



A Taste of Tucson – Draft Itinerary

**Travel Classics West – Pre FAM Tour
November 13-17, 2016**

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Sunday, November 13, 2016

Varies

Arrive Phoenix, overnight in Scottsdale, arrangements made by the Arizona Office of Tourism

Monday, November 14, 2016 (Sunset 5:24 pm)

RELAX & RECHARGE

8:00 am

Depart Phoenix

10:15 am – 1:30 pm

Miraval

5000 E. Via Estancia Miraval, Tucson, AZ 85739

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While at Miraval, you will take a brief tour of this award-winning destination spa, experience “All That Buzz” and enjoy lunch. Surrounded by panoramic views of the Santa Catalina Mountains, Miraval Resort & Spa is an all-inclusive destination desert oasis that caters to complete tranquility. With a focus on healthy living, guests select self-discovery and development activities, enjoy pools and culinary creations, and renew emotionally and physically at the award-winning Life in Balance Spa. The “All That Buzz” experience is led by Noel Patterson, Miraval’s resident beekeeper. He will take you through a hands-on bee experience and share his love of beekeeping with you. You’ll don a beekeeper suit, complete with gloves and gators, and join Noel at Miraval’s beehives for the truly unique opportunity to view these insects up close and personal and learn more about how they work and survive in today’s world.

2:30 – 4:30 pm **Guided tour of Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**
2021 North Kinney Rd, Tucson, AZ 85743
Contact: Kat Rumbley, Event & Group Sales Specialist
Phone: 520-883-3073
Email: krumbley@desertmuseum.org
Website: www.desertmuseum.org

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is a world-renowned zoo, natural history museum, and botanical garden all in one place! You will experience interpretive displays of living animals and plants native to the Sonoran Desert region.

5:00 pm **Approximate arrival at JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa**
3800 W. Starr Pass Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85745
Contact: Marcia Kleiman, Group Sales Manager
Phone: 520-792-3500 (general) 520-791-6048 (direct)
Email: Marcia.kleiman@marriott.com
Website: www.jwmarriottstarrpass.com

Enjoy the mountains of Arizona at JW Marriott Starr Pass Tucson Resort & Spa. Located just west of an area considered the birthplace of Tucson, AZ, this resort hotel is rich with culture, history and beauty. Experience a truly unique destination resort complete with world class spa facilities and nationally acclaimed Arizona golf courses. Fine dining and award winning restaurants further complement this one of a kind Tucson resort hotel.

7:00 pm **Welcome dinner at JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa**

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

DOWNTOWN REMIXED

9:00 am **Depart hotel**

9:30 am – 12:30 pm **Downtown Tucson Bike Tour**
215 N. Hoff Avenue, Suite 101, Tucson, AZ 85705
Contact: Jimmy Bultman
Phone: 520-488-4446
Email: tucsonbiketours@gmail.com

Website: www.tucsonbiketours.com

Tucson's historic neighborhoods are best experienced by bike. Cruise quiet streets through colorful barrios. Learn about the Old Pueblo's people and places. Ride with safe and knowledgeable guides. Get rolling! This tour will last approximately 3 hours and cover 8-9 miles of flat terrain.

12:45 – 2:15 pm **Lunch (TBD)**

2:45 – 3:45 pm **Guided tour and archival viewing at the Center for Creative Photography**
University of Arizona
1030 N. Olive Rd., Tucson, AZ 85721
Contact: Gina Compitello-Moore, Marketing Manager
Phone: 520-621-7968 (general) 520-626-7978 (direct)
Website: <http://www.creativephotography.org>

The Center for Creative Photography (CCP), established in 1975 and located on the University of Arizona campus, is a research facility and archival repository containing the full archives of over sixty of the most famous American photographers including those of Edward Weston, Harry Callahan and Garry Winogrand, as well as a collection of over 80,000 images representing more than 2,000 photographers. The center also houses the archives for Ansel Adams, including all negatives known to exist at the time of his death. The CCP collects, preserves, interprets, and makes available materials that are essential to understanding photography and its history.

4:15 pm **Approximate return to JW Marriott Starr Pass**

5:30 pm **Depart**

6:00 pm **Cooking Class followed by dinner at The Carriage House**
125 S. Arizona Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701
Contact: Norma Gentry
Email: ngentry@pvinc.net
The Carriage House Phone: 520-615-6100
The Carriage House Website: <http://carriagehousetucson.com/>

Chef Janos Wilder is a James Beard Award Winning Chef with a long, culinary history in Tucson. He owns and operates Downtown Kitchen and recently opened the Carriage House for special events, cooking classes and Dim Sum Sundays. It is conveniently located adjacent to Wilder's DOWNTOWN Kitchen + Cocktails. This evening's cooking class will be taught by Judith Baigent King, owner and creator of Culinary Concepts – An Extraordinary Cooking School. Trained in the culinary arts in her native New Zealand, Europe and the US, Judith has taught cooking Internationally for most of her career.

Overnight JW Marriott Starr Pass

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

THE SOUL OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

8:00 – 9:50 am **Guided tour at San Xavier Farm Co-op**
8100 S. Oidak Wog, Tucson, AZ 85746
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The San Xavier Cooperative Association (SXCA) Wild Foods Community Harvest Program works with the local community to learn how to harvest, process and prepare traditional wild Sonoran desert foods in a cultural and environmentally healthy way. This program provides hands on training to easily incorporate these foods into a daily routine for the health and well-being of everyone. This program also provides an opportunity for tribal members to sell these foods through the SXCA Farm distribution channels provides income and stimulates economic development around these healthy foods in San Xavier. www.sanxaviercoop.org

10:00 – 11:15 am **Guided tour of Mission San Xavier del Bac**
1950 West San Xavier Road, Tucson, AZ 85746
Phone: 520-294-2624
Fax: 520-294-3438
Website: www.patronatosanxavier.org

This active Franciscan mission located on the Tohono O'Odham Indian Reservation has been dubbed the "Sistine Chapel of North America." The pristine exterior and intricate interior have undergone careful restoration and garnered national attention in recent years.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **Lunch (TBD)**

12:45 – 1:45 pm **Tour of Hamilton Distillers - Whiskey del Bac**
2106 N. Forbes Blvd. #103, Tucson, AZ 85745
Phone: 520-628-9244
Website: www.hamiltondistillers.com

After years of crafting furniture that was authentic, lasting, and handmade – wood kiln dried in house, furniture assembled with mortise and tenon joints, and finished with hand applied oil and wax – there was never any question or contemplation that Hamilton's whiskeys would be made otherwise. They do everything right in house. They malt their own barley, and they mash, ferment, distill, barrel and bottle under one roof. After learning that so many "craft" or "artisan" American whiskeys actually come from the same mega-distillery in Indiana, they especially are proud to say they do it all themselves. It's as real as it could ever be.

2:00 pm **Check into Hacienda Del Sol Guest Ranch Resort**
5501 N. Hacienda Del Sol Road, Tucson, AZ 85718
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Website: <http://www.haciendadelsol.com/>

In the heart of the foothills, experience the authenticity of the Desert Southwest. Where historic elegance meets modern and relaxed luxury. Elevated north of the city, Hacienda Del Sol is a relaxing refuge with breathtaking views and a storied history. Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn slept here. Hacienda Del Sol is included in the National Registry of Historic Places in Arizona and a member of Historic Hotels of America.

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Choice of spa treatment or horseback ride**

7:00 pm **Farewell dinner – Hacienda Del Sol**

Thursday, November 17, 2016

8:30 am **Depart for Omni Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Montelucia and the Travel Classics West Conference.**

10:45am: Approximate arrival in Scottsdale