



American Horticultural Society  
2019 President's Council Trip



# TUCSON, ARIZONA

February 19–23, 2019



The 2019 AHS President's Council (PC) Trip offers an exceptional winter getaway to Tucson, Arizona. PC members are invited to join AHS President & CEO Beth Tuttle for this exclusive tour of gardens, and prominent sites of botanical and historical significance. The itinerary includes behind-the-scenes visits led by expert guides to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, the Controlled Environment Agricultural Center at the University of Arizona, Mission Garden Project in the historic San Agustín Mission, Tohono Chul, San Javier del Bac Mission in the Tohono O'odham reservation, and Tucson Botanical Gardens, as well as a selection of the area's most intriguing private gardens.

The historic Arizona Inn resort will serve as our luxurious home base for this exciting tour. Built in 1930 by Arizona Congresswoman Isabella Greenway, the Inn is still owned and operated by its founding family and continues to fulfill its original mission as a sophisticated desert retreat offering its guests comfort, privacy, quiet, and sunshine. The combination of history, antiques, and architecture, has earned the Inn a listing on the National Register of Historic Places and a reputation as one of the best hotels in the world.

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## *Itinerary Highlights*

### **Tuesday, February 19 (D)**

- Individual arrivals
- Reception and welcome dinner at the Arizona Inn with Dr. Merle Jensen, Professor Emeritus of Plant Life Sciences at the University of Arizona



### **Wednesday, February 20 (B, L, D)**

- Breakfast at the Arizona Inn
- We begin our trip at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, a world-renowned zoo, natural history museum, and botanical garden, all in one. Then we head to the San Javier del Bac Mission, a historic mission in the Tohono O'odham reservation.
- Enjoy lunch and tour the Tucson Botanical Gardens with its executive director, Michelle Conklin, and explore 17 residential-size gardens and artist Robert Wick's Living Bronze Sculptures, metal works that incorporate living plants.
- Visit the historic home and garden of Davidson Perry-Miller for a glimpse of "Old Tucson."
- Dine at El Charro Restaurant, the oldest family-operated Mexican restaurant in the United States, and visit the Old Town Artisans.



### **Thursday, February 21 (B, L, D)**

- Breakfast at the Arizona Inn
- This morning, we visit the University of Arizona Campus Arboretum. Then we will continue our tour at the Controlled Environment Agricultural Center at the University of Arizona with Dr. Merle Jensen.
- Travel to Summer Haven on Mt. Lemmon and enjoy lunch. Dr. Christine Flanagan will be our guide as our luxury coach takes us up 9,000 feet of Mt. Lemmon, which spans seven distinct ecological zones from the Sonoran Desert scrub to the Canadian subalpine coniferous forest.
- Visit the mid-20th-century modern home of Doug Harbaugh and Doug Striggow complete with a fully restored Airstream trailer on the property outfitted with 1950s décor—all surrounded by a magnificent cactus collection.



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- Enjoy dinner at Café a la Cart at the Tucson Museum of Art in the El Presidio Historic District.

### **Friday, February 22 (B, L, D)**

- Breakfast at the Arizona Inn
- Start our day at the Mission Garden Project, a re-creation of the Spanish Colonial walled garden that was part of Tucson's historic San Agustin Mission. The garden features heirloom Sonoran Desert-adapted fruit orchards and vegetable gardens interpreting 4,000 years of agriculture in Tucson.
- We depart to visit the garden of Debbie Burris, President of the Desert Garden Club, which includes desert tortoise and monarch butterfly habitats. Afterwards, we will tour Tohono Chul, a proud member of our Reciprocal Admissions Program, and break for lunch.
- Visit the home of Jo and Corey Smith, which is located in the foothills of the Arizona mountains and is a showcase for desert plants.
- Finish our time together with a grand finale banquet at the Hacienda Del Sol.

### **Saturday, February 23 (B)**

- Breakfast at the Arizona Inn
- Individual departures

