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BIRMINGHAM

2 Nights / 3 Days



- 2 Nights hotel accommodation
- 2 Breakfasts
- 2 Dinners (including a meal with **Traditional Soul Food**)



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- **Guided city tour of Birmingham** – Learn about its strong connection to the American Civil Rights Movement and African-American Heritage. Among the sites you will see include Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Kelly Ingram Park, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame, Fourth Avenue Business District, Alabama Penny Savings Bank, AG Gaston Gardens, Tuxedo Junction, Smithfield Neighborhood and Miles College.

- **Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.** One of the South's finest museums is part history lesson, part audience participation and part demonstration of how the city has evolved since the 1960's. Photos, videos, audio recordings and exhibits put visitors inside the integration movement.



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- **McWane Science Center** - Four floors of hands-on exhibits and an IMAX Dome Theatre are all part of the fun of learning at McWane Science Center. Celebrating science and discovery, the exhibits include everything from dinosaurs to space travel.

- **Alabama Adventure Water & Theme Park** - Part water playground, part amusement park, Alabama Adventure is the State's largest theme park. Roller coaster enthusiasts around the country hail the park's Rampage as one of the top wooden coaster rides anywhere. Visitors cool down in the Wave Pool and on daring water slides or relax as they cruise the Lazy River.



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- **Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame at the Carver Theater.** From the boogie-woogie beginnings of Clarence "Pinetop" Smith to the velvet crooning of Nat King Cole, legendary jazz greats are immortalized in the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame within the historic Carver Theatre. Interactive exhibits convey the accomplishments of the likes of Duke Ellington, Lionel Hampton and Erskine Hawkins all with Alabama ties. The Carver Theatre was prominent among a half dozen theatres that catered to black patrons during segregation to enjoy movies and live entertainment.

- **Birmingham Museum of Art** - The Birmingham Museum of Art has one of the finest collections in the Southeast. More than 24,000 objects represent a rich panorama of cultures, including Asian, European, American, African, Pre-Columbian and Native American. Highlights include the museum's collection of Asian art, considered the finest and most comprehensive in the Southeast and the museum's world-renowned collection of Wedgwood, the largest outside of England.



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- **Arlington Antebellum Home & Garden** - Built between 1845 and 1850 in the Greek Revival style, Arlington predates the founding of Birmingham in 1871. The city's only antebellum home, the mansion is fully restored and contains a fine collection of antiques and decorative arts including 19th century furniture, textiles, silver and paintings. During the Civil War, Arlington Antebellum home was spared from destruction when Union troops used the home as headquarters while they planned the burning of the University of Alabama.

- **Birmingham Zoo** - Birmingham Zoo is an ever-evolving adventure; visitors come to see shows such as the Rhino Encounter, the Giraffe Feedings, the Lorikeet Aviary, the Predator Zone and the Sea Lion Splash Show. The zoo is blazing new trails in elephant conservation with the opening of Trails of Africa - the initiative designates the Birmingham Zoo as a national leader in the care and conservation of threatened elephants.



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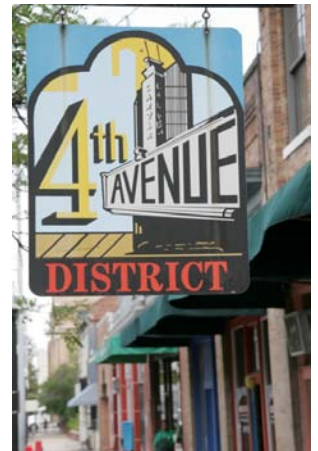
- **All hotel & meal taxes and gratuities**



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**Birmingham has so much to offer. Why not stay longer?
Here are some suggestions:**

- ❖ **American Village** - The American Village is a multi-building complex that serves as a stage and theater for recreating the early American experiment in liberty and self-government. This Colonial-style village is set on more than 100 rural acres, where costumed interpreters guide visitors on a trip back in time to America's journey for independence.
- ❖ **Fourth Avenue Business District** - The neighborhood along Fourth Avenue from 15th to 18th Streets North developed as the city's black business district in the early part of the 1900s. Forced out by Jim Crow segregation and white-owned stores that did not welcome them as customers, African-American businessmen established their own retail, social and cultural center here. Black-owned banks, mortuaries, movie theaters and nightclubs flourished along the corridor through the 1960s. Some continue to this day.



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- ❖ **DeSoto Caverns Park** - One of the most beautiful, and historic show caves in the U.S. Features an awesome sound, light & water show in the Great Onyx Cathedral, larger than a football field, higher than a 12-story building and full of onyx stalagmite and stalactite formations.

- ❖ **Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.** Sixteenth Street Baptist holds a significant place not only in Alabama history, but also in US history. The church suffered the deadliest moment in the history of the civil rights era, with the bombing of the church in September 1963, killing four girls and galvanizing the Civil Rights Movement. It served as a meeting and rallying place for leaders and participants in the Movement.



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- ❖ **Talladega Superspeedway** - Talladega Superspeedway is the biggest, fastest, most competitive motorsports facility in the world. Records for both speed and competition have been established at Talladega. The track offers van tours to visitors daily.

- ❖ **Vulcan Park and Museum** - Vulcan is the largest cast iron statue in the world and Birmingham's unofficial city symbol. Standing high atop Red Mountain, the 56-foot-high statue has an observation balcony on its pedestal for a panoramic view of the city. The museum at Vulcan has interactive exhibits and displays that portray the region's history and progress.



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