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ATLANTA TO MEMPHIS

May 30 to June 6, 2020

a program of the stanford alumni association
The civil rights movement is one of the most significant developments to shape our country’s history. Joined by faculty leader Dr. Clayborne Carson, one of the foremost scholars on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the civil rights movement, we’ll trace the history of the movement through four Southern states. We will visit churches, homes, museums and exhibits that illuminate the African-American struggle for racial, social and economic equality that reached a critical juncture in the 1960s. Hear firsthand accounts of some of the most pivotal events and from the people keeping the fight alive today. There are trips that are memorable and trips that are life-changing. This one promises to be both.

BRETT S. THOMPSON, ’83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY

Highlights

Journey through the South with Professor Carson, selected by Coretta Scott King to edit and publish her late husband’s papers.

Cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where voting rights activists marched in 1965 from Selma to the capital in Montgomery and where King delivered one of his most memorable speeches.

Learn about the history of the civil rights movement in the 1960s, the people who bravely shaped it then, and those who continue the fight for equality and justice today.
“This trip was an eye-opener. While you can read about this history, this trip gave us a canvas on which to write and appreciate the history.”

JEFFREY GLOSSER, CIVIL RIGHTS ROUTE, 2018

CLAYBORNE CARSON is the founding director of Stanford’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute, where he is also the Martin Luther King, Jr. Centennial Professor of History. He has devoted most of his professional life to the study of Dr. King and the movements the iconic orator inspired. Professor Carson’s scholarly publications have focused on African-American protest movements and political thought after World War II. In 1985, Coretta Scott King invited Professor Carson to edit and publish the papers of her late husband. Under Professor Carson’s direction, the King Papers Project has produced seven volumes of *The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr.* He has served as a consultant on several documentary films and has appeared on many national TV programs, including ABC’s *Good Morning America* and the *CBS Evening News*.

— Recipient, Jamnalal Bajaj Award for Outstanding Contribution in Promoting Gandhian Values Outside India, 2018; John W. Blassingame Award, Southern Historical Association, 2018; and Freedom Flame Award, Selma Bridge Crossing Jubilee, 2016
— BA ’67, MA ’71, PhD ’75—all UCLA

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Itinerary

SATURDAY, MAY 30
HOME / ATLANTA, GEORGIA
Arrive in Atlanta and transfer independently to our hotel. This evening, gather in the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Dr. King first sowed the seeds of what was to become the civil rights movement. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening at Paschal’s Restaurant, famous for its delicious soul food. ELLIS HOTEL (D)

SUNDAY, MAY 31
ATLANTA
This morning, you may choose to attend Sunday service at the new Ebenezer Baptist Church before exploring the sites around the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park. Stop at the King Center, which initiated the King Papers Project. Its principal mission is to publish the definitive 14-volume edition of The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr., a comprehensive collection of Dr. King’s most significant correspondence, sermons, speeches, published writings and unpublished manuscripts. End the day at Dr. King’s last home, a modest house that the King family moved into in 1965, a year after he won the Nobel Peace Prize. ELLIS HOTEL (B,L)

MONDAY, JUNE 1
ATLANTA / MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
Travel to Montgomery, where we will visit the Dexter Parsonage Museum, set in the house in which Dr. King was living when it was bombed on January 30, 1956. It was that day that Dr. King made his personal commitment to nonviolence. Later, visit the Rosa Parks Museum, located in front of the bus stop where Parks took her defiant stand. After lunch, continue to the Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration. Created by the Equal Justice Initiative, the museum looks into the history of racial injustice and the narratives that have sustained injustice across generations. Afterward, 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. RENAISSANCE MONTGOMERY HOTEL (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 2
BIRMINGHAM
Depart Montgomery for a day in Birmingham, where we’ll meet with the Reverend Carolyn McKinstry at the 16th Street Baptist Church. McKinstry was 14 and inside the church when a bomb killed four young girls as they prepared to sing in their choir on September 15, 1963. After lunch, visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, an interactive museum that tells the story of the civil rights movement. The museum features a rendition of a segregated city in the 1950s, as well as the actual jail cell door from behind which Dr. King penned his famous “Letter from Birmingham Jail.” Return to Montgomery later this evening. RENAISSANCE MONTGOMERY HOTEL (B,L)
Today, drive to the historic city of Selma to learn about the marches of 1965. Upon arrival in Selma, stop at the Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the site of Malcolm X’s address in support of voting rights. Cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where in 1965 marchers began their five-day walk to Montgomery. Continue to the Selma Interpretive Center, where armed forces attacked the first wave of unarmed marchers during Bloody Sunday. Hear from foot soldier Annie Pearl Avery as she tells her firsthand experience of that fateful day and her civil rights work that spans decades.

