



# The Sacred Trail

3 Days/2 Nights

*On this trip, you visit three cities forever linked to the Civil Rights Movement: Jackson, MS, Memphis, TN and Montgomery, AL. Learn why Jackson is called "The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi." People flock to Memphis to immerse themselves in the blues of Beale Street and to chase the ghost of Elvis, but there's another King indelibly linked to the city. In Montgomery, known as the "Birthplace of Civil Rights," museums, churches and other sites chronicle key episodes of America's civil rights movement. Explore the movement that changed the nation.*

## Tour Features:

- **Jackson, MS**
  - Mississippi Civil Right Museum
- **Memphis, TN:**
  - Stax Museum
  - Civil Rights Museum/Lorraine Motel
  - Beale Street
- **Montgomery, AL:**
  - Guided City Tour
  - National Memorial Peace & Justice
- **Two Nights First Class Lodging**
  - Memphis & Montgomery
- **Two Hotel Breakfasts**
- **One Box Lunch**
- **One Dinner**
- **All Taxes & Tips on these services**
- **Luggage Handling**
- **Motorcoach Transportation**

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**Day 1** - This morning you will depart New Orleans and travel to Jackson, MS. On arrival, you will tour the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. You will discover stories of Mississippians like Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer and Vernon Dahmer - as well as those who traveled many miles to stand beside them, come what may, in the name of equal rights for all.

Before departing Jackson you will pick up a box lunch from a local restaurant to enjoy on your travels to Memphis, TN. This afternoon you will tour the Stax Museum of American Soul Music. With more than 2,000 cultural artifacts, music exhibits, video footage, and items of memorabilia, the museum is designed to preserve and promote the legacy of American soul music, particularly that of Stax Records.

Music, from the gospel sung in churches to rousing anthems sung during marches, was fuel and nourishment for those who fought for civil rights. It was also, in many cases, a powerful unifier.

Following your tour, you will check into the Comfort Inn Memphis Downtown for an overnight stay. Tonight, you will enjoy a free evening to visit Historic Beale St and have dinner on your own.

**Day 2** - After breakfast at the hotel, you will visit National Civil Rights Museum. Located at the Lorraine Motel, the assassination site of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., chronicles key episodes of the American civil rights movement and the legacy of this movement to inspire participation in civil and human rights efforts globally, through their collections and exhibitions.

The museum covers civil rights history, from contextual exhibits on slavery and Jim Crow segregation laws to the Selma marches and atrocities such as the murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till.

Departing Memphis this afternoon, you will travel to Montgomery, AL. Lunch will be on your own enroute. Once you arrive in Montgomery, you check into the Drury Inn for the night. This evening you enjoy a dinner buffet at Martha's Place known for its' delicious Southern comfort food.

**Day 3** - Enjoy the hotel's "Quikstart" breakfast this morning before meeting your local guide for a tour of Montgomery. This morning your guide will take you on a tour of the Montgomery area, many of the museums or civil right sights are closed on Sunday, but your guide will give you the history of the sights as the drive along.

The capital of Alabama represents an important place in the fight for voting rights, with the Alabama State Capitol Building having served as the end point of the third march for voting rights from Selma. But there's much more to Montgomery's significance than what occurred at the iconic Capitol. In this city, not only can you visit museums and memorials commemorating the Civil Rights Movement, but you can also explore Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s church, the site of Rosa Parks' arrest and see the courthouse of Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr. That these three notable leaders were in Montgomery further marks the city as a significant site of Civil Rights Movement activity.

Following time for lunch on your own, you will visit the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, 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.

Set on a six-acre site, the memorial uses sculpture, art, and design to contextualize racial terror. The site includes a memorial square with 800 six-foot monuments to symbolize thousands of racial terror lynching victims in the United States and the counties and states where this terrorism took place.

This afternoon you will depart Montgomery and journey home.

