

# Civil Rights 101



A Pilgrimage  
with The Rev. Peter Walsh  
& St. Mark's Episcopal Church

OCTOBER 11-15, 2024

# Following the stories of those who marched, protested and died in the struggle to attain basic civil and voting rights



We know from all our pilgrimages that there is nothing like going to places and meeting people to make events, movements, and figures of the past come alive and be real and present in our consciousness today.

– Fr. Peter

## Day One

Friday, October 11 Travel to Atlanta (on your own)

Transfer to Atlanta Hilton Hotel

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/atlahhh-hilton-atlanta>

Group dinner with special guest Naomi Tutu.

<https://www.naomitutu.com/about-the-reverend-nontombi-naomi-tutu>

*Please plan your travel to arrive at the hotel by 3PM so all can attend this special event with Naomi at 6PM.*



## Day Two

Saturday, October 12 Atlanta and travel to Montgomery

Breakfast at hotel (on your own)

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll begin our day by visiting the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta, a museum and human rights organization with iconic exhibitions which feature the papers and artifacts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. along with the history of the civil rights movement in the United States.

<https://www.civilandhumanrights.org/exhibitions/>

Board bus to Montgomery  
Box lunch on board

En route to Montgomery we will visit the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site and airplane hangars <https://www.nps.gov/tuai/index.htm>. During WWII, some 1,000 black pilots were trained at Tuskegee. They earned accolades and presidential citations for being the unit with one of the lowest loss records of all escort fighter groups, a feat unmatched by any other fighter unit.

Check into Embassy Suites Montgomery  
Free night – Dinner on your own

# Day Three

## Sunday, October 13

### Day in Montgomery

Breakfast at hotel and morning worship

After an early lunch (on your own at the museum restaurant), we'll visit the critically acclaimed Legacy Museum, where we will spend the afternoon traveling through 400 years of American History—from the slave trade to the era of Jim Crow and racial terror lynchings, to the current mass incarceration crisis. Optional boat ride to tour the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, the six-acre site dedicated to the victims of racial terror lynchings. <https://legacysites.eji.org/>

Return to Montgomery hotel

Group dinner



# Day Four

## Monday, October 14

### Day trip to Selma

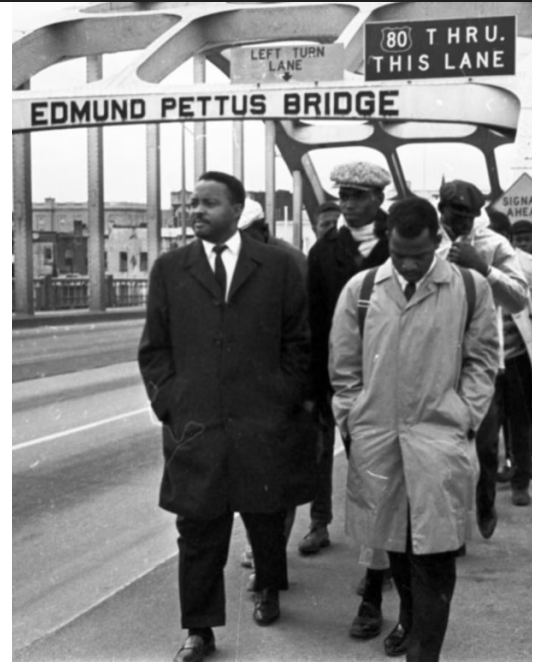
Breakfast at hotel

Today we'll tour Selma's historic sites with *Journeys for the Soul* founder JoAnne Bland <https://www.iamjoannebland.com/>, a highly active participant in the Civil Rights Movement from her earliest days, and the youngest person to have been jailed during any civil rights demonstration during that period.

Lunch with the History Makers

Return to Montgomery hotel

Group dinner



# Day Five

## Tuesday, October 15

### Travel to Birmingham

After an early breakfast we'll pack up our luggage and head to Birmingham, where we'll visit the famous 16th Street Baptist Church, a major organizational site of the Civil Rights Movement and site of mass meetings. We'll also visit Kelly Ingram Park, which drew national attention in 1963 as the site of violent attacks by law enforcement against civil rights protesters.

Enjoy a late lunch at a local bbq spot before heading to the airport for departure. There is direct flight from Birmingham to LaGuardia Airport at 5pm.



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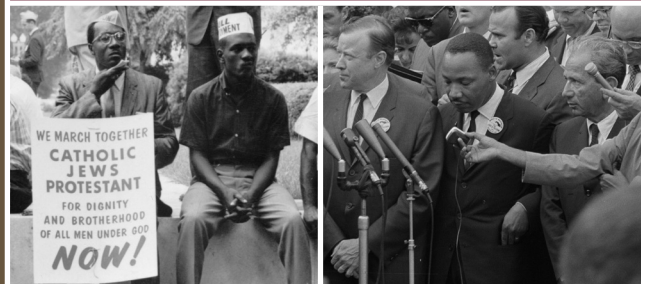
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(airfare not included)

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to hold your spot!**

Includes:  
4-star hotel accommodations  
Transportation on air-conditioned  
charter bus  
Admission fees to all historic sites  
3 breakfasts  
3 group lunches  
3 group dinners  
Tips and gratuities

For questions or to sign up,  
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participation in this pilgrimage. Please  
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