DESTINATION OVERVIEW

Montgomery

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1 Alabama's State Capital

Tour one of the most historic State Capitol buildings in the world! Stand on the spot where Jefferson Davis was inaugurated President of the Confederacy. This is the exact same location where the Selma-to-Montgomery March ended and the modern Civil Rights Movement began.

Alabama Department of Archives and History Just seeing this tremendous historic building is a treat! Explore the history of Alabama through an extensive collection of portraits, memorabilia, documents and artifacts. Children will enjoy hands-on play in "Grandma's Attic."

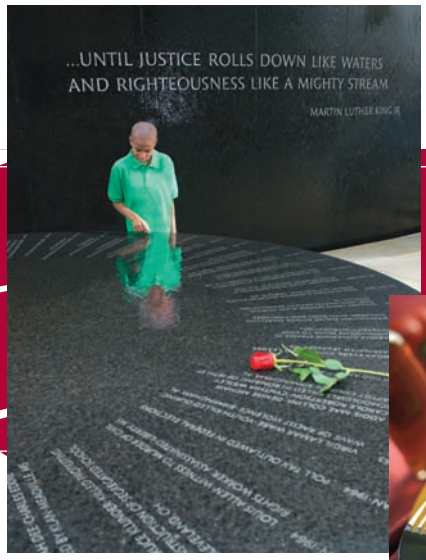
2 World Changing Events

First White House of the Confederacy Enjoy a guided tour of the home where Jefferson Davis lived at the birth of the Confederacy. The entire house reflects the period in which the house stood as the headquarters for the Confederacy including many authentic artifacts used by Davis and his family.

Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church & Parsonage Experience the work and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Visit the church where Dr. King preached the philosophy of peaceful revolution and the parsonage where he lived with his family. Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church became a gathering place where African Americans first dared to think of equality as reality.

Rosa Parks Library and Museum & Children's Wing This fascinating interactive museum is dedicated to Rosa Parks, the courageous seamstress, who sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955. The museum features a recreated street scene and replica bus, while video footage transports visitors to the fateful day. Through the use of multi-media presentations via a "Time Machine," the Children's Wing guides visitors through the Museum's reenactment experience involving Rosa Parks, activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., and involvement of other early Civil Rights leaders.

Civil Rights Memorial and Center Experience a moving tribute to those soldiers of the Civil Rights Movement who gave their lives for freedom. Designed by Maya Lin, the Memorial is a touching tribute and a solemn reminder of the price we all pay for equality.



3 Authentic Cuisine

From home style, fried southern cuisine to fine, upscale dining, Montgomery offers a wide variety of flavors to suit every palette, and tables to suit every occasion. You'll find tucked-away local favorites, a broad sampling of international cuisine and popular restaurants you know and love.

4 Great Shopping & Antiques

Montgomery is filled with **national, local and unique shopping opportunities.** From fashion boutiques to regional shopping malls, from renowned antique galleries to eccentric local artisans – Montgomery offers an extensive array of shopping destinations.

5 Accessibility

Montgomery is centrally located in the southeast region of the United States, conveniently situated at the **intersection of Interstate 85 and Interstate 65.** Traveling to Montgomery is a breeze—fly directly into the Capital City or fly to Birmingham or Atlanta. Just a quick trip from Montgomery, these international airports connect Montgomery to most any destination!

6 Climate

Montgomery's **average annual temperature is 65.6°F**. Winters are moderate with the average annual snowfall at .3 inches. Cool, comfortable clothing is appropriate throughout the Spring and Summer. Sweaters and jackets are worn from late November through March.

7 New Riverfront Entertainment District

Enjoy The Alley, Montgomery's new Riverfront Entertainment District located across from the Montgomery Convention Center.

8 World Class Hospitality

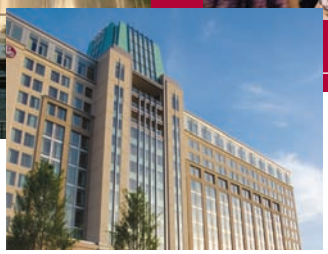
Over 7,000 area hotel rooms include full service hotels and unique meeting venues and a **Brand New, State-of-the-Art Hotel and Convention Center**—Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa.

