## **BENEFITS FOR DELEGATES:**

We will assist Romanian and Moldovan participants in our delegation as follows:

- Official instructions to have access in World Ag Expo for visiting exhibitors and participating in optional tours to agricultural farms
- Support from organizers: U.S. Embassy in Romania and U.S. Commercial Service Fresno U.S. Department of Commerce
- Identification of and introduction to potential U.S. partners based on each delegate's goals
- Access to the exhibition's International Trade Center: business meeting rooms & internet access
- Interpretation services for English language assistance
- Participation in agribusiness & irrigation visits in California with specialists to exchange good business practices

### TRAVEL LOGISTICS:

Delegates are responsible for their own travel arrangements and payment of the total travel cost, including appropriate travel documents (passports and visas). In the attachment there is the most competitive travel offer of Santa Clarita, California – based ARDEO Tours, LLC Travel Agency that was selected at the end of a competition of three travel packages requested from U.S. tour-operators. ARDEO Tours Offer has the lowest total cost covering flights, accomodation with breakfast included, ground transportation, travel insurance & city tours with tourism guide in California.

## NOTE ABOUT U.S. VISA APPLICATION PROCESS:

We wish to remind you that **all procedures published on the webpages of U.S. Embassies in Romania or the Republic of Moldova related to individual visa applications are the responsibility of each delegate.** Likewise, **participation in the delegation has no influence or bearing on the visa decision rendered by** <u>Consular Officers of the U.S. Embassies in Bucharest si Chisinau</u>. One of the options to be assisted in the U.S. visa application's online electronic procedures is to contact one of the specialized photo centers, such as that one located in 11th, Batistei Str., vis-à-vis of Intercontinental Hotel, Sector 2, Bucharest, Cell: +4 0724 155 912 & Tel.:+4 021 319 2669.

*PHOTO ALBUM OF 2018 ROMANIAN-MOLDOVAN AGRIBUSINESS DELEGATION TO CALIFORNIA:* https://drive.google.com/file/d/159DbKgAcqYkMKE-DpkwdOlHtpjthcyK\_/view

Contact person for details: Gabriel Popescu Commercial Specialist U.S. Commercial Service Bucharest American Embassy in Romania 4 - 6, Dr. Liviu Librescu Blvd., Sector 1, Bucharest - 015118, Romania Phone: +4 021 200 3312; Fax: +4 021 316 0690; Cell: +4 0722 467 130 E-mail: gabriel.popescu@trade.gov Website: www.export.gov/romania

#### AGENDA OF A ROMANIAN & MOLDOVAN AGRIBUSINESS DELEGATION TO CALIFORNIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE WORLD AG EXPO, TULARE, CAFORNIA (February 9 – 18, 2019)

#### DAY 1 – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019:

MorningDeparture from Henri Coanda International Airport, Otopeni - Ilfov, RomaniaLate afternoonArrival in California on Los Angeles International Airport & Transfer by van/bus to LAEveningCheck-in at a minimum 4\* hotel with breakfast included in Los Angeles, CA

#### DAY 2 – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2019:

MorningDeparture by van/bus from the hotel to meet the Romanian – American Orthodox<br/>Community in Los Angeles at the "Holy Trinity" Romanian Orthodox Church: 3315<br/>Verdugo Road, Los Angeles, CA 90065, <a href="http://biserica.org/ro/desprenoi/index.htm">http://biserica.org/ro/desprenoi/index.htm</a><br/>Transfer by van/bus for a panoramic tour of LA with English-speaking driver & guide<br/>including the following suggested points of interest: Santa Monica and Beverly Hills,<br/>Hollywood for a walk down Hollywood Boulevard with legendary Grauman's Chinese<br/>Theatre with handprints of stars in the cement, and/or other tourism attractions.EveningArrival by van/bus to the hotel in LA

#### DAY 3 – MONDAY, FEBRUARY $11^{TH}$ , 2019:

Early Morning Check out from hotel in LA & Departure by van/bus from LA to visit Kern County Water Agency for a presentation of the Cross-Valley Water Canal Project & Kern County's Water Facilities: 3200 Rio Mirada Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308, <u>www.kcwa.com</u>



<u>Noon</u>

Visit & Luncheon with Heart of Nature Company: 34710 7th Standard Rd., Bakersfield, CA 93314, <u>www.heartofnature.biz</u>





<u>Afternoon</u> Transfer by van/bus to visit Friant Water Authority operating & maintaining Friant-Kern Water Canal: 854 N. Harvard Ave., Lindsay, CA 93247, www.friantwater.org



<u>Evening</u> Transfer by van/bus & Check-in at a minimum 3\* hotel with breakfast included in Tulare or Fresno or other town between these two locations as recommended by World Ag Expo's organizers: www.worldagexpo.com/lodging-24

#### DAY 4 – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY $12^{TH}$ , 2019:

MorningDeparture by van/bus from the Hotel in Fresno to World Ag Expo in Tulare9:00 a.m.Arrival & Visit of World Ag Expo including Optional Ag Tours







