



Mobile

Mardi Gras

Road Trip 1



Selma

Bridge Crossing Jubilee

Road Trip 2



Decatur

Alabama Jubilee Hot Air
Balloon Classic

Road Trip 3

Muscle Shoals



Fame Recording Studios

Road Trip 4

Martin Luther King, Jr. led protesters across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in **Selma** during their march to Montgomery for equal rights.

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Mobile is the first US city to celebrate Mardi Gras, the French holiday meaning Fat Tuesday, which takes place on the Tuesday before Lent.

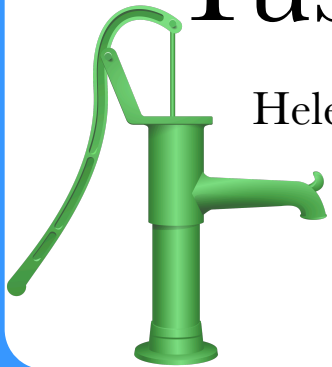
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FAME Recording Studios in **Muscle Shoals** has produced a number of famous hits, including “When a Man Loves a Woman” by Percy Sledge.

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A Memorial Day celebration in **Decatur** where more than 60 hot air balloons take flight.

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Tuscumbia

Helen Keller Festival

Road Trip 5



Florence

W.C. Handy Festival

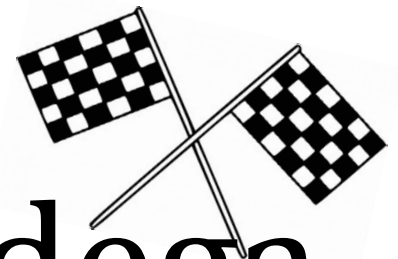
Road Trip 6



Gulf Shores

National Shrimp Festival

Road Trip 7



Talladega

Talladega 500 NASCAR Race

Road Trip 8

The W.C. Handy Festival is a week long festival celebrating music.

An influential American songwriter born in **Florence**, William Christopher Handy, was an American blues composer and musician, known as the "Father of the Blues."

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Despite being deaf and blind, Helen Keller, born in **Tuscumbia**, inspired people as she traveled the world and spoke out for the blind and deaf communities, as well as for women's right to vote.

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Talladega is home to the Talladega Superspeedway.

The superspeedway is known for its steep banking and is the longest NASCAR oval track at 2.6 miles long.

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Gulf Shores hosts the Annual National Shrimp Festival to celebrate Alabama being one of the nation's leading shrimp producers.

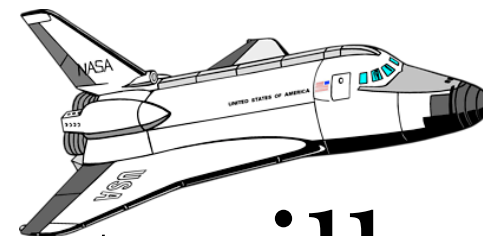
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Birmingham

1st Veteran's Day Parade

Road Trip 9



Huntsville

Space and Rocket Center

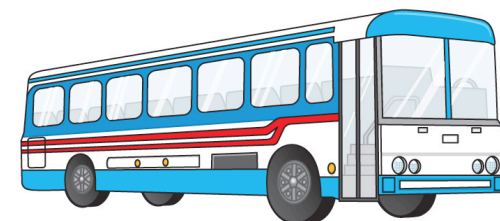
Road Trip 10

Enterprise

Boll Weevil Festival



Road Trip 11



Montgomery

Bus Boycott

Road Trip 12

The NASA Space and Rocket Center, in **Huntsville**, is known for developing the rockets that launched the first US satellite and also the rockets that sent astronauts to the moon.

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After World War II, Raymond Weeks, of **Birmingham**, asked Washington D.C. to expand Armistice Day (created to honor World War I veterans) to include all veterans. Weeks led the first National Veterans Day parade in 1947.

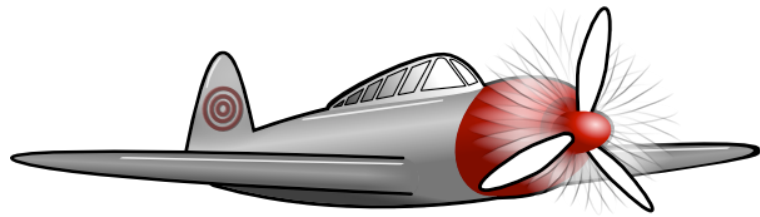
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In December of 1955, Rosa Parks (an African American woman) refused to give up her seat to a white man. On the day of Parks' hearing, Martin Luther King, Jr. led African Americans and others in **Montgomery** to boycott the public buses for 381 days.

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Enterprise is known for having the only statue honoring an insect. That insect is the Boll Weevil. After the Boll Weevils destroyed cotton crops, the farmers of Enterprise were forced to plant other crops. This change in agriculture led to more success than that from cotton.

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Tuskegee

Tuskegee Airmen Museum

Road Trip 13



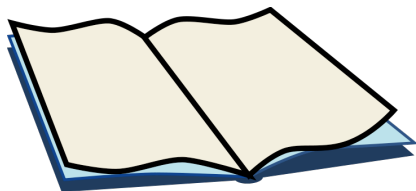
Haleyville

First 911 Call Center

Road Trip 14

Monroeville

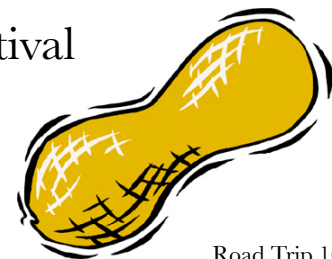
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee



Road Trip 15

Dothan

Peanut Festival



Road Trip 16

Located just south of Russellville, **Haleyville** was the first city to have a 911 call center. The first 911 phone call was placed in 1968 by Alabama Speaker of the House Rankin Fite, and answered by Congressman Tom Bevill.

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The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African American military aviators and the only ones in World War II. They were named Tuskegee Airmen because the men received training near **Tuskegee.**

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Known as the Peanut Capital of the World, **Dothan** celebrates the impact the peanut industry had on the southeast with its annual Peanut Festival. Dothan is responsible for 65 percent of all U.S. peanut production. The first festival in 1938 featured special guest George Washington Carver.

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Monroeville native Nelle Harper Lee wrote the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The novel was a best seller for 88 weeks and in 1995, by the 35th anniversary of its publication, had sold over 30 million copies.

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Road Trip 17



Road Trip 18



Road Trip 19



Road Trip 20

