



FAQ

How does transportation work on the trip?

Participants will drive in their own cars during the trip. We will caravan from site to site. In some cases, we will walk outside as some sites are a couple block walk from each other.

How will social distancing work on the tour?

All activities and discussions will be outside during the trip and practicing social distancing by having everyone standing a minimum of 6 feet from each other. If you are traveling with people that you are comfortable with standing next to that is fine too. Additionally, all participants and Etgar 36 staff will be required to wear face masks when in public and in museums. Everyone will be encouraged to wash their hands throughout the day and make use of hand sanitizer.

Will there be other people on our trip?

Yes. Each trip date is open to a maximum of twenty participants, the largest amount that can safely social distance. Participants will be required to stay with their group (the family or friends that they are traveling with). Each group of people that sign up will travel in their own vehicle and maintain safe social distance from other groups during presentations and when inside the museums and memorials.

Is there a minimum number of participants required for a trip to take place?

Yes. A minimum of five participants need to be registered at least two weeks prior to the trip's start date. If this minimum is not reached, the trip date will be canceled. We will inform you as soon as we pass the minimum threshold to let you know that the trip is a definite. We will also let you know two weeks prior if the trip is canceled. If we do cancel the trip due to not reaching the minimum of five participants, your payment can be applied to another date or it can be refunded.

What expenses are covered by Etgar 36?

Etgar 36 will provide a tour guide and tickets/reservations for programming and speakers. Hotels, meals, and travel will be the responsibility of the participants. Participants will be provided with recommendations for hotels and restaurants. You will need to make your own hotel reservations. Free time for meals is indicated on the itinerary, during which participants will be free to choose their own restaurant but will need to be back at the designated meeting point on time to continue the tour. Some sites we visit are just a short walk from each other. When transportation is required, participants will need to travel in their own vehicles.

What if it rains?

Etgar 36 has been running trips rain or shine for almost two decades. In the event of rain, we have outdoor shelters for our time outside. Some activities, like crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge, exposure to the elements is unavoidable. It is highly recommended to pack rain gear and an umbrella, and to check the weather forecast in the days leading up to your trip.

Will there be free time to explore the cities?

Yes. the day's itinerary is designed to conclude in the afternoon to allow participants to explore the various city we are in on their own time. Recommendations of other sites that participants may want to visit, a list of hotels and, restaurants will be provided once you sign up.

What is the refund policy?

You may cancel up to three days before the start date of your trip and receive at 50% refund. There is no refund if you cancel less than three days before the trip. If Etgar 36 has to cancel a trip, your payment can be applied to another date, or refunded to you.

Can my dietary needs be accommodated?

You are eating meals on your own and we will send you a list of restaurants in the area. This will allow you to contact a restaurant specifically. Keep in mind we will be traveling through the deep south and that could be challenging to more rare food issues. People with dietary concerns are encouraged to bring their own snacks and supplemental food that they can keep in their own vehicles.

How much walking is there on the trip?

The longest block of walking is about a ½ mile. The EJI memorial is a large, outdoor memorial that requires about a ½ mile of walking to make it all the way through. Our walk from the Rosa Parks museum to the EJI Legacy museum is less than ½ a mile. Our walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma is about ¼ a mile.

Is there a packing list for the trip?

No. Participants should dress for the weather and comfort. We are outside for much of the trip. Comfortable walking shoes, a hat and a water bottle are highly recommended. Rain gear and an umbrella may come in handy; Southern weather can change very quickly! Additionally, some participants enjoy having a notebook or pad to take notes during their journey.

Can we hire Etgar 36 for a private tour?

Yes! There is no minimum number of participants required for private tours. Please contact Billy Planer for pricing and more information at: Billy@etgar.org or 404.456.6605

Is there a recommended pre-trip reading list?

Below is a list. Your trip will not be impacted if you are not able to read any of the books below. This is entirely supplementary material for your information.

"Just Mercy" - Bryan Stevenson. He is the Founder and Director of the Equal Justice Initiative

"March" by Congressman John Lewis. This is a 3 part graphic novel about the Selma to Montgomery march.

The Taylor Branch trilogy about Dr. King: "Parting the Waters: America in the King Years 1954-63" "Pillars of Fire: America in the King Years 1963-65" "At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years 1965-68."

"The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander

"The Quiet Voices: Southern Rabbis and Black Civil Rights, 1880s to 1990s" by Mark Bauman and Berkley Kalin

"Going South: Jewish Women in the Civil Rights Movement" by Debra Schultz

"Troubling the Waters: Black-Jewish Relations in the American Century" by Cheryl Lynn Greenberg