- <u>5:00 p.m.</u> Transfer by van/bus from World Ag Expo to Tulare Outlets Center: 1407 Retherford Street, Tulare, CA 93274, <u>www.tulareoutletcenter.com</u>
- Evening Transfer by van/bus from Tulare Shopping Mall to the hotel

#### DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019:

Early Morning Departure by van/bus from the hotel to visit Fresno Irrigation District: 2907 S Maple Ave, Fresno, CA 93725, <u>www.fresnoirrigation.com</u>

Late Morning Transfer by van/bus from Fresno Irrigation District to visit World Ag Expo



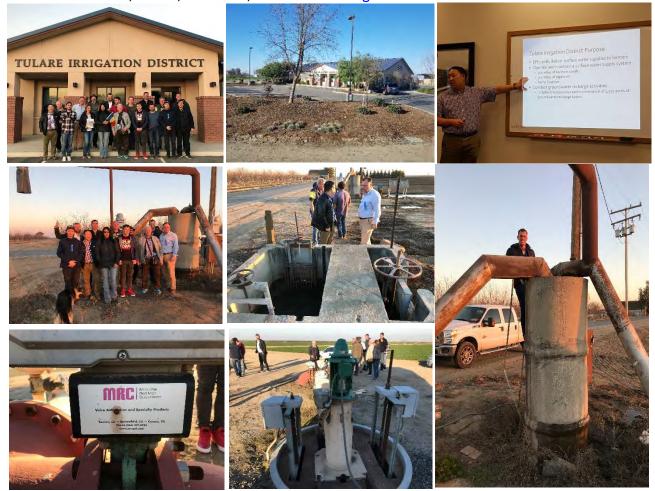
5:00 p.m. Evening Transfer by van/bus from World Ag Expo to Tulare Outlets Center Transfer by van/bus from Tulare Shopping Mall to the Hotel in Fresno

## DAY 6 – THRUSDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2019:

MorningDeparture by van/bus from the Hotel inn Fresno to World Ag Expo in Tulare9:00 a.m.Arrival & Visit of World Ag Expo including Optional Ag Tours



<u>4:00 p.m.</u> Transfer by van/bus from World Ag Expo to visit Tulare Irrigation District: 6826 Avenue 240, Tulare, CA 93274, www.tulareid.org



<u>Evening</u> Transfer by van/bus from Tulare Irrigation District to Tulare Outlets Center <u>Late Evening</u> Transfer by van/bus from Tulare Shopping Mall to the Hotel in Fresno

#### DAY 7 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019:

Early Morning Check-out from the hotel & Departure by van/bus to visit US Department of Interior – Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region - South-Central California Area Office: 1243 N Street Fresno, CA 93721, www.usbr.gov/mp/sccao

Noon

Visit & luncheon at Rubicon Water: 615 Kansas Avenue, Suite B, Modesto, CA 95351, <u>www.rubiconwater.com</u>





<u>Afternoon</u> Transfer by van/bus to visit US Department of Interior - Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region - Central California Area Main Office – Folsom Dam: 7794 Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, CA 95630, <u>www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao</u>

EveningTransfer by van/bus for an Evening City Tour of SacramentoLate EveningTransfer by van/bus & Check-in at a minimum 4\* hotel with breakfast included in SanFrancisco, CA

#### DAY 8 – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2019:

- Morning Depart by van/bus from the hotel for a panoramic tour of San Francisco Area with English-speaking driver & guide including the following suggested points of interest: Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, Nob Hill, North Beach, Haight Ashbury, Golden Gate, Lombard Street, Twin Peaks, Marin Headlands, Alcatraz Island, Sausalito, and/or other tourism attractions with a final stop to any shopping mall.
- <u>Evening</u>: Transfer by van/bus to the hotel

#### DAY 9 – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2019:

MorningDeparture by van/bus from the hotel to meet the American Orthodox Community in<br/>the Cathedral of "The Holly Virgin Mary" and "The Saint John Maximovici of San<br/>Francisco": 6210 Geary Boulevard, San Francisco, CA 94121, www.sfsobor.comAfternoonCheck out from the hotel & Transfer by van/bus from the hotel to the San Francisco<br/>International AirportEveningDeparture from USA

#### DAY 10 – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2019: Arrival in Romania

NUMBER OF DELEGATES: Minimum 10 travelers (+1 delegation leader)

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## Travel Proposal for Romanian/Moldovan Agribusiness Delegation to World AG Expo, Tulare, CA

### from Feb. 9 -18, 2019

Feb 9 (Sa) Flight with Air France (depending availability):

6.05 Bucharest – 8.30 Paris

10.20 Paris – 13.05 Los Angeles

(alternative flights with KLM, Lufthansa, British Airways)

From LAX Airport transfer to the Solarena Beach Hotel in Newport Beach (at the Pacific Ocean)

Free time







Feb 10 (Su) Romanian Orthodox Church visit and Los Angeles City Tour:

**Downtown Los Angeles**, Olvera Street Historical Place, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Catholic Cathedral, City Hall, Court Buildings (Michael Jackson, OJ Simpson)

