

# Stanford **TRAVEL/STUDY**

## **FOLLOWING KING**

### **Atlanta to Memphis: A Life Inspired**

**March 11 to 18, 2022**

Journey through four Southern states to some of the most significant sites of the 1960s civil rights movement while examining Dr. King's legacy with Dr. Clayborne Carson, the founding director of Stanford's Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute and the scholar Coretta Scott King chose to edit and publish her late husband's papers. During this trip we follow the life of Martin Luther King Jr., from the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where King family members have worshipped for more than a century, to the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, the site of King's assassination and now the National Civil Rights Museum. In Alabama, reflect on the significance of the Montgomery bus boycott and the Birmingham Campaign that prompted King to write his famed "Letter from Birmingham Jail." Sit in the Council of Federated Organizations meeting room where volunteers planned the Mississippi Freedom Summer project. Tour Montgomery's National Memorial for Peace and Justice and gain a broader historical context for the civil rights struggles that continue today.

## **FACULTY LEADER**

### **Clayborne Carson**

Clayborne Carson is the founder of Stanford's Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute, where he is also the Martin Luther King, Jr. Centennial Professor of History emeritus. He has devoted most of his professional life to the study of Martin Luther King Jr. and the movements the iconic orator inspired. Dr. Carson's scholarly publications have focused on African American protest movements and political thought of the period after World War II. In 1985, Coretta Scott King invited Dr. Carson to edit and publish the papers of her late husband. Under Dr. Carson's direction, the King Papers Project has produced seven volumes of *The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr.* He has helped produce several dozen documentary films, including the acclaimed *Eyes on the Prize* series, and has appeared on many national radio and television programs. He has received four honorary doctorates, including one from Morehouse College, the alma mater of King Jr. and King Sr.

#### Positions:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Centennial Professor of History emeritus and Ronnie Lott Founding Director, Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute, Stanford University
- Senior fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law

#### Publications:

- Senior editor, *The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Vols. I–VII* (1992–2014)
- Author, *Martin's Dream: My Journey and the Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.* (2013)
- Editor, *The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (1998)
- Author, *In Struggle: SNCC and the Black Awakening of the 1960s* (1981)

Accolades:

- Recipient, Jamnalal Bajaj International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values Outside India, 2018
- Recipient, John W. Blassingame Award, Southern Historical Association, 2018
- Recipient, Freedom Flame Award, Selma Bridge Crossing Jubilee, Inc., 2016
- Joseph B. and Toby Gittler Prize, Brandeis University, 2012
- Recipient, KQED/Union Bank Local Hero of the Year Award, 2011, and Community Leader Award, Peninsula Bay Chapter of The Links, Inc., 2010
- Fellow, Martin Luther King, Jr. Research Fellowship, Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center at Boston University, 2009
- Honorary doctorates: Westminster College, 2015; Niagara University, 2008; and Morehouse College, 2007
- Recipient, Commendation Resolution, California Legislative Black Caucus, California Assembly, 2007
- Recipient, Gandhi King Ikeda Award, Gandhi Institute for Reconciliation at the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, Morehouse College, 2004

Academic History:

- BA 1967, MA 1971, PhD 1975—all UCLA

“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

**ITINERARY**

Friday, March 11

**Atlanta, Georgia**

Arrive in Atlanta and transfer independently to our hotel. If conditions allow, meet for an introductory lecture at the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park. This evening gather in the city where Dr. King first sowed the seeds of what was to become the civil rights movement. Enjoy a welcome dinner at Paschal’s Restaurant, famous for its delicious soul food. ELLIS HOTEL (D)

Saturday, March 12

**Atlanta**

Spend the morning discovering 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.*, including Dr. King’s most significant correspondence, sermons, speeches, published writings and unpublished manuscripts. Visit 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. End the day at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, an engaging cultural center that connects the American civil rights movement to today’s struggles for global human rights. ELLIS HOTEL (B,L)

Sunday, March 13

**Atlanta / Montgomery, Alabama**

This morning you may choose to attend Sunday service at the new Ebenezer Baptist Church sanctuary (if available) before traveling by bus to Montgomery. After lunch continue to the Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration. Created by the Equal Justice Initiative, the museum investigates the history of racial injustice and the narratives that have sustained injustice across generations. Afterward take time to reflect at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, a six-acre memorial that uses sculpture, art and design to contextualize racial terror. Then visit the Dexter Parsonage Museum, set in the house in which Dr. King was living when it was bombed on January 30, 1956. That was the day Dr. King made his personal commitment to nonviolence. Share our experiences over dinner together at a local restaurant. RENAISSANCE MONTGOMERY HOTEL (B,L,D)

Monday, March 14

**Birmingham / Montgomery**

Depart Montgomery for a day in Birmingham, where we meet with 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 explore 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 to see the Rosa Parks Museum, located in front of the bus stop where Parks defiantly refused to give up her seat to white passengers who were boarding. Dinner tonight is at leisure. RENAISSANCE MONTGOMERY HOTEL (B,L)

Tuesday, March 15

**Montgomery / Selma / Jackson, Mississippi**

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. Set out for 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 relates her firsthand experience of that fateful day and her civil rights work, which spans decades. After lunch travel to Jackson and enjoy a private tour of the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument. Medgar Evers, the field secretary for the NAACP in Mississippi, was assassinated in the driveway of his Jackson home in 1963. Gather with monument staff to discuss the Everses' life and the history of the movement. Continue on to the COFO (Council of Federated Organizations) 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)

Wednesday, March 16

**Jackson / Memphis, Tennessee**

Begin our day at the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. 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 opens especially to receive our group. After lunch depart Jackson and drive to Memphis to enjoy an evening at leisure. HU HOTEL (B,L)

Thursday, March 17

### **Memphis**

Leave directly after breakfast for 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. During a trip in 1968 to support a strike by sanitation workers, Dr. King was killed outside room 306, which has been preserved to capture exactly what it looked like on that tragic day. In the afternoon gain insight into the civil rights story set within the Memphis music scene with the help of Jeff Kollath, executive director of the Stax Museum of American Soul Music. 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)

Friday, March 18

### **Memphis / Home**

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

## **INFORMATION**

### **Covid-19 and Travel**

Due to the fluid nature of travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions, travel protocols for our program will be shared closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's general approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit <https://alumni.stanford.edu/get/page/covidtravel>.

### **Size**

This trip requires a minimum of 14 participants. Single accommodations are limited.

### **Cost\***

\$5,595 per person, double occupancy

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\*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person.

### **Included**

- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities
- 7 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- General medical, accident and evacuation insurance

### **Not Included**

- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included

- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

### **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 3.5 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 low- to mid-80s F. 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 violence, police brutality, murder and other aspects of this important yet painful history that may be distressing; participants must be prepared to hear about disturbing topics. We recommend this program for adults age 18 and over.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Eligibility**

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. The nonmember fee is waived for anyone traveling as a paid guest of a current member, as well as for emerita or emeritus faculty and staff. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit <http://alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership>.

### **Deposits, Payments and Cancellations**

A \$1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due 120 days prior to program start. Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a \$500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to program start. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and we resell your place(s), in which case a \$1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

### **Insurance**

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. residents with general medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance 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 nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or

baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

### **Responsibility**

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates include arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, nor Stanford University, nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect at the time the brochure is published and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign an Assumption of Risk.

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