

IFYE Conference Tour Descriptions

Friday September 1, 2017

Please submit your tour choice with an X on the reservation form.
Tour costs are in addition to your Conference reservation cost.

Tour 1 – Bok Gardens and Pinewood Estate - (\$70)

Bok Tower Gardens, a National Historic Landmark, has enthralled visitors since 1929. When founder Edward W. Bok visited the area near Lake Wales, Florida, during winter retreats, he became enchanted with the beauty and vistas. From the hilltop, 298 feet above sea level, Bok marveled at serene sunsets and was inspired to preserve the area for future generations. At the center of the garden, the Singing Tower, features 60 carillon bells ranging in weight from 16 pounds to 12 tons, which play daily. Also at the heart of the garden is Pinewood Estate—a Mediterranean-style mansion built in the early 1900's. You will tour the lovely gardens and Estate and UF/IFAS Extension will present a horticulture workshop. Lunch is included choose from a pre-selected menu of chicken salad, turkey and smoked gouda cheese sandwich or a vegetarian wrap. There is a museum on the history of the gardens, Children's Garden and a gift shop. Visit <http://boktowergardens.org> and learn more about the gardens.

Tour 2 –Historic Mount Dora - (\$40)

Mount Dora is a city of about 12,500 people, located in Central Florida. It was founded in 1880, and it has everything we love in a historic small town. There are plenty of lovely old buildings, shops and boutiques, museums, restaurants, parks, and fun tours. Mt. Dora is on the shores of beautiful Lake Dora in the Harris Chain of Lakes. Join us to simply relax and escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Lots of unique shops and restaurants to explore as lunch is on your own.

Some optional things to do in Mt. Dora:

Premier Boat Tours offer eco-tours through Mount Dora's scenic canals, surrounded by ancient cypress trees and native Floridian wildlife like herons, alligators and turtles. The cost is \$28 **you will need to call 352-434-8040 in advance to make a reservation for the 11:00 AM tour**, for more information go to <http://doracanaltour.com/tourinfo>.

Visit Mount Dora Museum of Speed <http://classicdreamcars.com/THEMUSEUM.html>. Visitors can see classic cars and all kinds of Americana. The cost is \$15.

Visit <http://www.visitmoundora.com/> for pictures and recommendations of what to do in Mt. Dora

Tour 3- Lakeridge Winery / Citrus Farm – (\$ 65)

This is a two-part tour.

First stop is *Lakeridge Winery* which begins with a 15-minute video presentation which shows the growing of the Florida grapes to the wine making process and finishing with the bottling and labeling. Your personal Tour Guide will then show you the production area and the spectacular view of the vineyards where the grapes are grown and harvested. The Wine Tasting is held at the large tasting counter. The winery tour and wine tasting lasts approximately 45 minutes. Visit <http://lakeridgewinery.com>

Second tour, we will travel south to the *Showcase of Citrus*. It is a family owned and operated Estate cultivating over 70 varieties of citrus. Included is a box lunch at the grounds when we arrive. You will visit an Old Time Farm Store & Market and sample local sauces, and tasty treats before your adventure through the 2,500-acre estate on the world's largest 4 x 4 vehicle. Visit <http://showcaseofcitrus.com>