

# RE STORY US

The ReStory US trip is an immersive journey designed to deepen our understanding of the American story—its beauty, complexity, and wounds—while equipping participants to be peacemakers in their own communities. Through firsthand encounters with historic and contemporary voices of justice, resilience, and reconciliation, we explore how conflict has shaped our nation and how healing is possible.

Join us as we encounter our history in honest ways, meeting with the peacemakers, visionaries, artists, historians, and activists who are helping us imagine and build pathways toward mutual flourishing, collective liberation, and a future that is generative and whole.



## ON THIS TRIP YOU WILL:



**Engage** civil rights activists and community leaders who are doing the work of peacemaking in some of the most difficult of places.



**Visit** historical sights, explore museums, and tour the places where history happened and continues to be made.



**Discover** the art, music, and rich culture of the communities throughout the U.S. South.

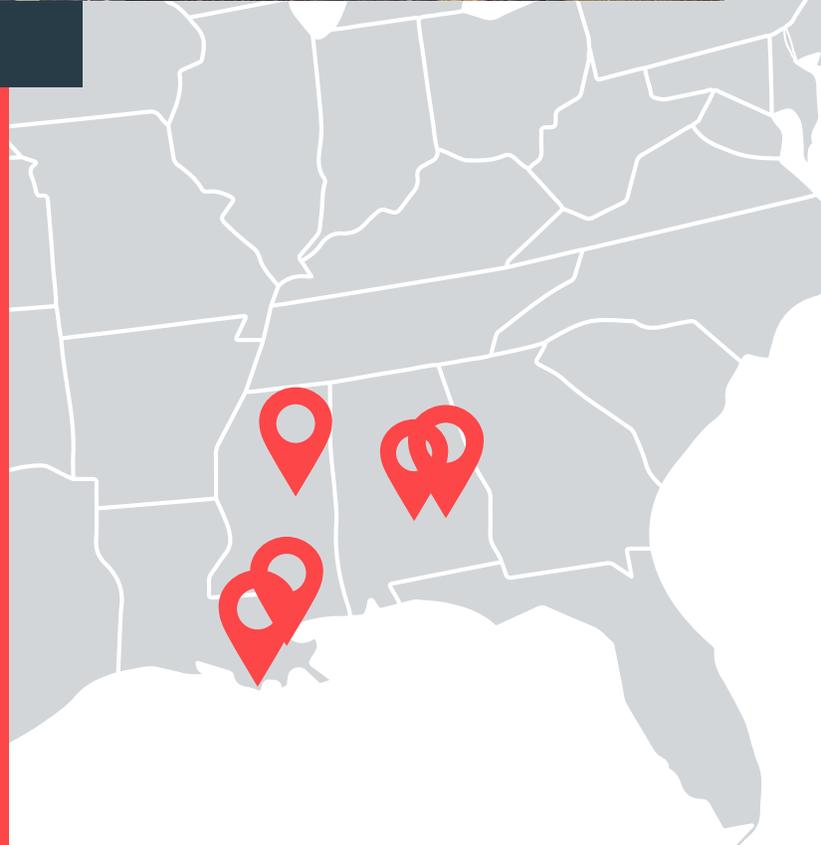


**Partake in** delicious meals, world-class hospitality, and intentional relationship-building.

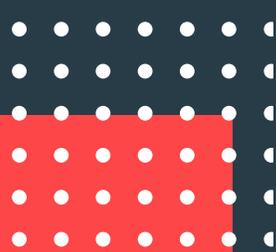


# VISIT SITES ACROSS:

- New Orleans, LA
- Jackson, MS
- Selma, AL
- Montgomery, AL
- And more



# 2 WAYS TO ENGAGE



## 1 TRADITIONAL EXPERIENCE

A comprehensive 8-day, 7-night experience designed to engage participants in the full ReStory US journey. This trip explores key historical sites, engages with local leaders, and fosters deep reflection on the American story through the lens of peacemaking. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of justice, resilience, and reconciliation while building relationships that inspire action.

## 2 SHORT-FORM EXPERIENCE

A focused 4-day, 3-night experience that offers a powerful introduction to the themes of ReStory US in a shorter timeframe. These trips provide flexibility for groups looking for meaningful engagement without the commitment of a full week. They may focus on specific cities, themes, or historical moments while maintaining the core values of immersive learning and reflection.



## Why does Telos offer peacemaking trips to the US South?

The South holds some of the most pivotal stories in American history—stories of struggle, injustice, resilience, and transformation. From the civil rights movement to ongoing efforts for justice and reconciliation, the region provides a powerful lens for understanding the complexities of American identity. By engaging directly with these histories and communities, we gain deeper insight into how conflict and healing shape our nation.

## Why should I choose to travel with Telos?

Telos is not a travel company—it's a peacemaking community. Our trips are rooted in relationships with local leaders who open their doors and share their stories with honesty and courage. We're invited into their spaces to listen, learn, and be transformed. These encounters stay with you—challenging your assumptions, expanding your understanding, and equipping you to show up differently in your own life and community. This isn't just a trip; it's an invitation to deeper awareness and more faithful action.

## What can I expect to experience?

Expect a deeply engaging and transformative journey. You'll hear firsthand from people whose lives and work intersect with the themes of justice, reconciliation, and peacemaking. The trip includes historical site visits, conversations with local leaders, group reflections, and shared meals—all designed to challenge perspectives, build relationships, and inspire meaningful action.

## What places will we visit?

Our journey takes us through key historical and cultural sites, including cities like New Orleans, Jackson, Selma, and Montgomery. We visit landmarks of the civil rights movement, meet with local leaders, and explore how history continues to shape the present. Each location is chosen to provide a rich, immersive learning experience that connects past struggles to present-day realities.



## What's included in the cost of the trip?

The cost of the trip covers everything within the itinerary: all lodging, meals, museum/site admission, Telos facilitation, and guest speaker honorariums. The only expense not included is airfare to and from the trip location. If you have questions about what's included or the best way to book airfare to and from our trip locations, you can reach out to us at [restoryus@telosgroup.org](mailto:restoryus@telosgroup.org).

## Will I be able to apply what I learn in my community even if I don't live in the South?

Yes! This trip is a jumping off point to the broader, crucial work of justice that starts in our own lives and communities. ReStory US offers a reckoning with our own history that shows how we are all connected through a shared reality that has shaped the formation of every community in this country. As such, it gives us a holistic vision for how we might heal not only ourselves, but our communities as a whole.

## Can I join as a solo traveler or is this trip only for community groups?

Our trips are for everyone! We have a number of trips available for solo travelers or small groups, in addition to specialized trips for specific communities. To see a full list of upcoming open sign-up trips, or to request more information about organizing a trip for your community, visit [telosgroup.org/travel](https://telosgroup.org/travel).





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