

2018 IFTA Summer Tour Kelowna, British Columbia Coast Capri Hotel July 22-25, 2018

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

"I attended the tour in 1993 and it changed my farm forever". The apple growers in BC were the first in North America to plant high density (2000 trees / acre) and super spindle. How do they manage vigor and croplod? - Rod Farrow

Let's find out together at the IFTA tour this summer.



Coast Capri Hotel
Reservations: (Room Block
Expires July 2nd)

1-800-663-1144

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Registration Fees: \$300

Companion Tour \$225

Monday - The tour will start with stops at the Summerland Research station. Participants will see NC -140 trial work, as well as learn what is new fruit research and fruit breeding. New / Old Cherry varieties will be talked about, along with tastings. Picturesque super spindle orchards of Ambrosia and Pink Lady fill the afternoon. Then on to a cider stop for orchard tour and tasting.

Tuesday will allow you to focus on cherries or apples, AgroTourism and cideries - The cherry tour will visit Coral Beach farms. Several stops there will touch on cherry production, training and harvesting. A quick apple stop in the morning to refocus you, then back to high density cherries, V-Trellis. Ending the cherry day will be a tour of the BC Tree Fruits Export cherry packing line.

Not into cherries! - Then board the apple tour buses. You will whisked away to Vernon to visit high density HoneyCrisp and Ambrosia blocks in the morning. Hear how successful it can be to market and sell your own fruit. The afternoon will go to super spindle blocks and an expanding family cidery. The apple tour will then join up with the cherry tour buses at BC Tree Fruits. Tour the BC Tree Fruit "Broken Ladder" cidery facility along with tastings, or join in on the BC Tree Fruit Export cherry packing line tour.

Wednesday the tours will stay close to Kelowna when we visit Ambrosia, Honeycrisp and Gala orchards with several different training systems.

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