

Civil Rights Tour: April 26, 2020-May 1, 2020

4/26/20 – **Leave Kalamazoo** at 9:00 am, arrive in Memphis by 8:00 pm.

Climate-controlled bus, with Wifi and movie screens, restroom, and microphone. Movies, singing, and introductions, plus 2 meals and plenty of stops and afternoon “quiet time” for napping on the way! A 9 ½ hour trip...so we’ll need those “stretch stops.” Overnight in Memphis.

4/27/20 – **Memphis:**

National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel (where Dr. King was shot). Lunch at Central BBQ. Heritage Tour w/a “step-on guide.” Slave Haven Underground R.R. Museum, home, and experience.

Evening: Travel 3 ½ hrs. to Overnight in Birmingham, with dinner on the way.

4/28/20 – **Birmingham:**

Experience at the 16th St. Baptist Church, walk the Freedom Trail and see the sculptures across the street at Kelly Ingram Park, Lunch at Z’s Café. Afternoon at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, with an optional trip to the Vulcan statue (largest cast iron statue in the world, commemorating Birmingham’s roots in the iron and steel industry. Great lookout over Birmingham, too!). Dinner at a soul food cafeteria. Overnight in Birmingham.

4/29/20 – Travel 1 ½ hours to **Montgomery.**

Visit the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Lunch at the Davis Café. Afternoon: Rosa Parks Freedom Rides Museum (small, in a bus depot), and Civil Rights Memorial at the Southern Poverty Law Center. Free time until dinner at Martha’s Place (buffet). Overnight in Montgomery.

4/30/20 – Travel 1 hr. to **Selma.**

Visit the Interpretive Center before we walk the Edmund Pettus Bridge with an original “foot soldier” as our guide. Optional visit to the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site. Travel 4 hrs. to Nashville.

Dinner, evening, and Overnight in Nashville.

5/1/20 – Travel 7 ½ hours to Kalamazoo, w/lunch and “stops” on the way. **Home!**