9 Arts & Culture

Alabama Shakespeare Festival This internationally acclaimed theatre will be sure to wow you! It is one of the ten largest Shakespeare Theatres in the world and presents world class contemporary and classic productions and educational programs throughout the year. ASF is located in Blount Cultural Park, a lushly landscaped English-inspired park complete with lakes, fountains and beautiful outdoor areas for recreation.

Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts Every visitor to Montgomery must take time to see this permanent collection of artwork, which includes examples of 19th and 20th century American paintings and sculptures, plus a host of Southern regional art that defines the Southern culture. MMFA is located in the beautiful setting of Blount Cultural Park.

Hank Williams Museum & Memorial The music of this legendary singer and songwriter will haunt you long after your visit here. See the car he rode in on the day he died. Hear his music, watch the videos, and learn about the man behind the legend. And just minutes away, pay your respects at Hank's final resting place in Oakwood Cemetery.



10 Family Friendly Entertainment

Old Alabama Town Costumed interpreters guide you through life in the 19th and early 20th centuries in this fascinating 4-block "town" within the city. Visit over 40 buildings from a schoolhouse to a cotton gin and experience life as an Alabamian in the state's infancy.

Montgomery Zoo Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! Stroll along the shaded walkways and see more than 600 species of exotic animals in natural settings. The gift shop and complete dining facilities make the Zoo a perfect spot for a full day of family fun. For an interactive learning experience, the Mann Wildlife Museum features life-like exhibits of naturally preserved animals and their habitats.

Tour Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama In May 2005, Hyundai Motor Company, Korea's largest automotive manufacturer, celebrated the Grand Opening of its $1 billion automotive assembly and manufacturing plant in Montgomery. The $1.1 billion plant is the company's first U.S. manufacturing facility. The 2-million square-foot plant resides on 1,744 acres of land and includes a stamping facility, paint shop, vehicle assembly shop, a two-mile test track and an engine shop, where the all-new Hyundai 3.3-liter V6 engine is produced.

Montgomery Riverboat Cruises on the Harriott II. Enjoy a relaxing tour of Montgomery's riverfront on the city's new triple decker riverboat. Perfect for a large reception or an intimate seated dinner, the Harriott II offers visitors the unique experience of authentic southern hospitality. Take a Saturday evening or leisurely Sunday afternoon cruise and enjoy the riverfront sites of the Capital City.

General FACTS

POPULATION
City of Montgomery: 201,998
Greater Metropolitan Area: 361,748
Source: 2006 Census Report

TIME ZONE
Central Time Zone

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS
Alabama law prohibits anyone younger than 21 years of age from purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages. The city of Montgomery allows draft beer sales along with Sunday liquor sales.

WEATHER AND DRESS
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WELCOME RECEPTION INFORMATION/REQUESTS
Montgomery Convention and Visitor Bureau
Call 334-261-1100
www.visitingmontgomery.com

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
- *Fire, Medical or Police Emergency*
  911
- *Police (Non-emergency)*
  334-241-2651
- *State Trooper*
  334-270-1122
- *Montgomery Area Visitor Center*
  334-262-0013
- *Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce*
  334-834-5200
  www.montgomerychamber.com
- *Montgomery Convention and Visitor Bureau*
  334-261-1100
  1-800-240-9452
  www.visitingmontgomery.com

TRANSPORTATION
Airport
Montgomery Regional Airport is located 10 minutes from downtown on U.S. Hwy. 80 W. Limousine and taxi services are available on site. Please call 334-281-5040 for information. Three airlines serve Montgomery, with direct routing to major areas daily with connecting international service.
- *Atlantic Southeast (Delta Connection)*
  800-221-1212
  www.delta.com
- *Northwest Airlines*
  800-225-2525
  www.nwa.com
- *US Airways Express*
  800-428-4322
  www.usairways.com

