

Activities « À la Carte » in Alabama

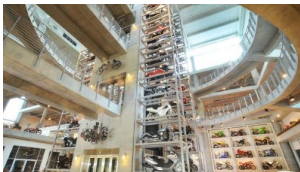
Options in Birmingham :



Private Civil Rights Walking Tour :

Birmingham's role in the Civil Rights Movement came to the forefront when in 1963, the 16th Street Baptist Church was bombed by the KKK (Ku Klux Klan) killing four young girls and injuring many more. These stories and many more await you. After your tour, you will better understand the struggles of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s as well as present day struggles that unfortunately still endure.

Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum (Leeds, Alabama)



Whether or not you are a motorcycle or car enthusiast, the sheer size and collection of motorcycles and cars in this museum will impress you! Since George Barber's inception to create a state-of-the-art museum in 1999 until now, the museum has over 1,600 motorcycles in its collection from 200 different manufacturers from 20 countries. In addition to the museum's motorcycle collection, it has the world's most extensive Lotus collection, not to mention the numerous rare racecars. In addition to the museum, on almost any given day, you can view racecars practicing in the racetrack behind the museum from their viewing platform. Truly a one-of-a-kind experience you can only find in Birmingham!



16th Street Baptist Church Tour

It is said that the bombing of this church in 1963 that killed four small children was the catalyst that brought the Civil Rights Movement to the forefront not only in the USA but worldwide. Demand for change was echoed throughout the USA and this senseless murder. On your tour learn of the days leading up to this historic event and the years afterwards that changed not only Birmingham but a country.



The Fish Market (Southside)

The Fish Market (Southside) is a local favorite, and you can't go wrong with any dish at this restaurant! Our carefully selected menu allows you to taste the most popular local dishes with no waiting in line since your table will be reserved for you in advance. Lunch and dinner menu items include a choice of grilled or fried fish of the day, red beans and rice (a Southern local favorite), fish or shrimp tacos, grilled chicken over pasta or chicken Kabobs over rice. A child's menu for children under 10 is also offered that includes Fish, shrimp or chicken "fingers" (filets), served with Hushpuppies and Fries. A non-alcoholic beverage is also included with all dining options.

Options in Huntsville :



U.S. Space & Rocket Center

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center is the largest museum in the USA devoted to the aeronautic and space exploration with actual spacecrafts used to land on the moon as well as for various other space missions. On site are real astronauts who are available to answer your questions at the main exhibit hall. Throughout the museum are interact displays for adults and children alike.

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Options in Huntsville (cont.):



Huntsville Museum of Art

General Admission (Entrance)

Huntsville Museum of Art has an impressive collection of art with emphasis on art from the Southeast USA in addition to art from around the world. With its 14 galleries and typically 3 travelling exhibits housed here yearly, there is something for every age and genre of art. The museum's permanent collection has over 3,200 works of art from artists such as Whistler to Warhol, not to mention some of Alabama's greatest artists. A visit to this museum is a refreshing break from your travels throughout Alabama and the South.

Private Museum Tour

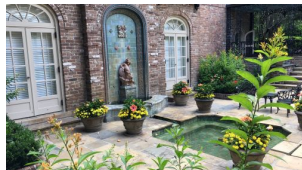
At times we meander through an art gallery or museum and seldom walk away feeling we saw or understood the artwork around us. After several minutes reading description of artwork, our minds begin to become saturated with information we may or may not find interesting and therefore we lose interest quickly. Why do you take a private tour to eliminate this overload and walk away truly feeling you saw (and learned) the best the museum has to offer? Well, then this private tour is designed just for you! Perhaps if you weren't an art enthusiast before you just may be after this tour!

Options in Mobile :



Private Historic Colonial Walking Tour of Mobile

Did you know that Mobile was the first capital of the French colony of Louisiana, founded by French Canadian brothers Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville and Jean-Baptiste LeMoyne, Sieur de Bienville, the same two brothers who travelled down the Mississippi and founded (Sieur de Bienville) New Orleans? After the capital of French Louisiana was moved, Mobile became an important trading and military post with the construction of Fort Condé. These interesting facts and many more, as well as a visit to *Fort Condé*, are included in your private walking tour of the historic center of Mobile.



Bellingrath Gardens & Home (Theodore, Alabama)

Originally a fishing camp on the Fowl River for Walter Bellingrath, this fishing camp soon became the home and estate of this prominent Bellingrath family from Mobile, who derived most of their wealth as one of the first Coca-Cola bottlers in the Southeast USA. No longer the home of the Bellingraths, tours are now offered of their lavish home. The estate encompasses an estimated 900 acres of land, 65 acres of which are beautifully landscaped and can be visited year-round. Not to be missed, is the annual Christmas tour of lights from late November to early January!

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Options in Mobile (cont.):



History Museum of Mobile & Fort Condé

Housed in the almost 200-year-old former City Hall, the History Museum of Mobile houses over 80,000 artifacts of the 300-year history of Mobile and Alabama. Just a short walk across the street is Fort Condé, an almost exact replica of the previous fort that was destroyed in the early 1800s. During the construction of the Mobile tunnel, numerous artifacts and the original wall of the fort was discovered launching a capital campaign to restore and rebuild what is currently on site of the original fort. Come explore and learn more about Mobile and Alabama's history in both historical buildings!



