JACKSON  
Sunday, March 8  
Independent arrivals in Jackson. Transfer to the Westin Jackson. Afternoon visit to the newly opened Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. This museum provides an honest and painful account of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi, beginning with the back story to the civil rights period—the European slave trade. Evening welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. D

JACKSON  
Monday, March 9  
Our morning begins at the Medgar Evers Home Museum, where Evers lived and was later assassinated in 1963. Walk through the home, which has been restored to the way it looked in 1963. End the morning at Malaco Records, an American independent record label based in Jackson, that has been the home of various major blues and gospel acts. Stop by the Big Apple Inn, where we will meet with the owner, Geno Lee, whose unique delicacy, Pig’s Ear Sandwich, has attracted the likes of BB King and even President Obama. Explore Farish Street with a local business owner, passing by the Collins Funeral Home, where a throng of 4,000 mourners marched after the death of Medgar Evers. Lunch at a local restaurant. Meet with Dr. Robert Luckett, Director of the Margaret Walker Center at the COFO Civil Rights Education Center. Continue on to meet with Dr. Charles Beady who runs the Mississippi Food Network working to eliminate poverty-related hunger in Mississippi. Enjoy a special dinner at Frank Jones Corner with a private performance by a local Blues musician. B,L,D

LITTLE ROCK  
Tuesday, March 10  
Depart Jackson this morning for Little Rock, stopping by the BB King Museum. Continue to Baptist Town where Mary Hoover will prepare barbecue ribs before stopping in at Hoover’s Store and the Back in the Day Museum, owned by Sylvester and Mary Hoover. Tour the Back in the Day Museum, a community museum exploring the history of African-American culture in the Delta. Continue on to the nearby town of Money to see the remains of the Bryant’s Grocery, the site associated with the murder of black teenager Emmett Till. End the day in Sumner at the Emmett Till Interpretive Center and meet with museum director, Patrick Weems where we will learn of the apology resolution written by the community. Enjoy dinner at Sumner’s Grille before continuing on to Little Rock and the Burgundy Hotel. B,L,D

MEMPHIS  
Wednesday, March 11  
Today begins with a visit to Little Rock High School, a national emblem of the often violent struggle over school desegregation. The crisis here forced the nation to enforce African-American civil rights in the face of massive southern defiance during the years following the Brown decision, a major triumph of the movement. Here we will have the opportunity to meet with Elizabeth Dana King is an artist who brings humanity to the African American story. Black Art in America has identified King as one of 10 Emerging Black Female Artists to Collect and calls her work “important, as it places history in contemporary contexts so that we are reminded of those who fought for our freedom.” King’s public sculptures include “Guided by Justice” located at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. Prior to molding a career as a sculptor, King was a broadcast journalist. King’s work received 5 Emmy and 2 Edward R. Murrow Awards during her 25 year career, covering news in the Persian Gulf, Middle East, Central America, Eastern Europe as well as here in the Bay Area while working at KPIX TV.

What to Expect  
Please note that our itinerary involves some time driving from city to city as well as a fair amount of walking around the sites including climbing up and down stairs. Some days have an early-morning start and include a full day’s schedule of activities, lectures and special events. Participants must be in good health and able to keep up with an active group. The temperatures in the region average in the 60’s - 70’s (°F) and can be slightly humid. This program has been carefully designed to be family-friendly. However, the program will be covering topics that include violence, and that may be difficult for children. Therefore, we recommend this program for children over the age of 11.

For additional information or to make a reservation, contact Commonwealth Club Travel  
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Eckford, one of the Little Rock Nine.

Continue on to the William J. Clinton Presidential Center housed in a gleaming modern space overlooking the Arkansas River. Enjoy lunch in the beautiful restaurant at the center. Continue on to Memphis and check-in to the Hu Hotel before dinner at a local restaurant. B,L,D

MEMPHIS
Thursday, March 12
Begin the morning at the Lorraine Motel, now the home of the National Civil Rights Museum. Martin Luther King, Jr. stayed at the motel on April 4, 1968, the day of his assassination. Enjoy lunch at the world famous Gus’s Fried Chicken. This afternoon, we will focus on Memphis’ music history with a visit to the Stax Museum of American Soul, located in Soulsville. End the day with a visit the Slave Haven Underground Railway house, where dark cellars, hidden passageways and trap doors were used by runaway slaves attempting to flee north to freedom. Dinner is at your leisure this evening. B,L

MONTGOMERY
Friday, March 13
This morning, travel to Birmingham and stop at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church where a bomb killed four young girls as they prepared to sing in their choir on September 15, 1963. We have asked Carolyn McKinstry, who was 14 and inside the church when the bomb exploded, to join us on our visit. After lunch, drive to Selma for a conversation with Foot Soldier, Annie Pearl Avery at the Selma Interpretive Center.

Continue to the Edmund Pettus Bridge where we will walk two by two in memory of those who were beaten while seeking the right to vote. Continue on to Montgomery and check into the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel. Dinner this evening is at your leisure. B,L,D

MONTGOMERY
Saturday, March 14
Begin the morning with a visit to the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Parsonage where Martin Luther King Jr. lived as a pastor. End the morning at the Legacy Museum, situated on the site where enslaved people were once warehoused.

Enjoy lunch at local restaurant before visiting the newly opened National Memorial for Peace and Justice, created by the Equal Justice Initiative. Here we will have a chance to see Dana King’s outdoor sculpture commemorating the Montgomery Bus Boycott. End the day with a debrief led by staff members of the Equal Justice Initiative. Enjoy a farewell dinner at the Central Restaurant. B,L,D

DEPART
Sunday, March 15
Independent transfers to the airport for return flights home. B

Itinerary is subject to change

Tour Price Per Person: $3,995
Single Supplement: $950
Based on min of 15 travelers

Tour Price includes:
• Accommodations and meals as per itinerary
• All sightseeing in an air-conditioned coach
• Bottled water on the bus
• All entrances and events as listed
• Discussion Leader to accompany the group
• Pre-departure materials and reading list
• The services of a professional tour manager to accompany the group
• Gratuities

Does not include:
• Airfare to Jackson and back from Montgomery
• Alcoholic beverages except for wine and beer at welcome and farewell events
• Excess luggage charges
• Trip Insurance
• Items of a purely personal nature
On the Road to Freedom: Understanding the Civil Rights Movement

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OR _____ I wish to have single accommodations.

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Here is my deposit of $________ ($1,000 per person) for _____ place(s).

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