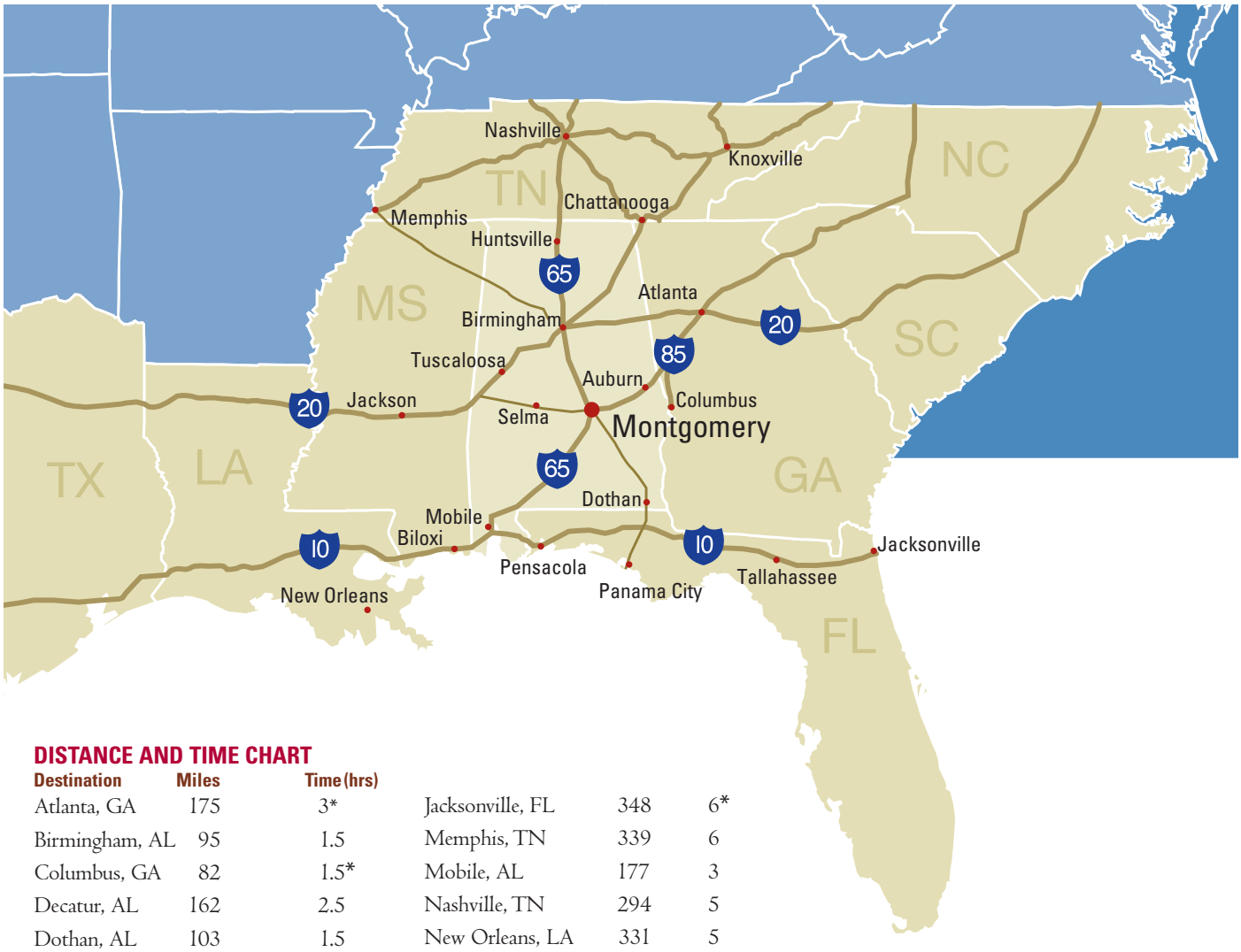
Public Transportation
- *Montgomery Area Transit System*
  334-240-4012
  www.montgomerytransit.com

Rental Car Agencies
- *Alamo Car Rental*
  334-284-1910
  www.alamo.com
- *Avis Rent-A-Car*
  334-284-0211
  www.avis.com
- *Budget Car Rental*
  334-284-5488
  www.budget.com
- *Enterprise Rent-A-Car*
  334-288-2880
  www.enterprise.com
- *Hertz*
  334-284-1560
  www.hertz.com
- *National Rental Car*
  334-284-1910
  www.nationalcar.com
- *Thrifty Car Rental*
  334-281-0114
  www.thrifty.com

