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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Mobile Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau and History Museum of Mobile
Partner for April Walking Tours**

MOBILE, AL., March 30, 2015 - The History Museum of Mobile, in conjunction with the Mobile Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, will lead free tours through historic downtown Mobile during the month of April.

“The History Museum is a proud participant in this year’s walking tours through downtown Mobile,” said David E. Alsobrook, PhD, Director of the History Museum of Mobile. “A simple glimpse at the tour schedule underscores the city’s rich and diverse array of historic characters, captivating stories, and a three centuries-long saga of change and growth. I hope that each person who attends these tours finds something that informs and delights. When tours are concluded, I invite each of the them to take a few hours to stroll through the History Museum of Mobile and Fort Conde. I can’t think of a better way to spend a Saturday than to be immersed in the rich history of Alabama’s Port City.”

A program of the Alabama Tourism Department, the April Walking Tours consists of twenty-two towns across the state that will offer free guided walking tours each Saturday in April.

“Mobile is the oldest city in the state.” says Stacy Hamilton, Vice President of Marketing and Communications at the Mobile Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau. “Our downtown is rich with stories from the past – we hope that anyone who is keen to learn more will take advantage of this free program and come experience Mobile’s beautiful, historic downtown.”

In Mobile, the tours will start at 10 am at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and end at the History Museum of Mobile. – reservations are not required.

April 4th - Earth, Wind, and Fire

Come explore the explanations for why Mobile has had 6 courthouses, and put together other clues to discover what natural disasters along the Gulf Coast had a little help from "human hands." Led by Howard McPhail, History Museum of Mobile, Curator of Minority History

April 11th - From Colonial Fort to International Port

This tour highlights the architectural stage set that serves as a backdrop for, and stimulator of, Alabama's oldest city. Led by Cartledge W. Blackwell, III, Mobile Historic Development Commission, Assistant Director & Architectural Historian

April 18th - Historic Mobile Theaters

This tour will focus on the numerous movie theaters that have called downtown home throughout Mobile's history. Led by Nicholas Beeson, History Museum of Mobile, Museum Technician

April 24th - Old & New, Then & Now

Stroll through downtown Mobile and learn about the growth of the city from the early twentieth century through World War II. Led by Scotty E. Kirkland, History Museum of Mobile, Curator of History

Participants are encouraged to tour the museum (also complimentary admission) immediately following the walking tour. If you have any questions about the walking tours, please contact Jacqlyn Kirkland, Museum Relations Officer, at 251-208-7652 or museumrelations@cityofmobile.org

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Alabama Tourism Department

<http://alabama.travel/trails/april-walking-tours>

April Walking Tours

<https://www.facebook.com/events/446138975544515/>