Next, visit the Medgar Evers Home Museum in Jackson. Medgar Evers, the field secretary for the NAACP in Mississippi, was assassinated in the driveway of his Jackson home in 1963. Meet with museum staff to hear about Evers’s life and the history of the movement. Continue on to the COFO Civil Rights Education Center to meet with Robert Luckett, director of the Margaret Walker Center and an associate professor of the department of history at Jackson State University. WESTIN JACKSON (B,L,D)

Visit the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, which opened in December 2017. This state-funded museum provides an honest and painful account of the civil rights movement in Mississippi through a series of galleries packed floor to ceiling with photographs, texts and recordings. Walk along Farish Street, the thriving center of African-American life in Jackson during the Jim Crow era. Stop by the Big Apple Inn, where fourth-generation owner Geno Lee offers an opportunity to sample local favorites. After lunch, depart Jackson and drive to Memphis to enjoy an evening at leisure. HU HOTEL (B,L)

Depart directly from breakfast to the Lorraine Motel, now the home of the National Civil Rights Museum. Under the ownership of Walter and Loree Bailey, the motel became a safe haven for black travelers and visitors. Dr. King stayed at the motel numerous times and came again in the spring of 1968 to support a strike by sanitation workers. On April 4, 1968, he stepped out of room 306 and talked to friends in the parking lot below. As King turned to walk back into his room, a bullet struck him in the neck, taking his life instantly. This afternoon, meet with the Stax Museum of American Soul Music’s executive director, Jeff Kollath, and gain insight to the civil rights story set within the Memphis music scene. A short drive away is the Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum, where dark cellars, hidden passageways and trap doors tell the story of the Underground Railroad and the Memphis slave trade. Reflect on our journey at a farewell dinner this evening. HU HOTEL (B,L,D)

Transfer independently to the airport for flights home. (B)
Trip Information

DATES
May 30 to June 6, 2020 (8 days)

SIZE
This program can accommodate 28 participants. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability.

COST*
$5,595 per person, double occupancy
$6,695 per person, single occupancy
*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person

INCLUDED
7 nights of hotel accommodations • 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners • Welcome and farewell receptions • Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities • All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary • At some boutique hotels on this program, passengers may elect to carry their own luggage to their room • Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance • Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including a recommended reading list, a selected book, a map and travel information • Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

NOT INCLUDED
Airfare • Meals and beverages other than those specified as included • Airport transfers • Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance • Excess-baggage charges • Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services • Porterage

AIR ARRANGEMENTS
You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

WHAT TO EXPECT
We consider this program to be moderately active. Walking is at a leisurely pace, usually over a short distance, but occasionally as far as a mile over terrain that may be uneven. In some instances, such as at museums, significant walking, climbing of stairs and standing in one place for 20 to 30 minutes at a time may be required. Some days require early-morning starts and have a full schedule of excursions, lectures and special events throughout the day and occasionally into the evening. Travel will be done by motor coach, with drives of as long as a few hours with stops for touring along the way. Temperatures in the region during this time of year can be quite hot and humid, averaging in the 80s or 90s (degrees Fahrenheit). All participants must be physically fit, active and in good health, and must be able to transport luggage to their hotel rooms. Because this trip is about the civil rights movement, we will be discussing topics that include violence, police brutality, murder and other aspects of this important yet painful history that may be distressing for children. A child must be prepared to hear about violence and other disturbing topics during the trip. As a result, we recommend this program for children no younger than age 15.
Deposit & Final Payment
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space for this program. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip/king2020 or call Travel/Study at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds
Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a guest paid for by a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility
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“I embarked on this journey thinking the civil rights movement was a period of about 10 years. I came away realizing civil rights began with slavery and is not over yet.”

CAROLINE SPANGLER, ’79, CIVIL RIGHTS ROUTE, 2018