Travel as a Group

Trolley Rentals
Travel by trolley through downtown.
See maps for route.
- *Capital Trailways Charters and Tours*
  520 N. Court Street
  Montgomery, AL 36104
  334-832-4166
  www.capital-trailways.com

Did you know } **San Francisco didn't have the very first electric streetcar system? Montgomery was the first city to incorporate the system into its local travel in 1886.**



DISTANCE AND TIME CHART

Destination	Miles	Time (hrs)			
Atlanta, GA	175	3*	Jacksonville, FL	348	6*
Birmingham, AL	95	1.5	Memphis, TN	339	6
Columbus, GA	82	1.5*	Mobile, AL	177	3
Decatur, AL	162	2.5	Nashville, TN	294	5
Dothan, AL	103	1.5	New Orleans, LA	331	5
Gulf Shores, AL	200	3.5	Panama City, FL	184	3.3
Huntsville, AL	198	3.5	Pensacola, FL	237	4
Jackson, MS	247	4.5	Tallahassee, FL	203	3.5*

* These cities are located in the Eastern Time Zone

Passenger rail service to Montgomery began in 1898, with the opening of Union Station.

Did you know } **the national historic landmark train shed, Union Station, is the perfect venue for a memorable convention or meeting or to host a reception or special event? Our professional events staff will be happy to assist you in planning the perfect evening, from a southern barbeque to an elegant evening of jazz on the Alabama River.**

Annual Calendar of EVENTS

January-March

- Hank Williams Memorial Service
- Monster Truck Jam
- Alabama Junior Miss Program
- Old Alabama Town & Landmarks Cultural Crossroads Symposium
- Alabama Horse Fair
- American Legion Jr. ROTC Drill Competition
- AISA State Basketball Championships
- AHSAA Regional Basketball Tournament
- Alabama Dance Theatre Production
- Southeastern Livestock Exposition Rodeo
- MMFA Annual Art Auction & Dinner
- Dachshund Races to benefit Montgomery Humane Shelter

April-June

- Saturdays in April at Old Alabama Town
- Montgomery Biscuits Baseball
- Zoo Weekend
- Homebuilders & Remodeling Expo
- French & Indian War Encampment
- Sizzlin' Slam Invitational, Home Run Derby & Grill-Off
- Alabama Book Festival
- Tide & Tiger Night to benefit the American Red Cross
- AISA-State Softball Championship
- Capital City Classic Soccer Tournament
- Flimp Festival
- Old Home Expo
- AISA State Baseball Championship
- Taste of the Gardens to benefit the American Red Cross
- Herb Day
- AHSAA Baseball Championship
- AHSAA State Softball Championship
- Jubilee CityFest

July-September

- City 4th of July Event
- Performance on the Green by the Ballet
- Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald Birthday Celebration
- Alabama Dance Theatre presents Stars on the Riverfront
- Broadway under the Stars
- Ballet & the Beast
- Hank Williams Birthday Celebration
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Birthday Celebration
- Taste of the River Region
- Blue-Gray Annual Soccer Tournament

October-December

- SAC's Gallery Waterfront Competition & Show
- Alabama National Fair
- Mulberry District Pumpkin Fest
- Montgomery Humane Society's Annual Walk & Wag
- October Fest
- Zoo Boo
- Montgomery Jr. League's Holiday Market
- Pike Road Arts & Crafts Festival
- Tops in Blue
- Frontier Days
- Mulberry District Holiday House
- Montgomery Lions Club Annual Red Hot Capital City Cook-Off
- Mistletoe
- Turkey Day Classic
- Holiday Lights at the Montgomery Zoo
- Governor's Mansion Candlelight Tours
- City of Montgomery Christmas Parade
- Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show
- The Nutcracker
- Glen Miller Concert
- Diamond Princess Ball
- Christmas Open House at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Museum
- Old Cloverdale Christmas

For details on Montgomery's community and sporting events, please visit

www.visitingmontgomery.com