Mobile Carnival Museum

Did you know the first known Mardi Gras celebration was not in New Orleans, but here in Mobile? This museum is located in the Bernstein-Bush mansion in historic downtown Mobile and tells the story of the 300-year-old evolution of Mardi Gras from the early colonial days until the present day. On display are numerous elegant Mardi Gras gowns, crowns, invitations, and other carnival artifacts that will capture the visitor's imagination, not to mention curiosity!



USS Alabama Battleship

From it's first commission as a battleship in 1940, the USS Alabama served in WWII in the North Atlantic and later in the South Pacific. This battleship housed 2,500 courageous Navy soldiers. Originally scheduled to be decommissioned and disassembled for scrap metal, several prominent people from Alabama convinced the government to have this battleship housed as a museum in Mobile, Alabama, where it has remained as a reminder of its contributions to ending WWII and educating generations of its importance.

Options in Montgomery :



Private Montgomery City Tour

On your personal and private Montgomery City Tour, you will be captivated by your guide's knowledge of Alabama and Civil Rights history, since your guide actually lived through this dark period of Alabama (and American) history. On your 3-hour tour you guide will point out places of interest from Montgomery's early years, through the Antebellum (Civil War) Era, continuing through the Civil Rights (1950s and 1960s) Era up until the present. This is perhaps one of our most comprehensive and popular tours in Alabama, not to mention the South!



Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church Tour

This was the church where Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) preached during the tumultuous years during the early years of the Civil Rights Movement. It is here where MLK organized the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955. In 1974 the church was designated a National Historic Landmark due to its importance in the Civil Rights Movement. On your tour of this historic church, learn these facts and many more about MLK and the movement he was pivotal in moving to the forefront of the American consciousness.

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Options in Montgomery (cont.):



The First White House of the Confederacy Private Tour

On your private led tour your knowledgeable guide will take you from the days leading up to the South's succession of the Union through the tumultuous years during the Civil War. This was the first White House of the South's Confederate States of America. This house is preserved as it was in the 1800s with numerous artifacts of the Antebellum era. Learn the history of this house as well as the history of America's deadliest war, the U.S. Civil War.



The Legacy Museum & The National Memorial for Peace and Justice

As the subtitle of the Legacy Museum proclaims, "From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration", this museum is like none other, focusing on the days of slavery to the present-day inequality of our Black brothers and sisters. Perhaps no other museum depicts the cruelty and suffering experienced by Blacks from slavery to segregation, then from the Civil Rights era to the present as does this museum. This museum visit will leave the visitor troubled but hopeful as this nation has progressed over the years, but much more is yet to be achieved!

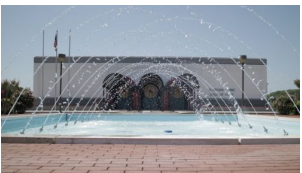
Warning: Many graphic images are displayed and may not be appropriate for younger visitors!



Rosa Parks Museum

Rosa Parks is an icon of the Civil Rights Movement, credited for starting the Montgomery Boycott when she refused to give up her seat on the "Whites Only" section on a bus in Montgomery, only steps from this museum. An impactful visual image of the bus she was sitting on followed by an audio simulation of her voice is reenacted of this monumental event in American history. As you walk through this museum, you can almost feel the raw emotions of other activists striving for equal justice under a "separate but equal" law that was later abolished.

Options in Muscle Shoals Area :



Alabama Music Hall of Fame (Tuscumbia, Alabama)

Did you know some of the most famous recording artists from Country (Hank Williams, Tammy Wynette, Jimmie Rogers...), R&B (Percy Sledge, The Temptations, Martha Reeves...), Soul (The Commodores, Lionel Richie...), Jazz (Nat King Cole, Erskine Hawkins...) and many more artists from different genres of music are from Alabama? This museum was created in the early 1980s to highlight the success of Alabama's greatest musicians. On display are many of their records, costumes and other memorabilia.

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Options in Muscle Shoals Area Cont. :



FAME Recording Studio (*Muscle Shoals, Alabama*)

FAME Recording Studios and the Muscle Shoals Sound are almost synonymous as some of the greatest musicians of all times, such as Etta James, Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett, and many more, recorded some of their greatest hits here. On this tour you will understand why this small city on the banks of the Tennessee River became a mecca for artists who wanted to focus on their music without the distractions in recording cities such in Los Angeles and New York. Here the stories of musicians who came together to create the unique sound called the Muscle Shoals Sound that continues to this day.



Muscle Shoals Music Foundation Tour (*Sheffield, Alabama*)

Where FAME Recording Studios generated classic R&B (Rhythm and Blues) Hits, Muscle Shoals Music Foundation (also known as 3614 Jackson Highway) recorded hits from many iconic Rock N Roll musicians and bands such as Sonny & Cher, the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan and many many more! Come here the stories that filled the walls of this legendary recording studio, that helped created what is known as the Muscle Shoals Sound that has produced hits you are almost certain to know!



360 Grille Dinner (*Florence, Alabama*)

Enjoy fine dining at one of the most breathtaking views in all of Alabama. While enjoying a four-course meal, you'll see 360 area views of Northern Alabama at this top-rated revolving restaurant. Included in our carefully selected 4-course menu is an appetizer, salad, choice of either steak or fish, dessert, and a non-alcoholic beverage.

Options in Selma :



National Voting Rights Museum & Institute

This museum chronicles the voting rights struggles from past to present with numerous artifacts carefully exhibited throughout the museum. Particular focus is on the struggle to vote during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s that put Selma on the map nationally and internationally.

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