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• Daily - Birth Home Tours

Tour the home that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived in from birth to age twelve. Explore the community and family life that guided this future Civil Rights leader. Thirty minute tours are available on a first-come first serve basis every half hour beginning at 9:30 am. Reservations must be made in person the day of the tour. Tours fill up quickly and it is advised that visitors arrive early in the day. Obtain your free Birth Home tickets at the Visitor Center.

• Daily - Encounter History Presentations

Discover the history that shaped the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during this free thirty minute ranger-led program. Information about Ebenezer Baptist Church, the Sweet Auburn Neighborhood, the King Center, Dr. King and Coretta Scott King's tomb, the Birth Home and Historic Fire Station No. 6 will be presented. Check at the Visitor Center for times and tour location.

- Saturday, January 10th Monday, January 19th Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Summit
 The Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Summit will mark the 80th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the
 twenty-third anniversary of the National Holiday in Dr. King's honor. The event's *Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day*On, Not A Day Off theme reiterates the importance Dr. King's work and legacy and acting on his principles of
 nonviolence and human rights through community service. Activities are planned city and Historic Preservation
 District wide. Check at the Visitor Center for a schedule of events.
- Thursday, January 15th Martin Luther King Jr.'s 80th Birthday Celebration 9:30 11:30 a.m. Join the National Park Service in celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 80th Birthday! Geared toward children, the life and legacy of Dr. King will be explored through storytelling, a puppet show and documentary film. Dr. King's sister, Dr. Christine King Farris will share her experiences growing up with her brother by reading her *My Brother Martin* children's book. The puppet show *Dream Shared by Two* will be interspersed with the documentary film *My Friend Martin*. Join Park Rangers in singing *Happy Birthday* to the legendary Civil Rights leader. Birthday cake will be served afterwards. Meet in the Visitor Center Auditorium.
- Saturday, January 17th Martin Luther King Jr. Musical and Remembrance Tribute 2:00 3:30 p.m. Join the U.S. Naval Academy's *The Next Wave* Jazz Band as they perform the music of Dr. King's boyhood as a tribute to his legacy. A guest speaker from the Southern Christian Leadership Council will reflect on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s continuing contributions. The *Free Agent Second Line Band* increases the tempo with upbeat music also heard during the 1930's when Dr. King was a child. Meet at the Visitor Center for this musical and uplifting event.
- Monday, January 19th Birth Home Open House 9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Walk through the home that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived in from birth to age twelve. Explore the community and family life that guided this future Civil Rights leader. To tour the home, visitors meet the Park Rangers and line-up at the front steps of the Birth Home.
- Tuesday, January 20th Inauguration Broadcast 11:30 a.m. View the Presidential Inauguration in large screen format. Meet in the Visitor Center Auditorium.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, January. 20th, 22nd, 27th, and 29th A Dream Shared By Two 10:00 a.m. Children ages Pre-K through 3rd Grade can join Uncle Jessie and Malcolm as they tell tales of Dr. King's boyhood and the importance of celebrating his birthday during this 40 minute puppet show. Reservations required. Meet at Fire Station No. 6.
- Saturday, January 24th International Civil Rights Walk of Fame Induction 10:00 a.m. Eleven honorees who shaped our nation and made a contribution toward a better world for all will be inducted on the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame. Meet at the Horizon Sanctuary, Ebenezer Baptist Church.
- Monday, January 26th Lessons of a King 10:00 a.m. Children ages Pre-K through 3rd Grade can join storyteller Mama Koku as she weaves animal stories into lessons taught by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Reservations required. Meet in at Fire Station No. 6.

★ All programs are free of charge! ★

Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site is located at 450 Auburn Ave., NE, Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, call (404) 331-5190 ext. 3017 or visit our website at www.nps.gov/malu.