

California Avocado Tour

September 16 - 18 2019

Contacts

Do you have questions? One of the below contacts will be able to assist you.

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Date	Destination	Description
Monday 16th September	LAX accommodation	All tour participants arrive for tour departure – Tuesday 17 th September.
Accommodation	LAX	Holiday Inn – 9901 S La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045
Meals	LAX	No meals included.
Tuesday 17th September	Ventura County	
<p>No breakfast included at the Holiday Inn - please make your own arrangements.</p> <p>The bus will depart from the front of the Holiday Inn at 7am. Please ensure you are on time.</p> <p>Travel to Ventura will be approximately 1hr and 45 minutes.</p>		
8:45am - 11:00am	Brokaw Nursery 5501 Elizabeth Road, Ventura, CA 93004	Brokaw Nursery is the largest avocado nursery in California. They produce about 250,000 trees per year and are currently expanding their production to nearly 400,000 trees. This nursery developed the current standard practices for propagating clonal avocado rootstocks.
11:30am - 1:00pm	Lunch Rabalais Bistro	Unfortunately our host Tim Spann and Sal Dominguez, the host for the next stop have a pre-arranged meeting to attend. We will dine at Rabalais Bistro while they attend this meeting. Lunch is included and will be a set menu.
1:30pm - 3:30pm	Sal Dominguez 367 Hall Road, Santa Paula	Sal is a grower (40 acres) and labor contractor. He is currently the largest grower of the Gem avocado variety; a selection released from the University of California breeding program. He practices high density planting and has developed very effective pruning strategies for managing trees planted at high density.



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3:40pm - 5:30pm	Pine Tree Ranch 19455 E. Telegraph Rd, Santa Paula	Tour of Ranch and presentation on the California avocado industry. A 55 acre farm owned by California Polytechnic University Pomona. The Californian Avocado Commission leases 11 acres of the farm to use as a demonstration grove. A rootstock trial with 30 different rootstocks (approximately 2 years old), some high density plantings, and plantings on berms vs flat ground.
Accommodation	Ventura	Marriott Ventura Beach – 2055 Harbour Blvd, Ventura, CA 93001
Dinner	Dinner is included and will be served in the hotel restaurant.	
Wednesday 18th September	Ventura - Irvine	Via bus is approximately 2 hours.
Breakfast	Breakfast is included and will be served in the hotel restaurant.	
Departure time - 8:00am. Please ensure you are on time.		
8:30am - 12:00pm	Associate Insectary 1400 E. Santa Paula Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060	Associates Insectary is a grower-owned agricultural pest control cooperative based in Santa Paula, California focused on providing their grower-members with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) services. They provide pest consultations, beneficial insect releases and spray applications to protect over 6,000 acres of citrus and avocado groves owned by their Members. As a grower-owned cooperative, Associates operates on a break-even basis. Their insect rearing facilities are state of the art and something to be seen.
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch	Hotel providing packed lunch.
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Mission Produce Packinghouse 2901 Camino Del Sol, Oxnard, CA 93030	Mission Produce is the largest avocado packer in the world. Their new packing facility in Oxnard is the second largest avocado packing house in the world (second only to their facility in Peru). It is a state of the art facility with cooling and ripening rooms. They are also the only packing house in California that actually washes fruit in water.
Depart for Irvine accommodation - 2-3 hours travel depending on traffic. Expected arrival 6pm.		
Accommodation	Irvine	The Hampton Inn & Hilton Garden Inn - 27082 Towne Centre Drive, Foothill Range, CA92610. Participants will be split between both accommodations.
Dinner	Dinner is included and will be served in one of the hotel restaurants'.	



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Thursday 19th September		Irvine - LAX	Via bus is approximately 2 hours.
Breakfast	Breakfast is included and will be served in one of the hotel restaurants'.		
Departure time - 8:00am. Please ensure you are on time.			
8:30am - 11:15am	UC South Coast Field Station 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618	A University of California research station. The research station houses the avocado germplasm collection, both scion material and rootstocks.	
11:30am - 12:30pm	Lunch	Packed lunch provided for picnic.	
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Irvine Ranch 4727 Portola Pkwy, Irvine, CA 92620	Irvine Ranch was for a very long time the largest grower in California is still the largest contiguous avocado grove, about 800 acres. It's really a top notch operation and has a very interesting history.	
Depart for LAX accommodation - 2 hours travel depending on traffic. Expected arrival 4pm.			
Accommodation	LAX	Holiday Inn - 9901 S La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045	
Dinner	Dinner is included and will be served in the hotel restaurant.		
Friday 20th September	LAX - Medellín	Travel to WAC – Participant to organise.	



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