Civil Rights Journey, April 1 – April 4. 2027

With Temple Beth Torah, Fremont, CA & Congregation Beth Emek, Pleasanton, CA and Family & Friends

Frequently asked questions

COST OF TOUR:

The cost of the tour is $1,370.00 per person with double occupancy. A single supplement costs an additional $285.00. Airfare is not included in the tour price. *The driver's tip is included.* Bay Area folks will travel on April 1, 2027 on the same Delta flight from SJC-Atlanta and back on April 4 from Atlanta – San Jose. If you are traveling on a different day(s) or from a different airport, please let Lisa Akselrad know at lakselrad@yahoo.com. In any event, do NOT purchase airfare until our tour has been confirmed in January 2027. Travel insurance is highly recommended.

QUESTIONS ABOUT WALKING, MOBILITY ISSUES & BUS RIDES:

How much walking is involved?

The longest walk is across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. It is a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and an arc. The bus will go across the bridge and people can choose to ride across rather than walk. Most of the other walking is in museums, and there are wheelchairs for those that need at the museums.

What are the bus ride lengths?

Atlanta to Montgomery is a 2-hour 15-minute ride. Montgomery to Selma is 1 hour. Selma to Birmingham is an hour and a half. Birmingham to Atlanta is 2 hours and 45 minutes.

Mobility issues?

We can accommodate scooters under the bus, and the steps on the bus do kneel. We do need to know in advance if we need a bus with a lift.

Do you provide a packing list?

There is no dress code or requirements. Participants should pack for comfort and for the weather. We will be outside quite a lot during the trip, and there are important parts that we can't avoid being outside (such as walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma). If your group is going to Friday night services, the synagogue is fine with us showing up how we were dressed for the day. They know we have been traveling and seeing sites. They are just so happy to welcome us. For the church service, we recommend long pants (jeans are fine) and a basic top (no graphic T-shirts) or sweater.

Do you provide trip insurance?

We do not provide trip insurance. Interested individuals will need to find their own trip insurance.

QUESTIONS ABOUT FOOD & MEALS:

Can you provide kosher meals?

We can run trips that are dairy and vegetarian only. We are not able to provide hechshered food. The group needs to make arrangements for hechshered food if that is required.

Can you handle food issues?

We are in the deep South for your trip but can accommodate the following food needs:

- Vegetarian
- Nut allergies
- Lactose intolerance
- Vegan (snacks/supplemental food should be brought by the participant)
- Dairy/vegetarian only

QUESTIONS ABOUT ADDING ON TO THE TRIP:

If we are doing a trip that begins on Sunday, can the group show up the day before?

Yes. This is not, however, part of the fee for our trips. Inform Lisa Akselrad in writing at LAKSELRAD@YAHOO.COM if you plan to travel before April 1 or depart after April 4, 2027.

Things to do in Atlanta the day before the trip include The Center for Civil & Human Rights, The Aquarium, The World Of Coke, and The College Football Hall of Fame. All of these are walkable to each other in an area of Atlanta called Centennial Olympic Park.

Hotels in that area include Hilton Garden Inn Downtown (on Baker Street), Springhill Suites Downtown, Aloft Downtown, Embassy Suites Centennial Park, and Hyatt Place Centennial Park.

If you are flying in the night before, ETGAR 36 recommends staying at either the Marriott Atlanta Airport Gateway (it has a tram that goes directly to and from the airport) or the Holiday Inn Express Hapeville on N. Central Blvd, as it has a free shuttle from the airport. We can have the bus pick the group up at a hotel in the morning (we can't make multiple pick-ups). People in our group choosing not to stay at the hotel with the group should plan to be at the hotel in the morning or meet us at Ebenezer Baptist Church located at 101 Jackson Street.

(Answers provided by Tour Operator Etgar 36 (www.Etgar.org)

Further questions? Contact Lisa Akselrad, TBT's Social Action Chair, at LAKSELRAD@YAHOO.COM Put in the subject line: Civil Rights Journey. Cell/text: 408-930-0199.