IUFRO World Congress Pre-Congress Tour-02: Northern California: Red Wine to Redwoods

Please plan to arrive into the San Francisco or Oakland airport no later than Wednesday, October 1. If you chose to arrive earlier into the Bay area, you are responsible for your own lodging costs.

Arrival Day - October 1 – arrive at the Coral Reef Inn (see additional details below).

Tour Summary

Day 1 - Thursday, October 2
Depart Coral Reef Inn & Suites in Alameda, CA at 8:30 am. Visit the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station for an overview of this tour, the Forest Service, and current research efforts. Travel to the Napa Valley for lunch and winery tour. Continue on towards the Pacific Coast, where we will visit another winery on our way to Mendocino/Fort Bragg. We will drive through magnificent redwood forests as we approach the coast. Dress is casual touring. Lodging provided in Ft Bragg/Mendocino.

Day 2 - Friday October 3
Start the day with a field tour to the Jackson State Forest and learn more about CALFIRE redwood silvicultural trails and watershed studies. Some walking on uneven terrain will occur. Dress for the outdoors with close-toed shoes; long pants are recommended. Click here to learn more about these efforts: http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_stateforests_jackson.php. Lodging provided in Ft.Bragg/Mendocino.

Day 3 - Saturday, October 4
Enjoy a morning nature excursion along the Pacific Ocean and then return to Sacramento Airport by 3 pm. Dress is for travel with walking shoes. Bus will continue to the North Berkeley BART train for those needing transit connections in the Bay Area.

Additional Details

STARTING POINT INFORMATION:

- The tour will depart promptly at 8:30 am (PDT) on Thursday, October 2 from the Coral Reef Inn & Suites, 400 Park Street, Alameda, CA 94501, http://coralreefinn.com/.

- Susan Frankel, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, (sfrankel@fs.fed.us) will be near the front desk at 8:15 am on Thursday morning to start loading up and greet you.

- A block of rooms has been reserved for Wednesday, October 1, 2014, you do not need to make reservations. When you arrive at the Coral Reef Inn & Suites tell them you are with the “IUFRO forestry tour”. Hotel check-in time is 3 pm.

- To get to the Coral Reef Inn & Suites from Oakland or San Francisco Airport.
  - Shuttles and taxis are available. The Coral Reef Inn & Suites is 5.5 miles from the Oakland International Airport (OAK) & about 30 miles from the San Francisco International Airport (SFO).
    - Shuttles
• Super Shuttle  https://reservations.supershuttle.com/  Fare: SFO ~$39; OAK ~$20 (shared ride)
• Bayporter Express  http://www.bayporter.com/  Fare: SFO ~$41; OAK ~$23 (shared Ride)

  ▪ Taxis: Taxis are available at the airport, no reservations are required or see www.taxibayarea.com/; www.berkeleycabs.com/; www.yellowtaxicabservice.com/ 

END POINT INFORMATION – The tour ends, Saturday, October 4 at 3:00pm at the Sacramento Airport, http://www.sacramento.aero/smf/. We cannot accommodate flights from Sacramento earlier than 5 pm on Saturday, Oct. 4! The bus will continue on to Berkeley, CA and stop at the North Berkeley BART transit Station (http://www.bart.gov/) for delegates that wish to return to San Francisco or Oakland. If you plan to fly from SFO or OAK, please do not plan to depart earlier than 9:00pm, ideally plan to depart on Sunday, Oct 5 (but lodging for the night of October 4, will be at your own expense).

CONTACT INFORMATION - For questions or special needs requests, please contact:
  ▪ Susan Frankel, Tour Lead, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/programs/efh/staff/sfrankel/; sfrankel@fs.fed.us or telephone: (USA ) 510-559-6472.

LODGING – Accommodations are provided for Wed, Oct 1 (the night before the tour departs); Thursday, Oct. 2; & Friday, Oct 3. We have arranged and paid for your rooms.

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*hotels subject to change*

MEALS - All meals will be provided from October 2 lunch through October 4 lunch. Please email Susan Frankel (sfrankel@fs.fed.us) if you have any dietary restrictions. We will provide vegetarian options at all meals.