**Hollywood**, Hollywood Walk of Fame, TCL Chinese Theatre (Handand Footprints), Dolby Theatre (Oscars 2 weeks later), Melrose Ave, Original Farmers Market

**Beverly Hills**, Rodeo Drive, Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel (Pretty Woman Hotel), Sunset Strip

Santa Monica, Pier and Beach, Venice Beach (Muscle Beach), Marina del Rey

Overnight at the LOEWS Hollywood Hotel in Hollywood







Feb 11 (Mo)Bus visits at Kern County Water, Heart of Nature and Friant WaterOvernight in the Hotel Piccadilly (Shaw Ave), Fresno





- Feb 12 (Tue) Drive to World AG Expo in Tulare, California
  Participating in the Optional Program offered
  Overnight in the Hotel Piccadilly (Shaw Ave), Fresno
- Feb 13 (Wed)Bus visit at Fresno Irrigation and drive to the World AG ExpoOvernight in the Hotel Piccadilly (Shaw Ave), Fresno
- Feb 14 (Th) Drive to World AG Expo in Tulare, California
  Participating in the Optional Program offered
  Bus visit at Tulare Irrigation District
  Afterwards going to the Tulare Outlet Center (Shopping)
  Overnight in the Hotel Piccadilly (Shaw Ave), Fresno
- Feb 15 (Fr)Bus visits at Reclammation Mid-Pacific, Rubicon, Folsom DamAmining in Community of Community City

Arriving in Sacramento we discover the City:

**Downtown Sacramento**, State Capitol, Sutter's Fort, James Marshall Park, Governor's Mansion

**Old Town Historic District**, Sacramento River, Pony Express Staue, Big Four House

**Dinner** buffet near Sacramento where also the Gold was found... is included!

Overnight on the way to San Francisco in Suisun City at the **Hampton Inn & Suites** Waterfront







Feb 16 (Sa) Drive through the Wine Country (Napa and Sonoma Valley)

Coming to **San Francisco** from the north and crossing the famous Golden Gate Bridge (Foto Stop)

Then we continue to explore San Francisco:

**Downtown San Francisco**, Union Square, China Town, Nob Hill, Little Italy, North Beach, Coit Tower, SOMA, City Hall, Financial District, Embarcadero Center

Fisherman's Wharf, Marina District, Pier 39, Cable Car Station

Golden Gate Park, Twin Peaks (weather permitting), The Presidio

**Haight Ashbury**, Beginning of Hippie Movement, Janis Joplin House, Victorian Era Homes

Free Time

Our hotel is the **Hyatt Centric at Fisherman's Wharf** with all the shops and restaurants...







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Feb 17 (Su) American Orthodox Community Cathedral visit in San Francisco, Free time (e.g. shopping @ Union Square) Bus transfer to the Airport of San Francisco (SFO) Flight with Air France (depending availability): 17.30 San Francisco – 19.07 Los Angeles 21.05 Los Angeles – 16.50 Paris 18.20 Paris – 22.10 Bucharest (alternative flights with KLM, Lufthansa, British Airways)

Feb 18 (Mo) Arrival in Romania at the Airport at 22.10 in the evening

(Changes possible, pictures from the hotels and surroundings)

#### In this business trip included:

All flights with all taxes and fees with one suitcase (up to 23 kg) and hand luggage, meet and greet in Los Angeles, transfers, 3-4 star-hotels with breakfast (double occupancy, 1x Newport Beach, 1x Hollywood, 4x Fresno, 1x Suisun City, 1x San Francisco), bus with climate, wifi, snacks and water, driverguide (Michael Hansel is requested), delegation leader is complimentary in single room, city tours, dinner buffet near Sacramento, travel insurance

**Not included** are maid service gratuities per room \$ 2/day and driverguide gratuities per person \$ 8/day. Single room supplement is Eur 80 per stay (Eur 640 extra).

ESTA-fees, World Expo AG exhibition/excursion fees and lunch/dinners are not included.

#### Trip Price:

Eur 2,400.00	(Double room, Minimum of 10 participants and delegation leader)
Eur 3,040.00	(Single room, Minimum of 10 participants and delegation leader)

## <u>Hotels</u>

## Los Angeles Hotels from Feb 9 – 11 (2 nights)

Solarena Hotel in Newport Beach (3-Stars) Close to the Pacific Ocean Beach... LOEWS Hollywood Hotel (4-Stars) Located in the heart of Hollywood near Dolby and Chinese Theatres

Fresno Hotel from Feb 11 – 15 (4 nights)

*Hotel Piccadilly* (Shaw Ave) (3-Stars) Located one hour north of World Expo AG, Tulare

## San Francisco Hotels from Feb 15 – 17 (2 nights)

Hampton Inn & Suites Suisun City Waterfront (3-Stars) After a long day with dinner in Sacramento a relaxing place northeast of SF HYATT Centric Fisherman's Wharf San Francisco (4-Stars) Located in the Fisherman's Wharf area with restaurants and shopping

(Changes possible)

## Pictures from the City Tours

## Los Angeles



## Hollywood



## Beverly Hills





## Santa Monica



## Venice Beach



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### Sacramento



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## San Francisco



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