was never dollars... the issue was dignity. The issue was self-worth. The issue was the sacredness of human personality. That’s the hopeful end result and concern of both law and movement. In fact, most of the great laws on the books for common people were based upon the worth of mankind. If we don’t start there, then the law becomes unworthy.”

Rev. C.T. Vivian, Interview with Professor Bickel in Tampa, Florida, 2007