

## January Civil Rights Bus Tour Frequently Asked Questions

**Start:** Jackson, Mississippi, Sunday, January 21, 2018

**End:** Birmingham, Alabama, Wednesday, January 24, 2018

### Registration and Payment Details

**Q:** I'm not an EPFP Alumni, can I register and attend?

Yes. The January Bus Tour is open to all partners of the Institute for Educational Leadership. This does not include family members, as there is limited space on the bus and this is a professional development opportunity.

**Q:** How do I register for the bus tour?

Complete this registration form: <https://epfp.site-ym.com/?BusTourReg>.  
The final registration deadline is December 15, 2017.

**Q:** How much is the tour fee?

After September 1, 2017 the cost is \$1,800 for all participants.

**Q:** What are the payment deadlines?

A **non-refundable deposit** for half of the registration fee is due at the time of registration. Full payment must be received by December 15, 2017.

**Q:** What forms of payment do you accept?

You may pay online by Visa, Discover, Mastercard, or American Express credit card. You may also pay by check. Please make checks payable to: *Institute for Educational Leadership* and mail to:  
Institute for Educational Leadership  
ATTN: Sarah McCann  
4301 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 100  
Washington, DC, 20008

**Q:** What is included in the tour fee?

This fee includes your hotel rooms, all meals, bus transportation between sites, and site visit entrance. *It does not include transportation to Jackson, transfers between the airports and hotels, or flights from Birmingham.*

**Q:** Where can I get more information?

Visit this website for updates, blog posts, photos, and more: <https://epfp.site-ym.com/page/CivilRightsTour>. Still have questions? Email [tysonelbert@gmail.com](mailto:tysonelbert@gmail.com) about the tour itself or [mccanns@iel.org](mailto:mccanns@iel.org) for registration queries.

### **Travel Logistics**

Q: What airport should I fly into?

Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN)

Q: What airport should I fly out of?

Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM)

Q: What are the recommended arrival and departure times?

We recommend that you plan to arrive by 4pm on Sunday. The anticipated conclusion of the tour is 11:30 am on Wednesday so we recommend an afternoon departure. *Please let us know if your flight schedule cannot accommodate these windows so that we know where and when to expect you.* We do not offer price reduction if you cannot attend the full tour itinerary.

Q: Do I need travel insurance?

We recommend confirming that your normal health and travel coverage includes a bus tour of this nature in the South region.

### **The Bus Tour Experience**

Q: Where do I meet to begin the tour?

The tour group will meet at the Hilton Garden Inn Jackson/Downtown hotel. The address is 235 West Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39201. The anticipated start time is 4pm. More information will be available upon arrival.

Q: What kind of luggage is recommended?

You will be responsible for transferring your own luggage on and off the bus, and between airports and hotels. Everything will be stored underneath the bus.

Q: What is the weather usually like in January?

The weather will likely be cool but not too chilly. Long pants and jackets are recommended, but you should ultimately dress for comfort. Remember to bring comfortable walking shoes.

Q: How much travel time is spent on the bus?

There will be up to 2 hours between some stops. There is wi-fi on the bus and we will play documentaries in preparation for the next stop.

### **More information**

Q: What is the Institute for Educational Leadership?

The Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) is a DC-based non-profit organization. IEL has worked for half a century to equip leaders to rise above institutional barriers and to build effective systems that prepare children and youth for postsecondary education, careers, and citizenship. [www.iel.org](http://www.iel.org)

**Q: What is Freedom '64?**

Freedom '64 seeks to preserve the history of the Civil Rights Movement in Meridian and East Mississippi, foster community-based dialogue on race and ethnicity, and inspire a future generation of civil rights leaders. Freedom '64 believes that a commitment to serve is an American quality. As the spirit of '64 taught us all, through the service of each man and woman, ordinary people really can do extraordinary things. <https://www.facebook.com/The.Freedom.64.Project/>

**Q: What is the Education Policy Fellowship Program?**

The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a 10-month professional development program for emerging and mid-level leaders. EPFP combines regular meetings and activities specific to each of our 17 state-based site programs with events of national scope to provide an enriching experience for 300 Fellows each year. The mission of the Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP™) is to develop a diverse and collaborative community of strategic leaders for effective public policy. [www.epfp.iel.org](http://www.epfp.iel.org)