

California Ag Tour

February 5-13, 2016

★ Limited Seating ★

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RESERVATIONS DUE November 1, 2015

Reserve your seat on this exciting guided tour of California's diverse agricultural industries!

- ▶ **Please send your reservation payment of \$550 per person to:**
Ken Natzke
W4251 Porter Road
Bonduel WI 54107
- ▶ **Full payment is due January 3, 2016**
- ▶ **Limited seating - don't delay!**



Tour Cost

\$1,995.00/Person, Double Occupancy

- ▶ Add \$400.00 for single occupancy
- ▶ Includes round-trip flight from Minneapolis / St. Paul

Payment Deadlines

- ▶ **Nov. 1, 2015** – \$550 Down Payment Due
- ▶ **Jan. 3, 2016** – Full Payment Due

Your Trip Investment Includes:

- ✓ Flight from Minneapolis / St. Paul
- ✓ All travel in California
- ✓ Quality hotel rooms 8 nights
- ✓ All breakfasts
- ✓ 5 noon luncheons
- ✓ 5 dinners
- ✓ All group admissions to World Ag Expo, Salinas Valley & Henry Cowell National Park, Old Sugar Mill and Tour Guides
- ✓ Return flight from San Francisco to Minneapolis

We'll visit several family-operated dairies and business, personally visiting and see a wide variety of California's agriculture, plus enjoy great sightseeing!

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Enjoy Guided Tours of Many Unique Agricultural Sites!

- ▶ Variety of California Agricultures
- ▶ Hilmar Cheese Plant
- ▶ Family-Operated Dairies
- ▶ Almond Groves/Orange Groves
- ▶ Tour Western Milling Co., Coshen, CA
- ▶ World Agriculture Expo & Interesting California / World Agricultures
- ▶ Irrigation & Dams
- ▶ Wineries & Vineyards
- ▶ Salinas Valley – America's Salad Bowl
- ▶ Monterey Bay & Cannery Row
- ▶ Scenic Countryside
- ▶ Giant Redwood Trees
- ▶ Several Guided Tours



FEBRUARY 5, 2016 – DAY 1

- ▶ Fly Delta from Minneapolis Airport to Sacramento, arrive 8:00 p.m., bus to hotel

FEBRUARY 6, 2016 – DAY 2

- ▶ KLM Ranches, diversified farm of cherries, walnuts, grapes and artichokes
- ▶ Beef cattle operation
- ▶ Hog farm
- ▶ Lunch at Steamboat Acres. Sandwiches in barn, learn about Agri-Tourism
- ▶ Pear Packing Shed
- ▶ 3:00 p.m. Wine Sampling at the Old Sugar Mill
- ▶ 5:00 p.m. Leave for Salida, arrive at 6:30, buffet or pizza supper

FEBRUARY 7, 2016 – DAY 3

- ▶ Leave hotel 8:30 a.m. to Yosemite Jerseys
- ▶ Hillmar Cheese for tour and lunch
- ▶ Livingston - Abraham Almond & Wine Grape Farm
- ▶ Arrive at hotel by 5:00 p.m., bus driver willing to take people in to Modesto for evening (dinner, shopping)

FEBRUARY 8, 2016 – DAY 4

- ▶ Ratto Bros. Vegetable Farm, romaine lettuce, etc.
- ▶ Blue Diamond Almond packing plant
- ▶ Migliazoo Dairy
- ▶ Castle Museum, Air Force planes
- ▶ Travel to Fresno

FEBRUARY 9, 2016 – DAY 5

- ▶ Western Milling, makes 350 million tons of feed annually for mice up to giraffes
- ▶ 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. World Ag Expo

FEBRUARY 10, 2016 – DAY 6

- ▶ Tour orange grove, then off to World Ag Expo. Choose to attend second day of World Ag Expo, a day of shopping at the mall, or visit the Ag Department of a local high school to learn about their FFA and Ag program

FEBRUARY 11, 2016 – DAY 7

- ▶ Leave hotel 6:45 a.m. for Salinas Valley, arrive 8:30 a.m. at San Luis Dam Reservation for an overview of California's water challenges
- ▶ Casto de Fruta, learn about the 20 different types of almonds, enjoy fruit and food market, wine tasting, restaurants and old farm machinery
- ▶ San Juan Bautista Mission, approximately a half-hour guided tour, excellent museum of antique equipment and four homes as they were 100 years ago
- ▶ Lunch in Salinas Valley
- ▶ Meet up with Evan Oaks for an afternoon of touring Salinas Valley which grows \$4 billion of produce per year

FEBRUARY 12, 2016 – DAY 8

- ▶ Evan Oaks gives us a tour of Monterey Bay area, Bird Rock, Lover's Point, Carmel, California
- ▶ Lunch at Phil's Fish House
- ▶ Henry Cowell National Forest
- ▶ Arrive at hotel in San Francisco

FEBRUARY 13, 2016 – RETURN HOME

- ▶ Sleep in. Bus to airport for 12:00 p.m. flight to Minneapolis. Those wishing to extend their stay, transportation is available to San Francisco.

One of the best education tools is traveling!

Testimonials from Past Tours

Combining a passion for travel and the dairy industry, Ken Natzke arranges trips for dairymen to see what farming is like in other parts of the country and world.

"I'm 83 years old. This is something I can do, and I have a little knowledge about putting a trip together."

Lately, he's been taking an annual trip to California in conjunction with the World Ag Expo at Tulare held each February. This is my 12th trip to California. "There are many interesting things to see in agriculture," Natzke says.

Dave Morris agrees. He has traveled to California and Michigan with Natzke. "Dairy is definitely global. There are many different ways to care for, house and milk cows. Some people get buried in their own situation; but when you see other people's problems, successes and opportunities, it can be uplifting for yourself."

Because the California trip/tour isn't solely focused on dairy, much is learned about growing fruit, vegetables, irrigation and a different way of life. Jeff Mueller, a custom harvester and dairy farm found the trip to be a reasonable vacation. Accommodations were very good. "When you are 'tied up on the farm', you don't get a chance to get away very often. With Natzke's help, there was a chance to visit dairies and see several different aspects of agriculture."

Linda Olson from Pulaski found the variety of agriculture commodities very interesting. "Experiencing the culture and diversifications in California was what I liked best. I was able to see a different way of life."

As a tour guide, I feel the openness and hospitality that is found with Agricultural people is unmatched. Their willingness to share their opportunities and challenges, their failures and successes, and the joy they find in producing our food supply.

Jake & Rita Schot, N.C., enjoyed the awesome week we had together. "Ken definitely showed that he has been around the barn a few times. Keeping things on schedule and having a lot of open doors is what makes traveling fun. Quality of hotels was also very good."

"We still talk about the trip most everyday and were very satisfied with all we saw. We will recommend it to others. Jim and Deanna