

2026 IPPS International Tour

hosted by Eastern Region North America



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Friday 11 September 2026 LONG TOUR BEGINS

- Arrive at Host Hotel: Embassy Suites by Hilton 12 6th Street Minneapolis, MN 55402
- 5-6pm: Happy Hour at Hotel
- 6-9pm: Group dinner in downtown Minneapolis, MN

Saturday 12 September 2026

- 6-8am: Breakfast at Embassy Suites Minneapolis
- 9-10:30am Bachman's Floral, Home & Garden
- 11:30-1:30pm: Lunch on your own at Mall of America
- 2-3:30pm: Gerten's Greenhouses
- 6-9pm: Group dinner on Paddleford Riverboat

Sunday 13 September 2026

- 6-8am: Breakfast at Embassy Suites Minneapolis
- 9-10am: Minneapolis Sculpture Garden
- 11-5pm: Lunch and Tour at Bailey Nurseries
- 6-8pm: Group dinner at Bailey Nurseries

Monday 14 September 2026

- 6-8am: Breakfast at Embassy Suites Minneapolis
- 12-4pm: Lunch and Tour of Taliesin East
- 5:30: Arrive at Host Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn 770 Regent Street Madison, WI 53703
- Dinner on your own in downtown Madison, WI (attendees to cover cost)

Tuesday 15 September 2026

- 6-9am: Breakfast at Hilton Garden Inn Madison
- 9:30-1pm: Lunch and tour at Knight Hollow Nursery
- 2-4pm: Olbrich Botanical Gardens
- 4:40-6:30pm: Epic Systems
- 7-9pm: Group dinner at Sugar River Pizza

Wednesday 16 September 2026

- 6-8:30am: Breakfast at Hilton Garden Inn Madison
- 9-11am: University of Wisconsin Arboretum
- 11:30-12:30pm: Lunch at U of W Memorial Union
- 1-2:30pm: Allen Centennial Garden
- 2:30-3:30pm: DC Greenhouses
- 3:30-4pm: Babcock Ice-cream and Dairy
- 6-9pm: Group dinner at Red

Thursday 17 September 2026

- 6-8am: Breakfast at Hilton Garden Inn Madison
- 9-10:15am: McKay Nursery (snacks and coffee provided)
- 11:30-1:30pm: Lunch and Tour at Johnson's Nursery
- 2:15-4pm: Harley Davidson Museum
- 6pm: Arrive at host hotel: Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile 511 North Columbus Drive Chicago, IL 60611
- Short Tour Attendees Arrive
- 6-7pm: Happy Hour at Hotel
- 7-10pm: Group dinner in downtown Chicago, IL

Friday 18 September 2026 **SHORT TOUR BEGINS**

- 6-8am: Breakfast at Embassy Suites Chicago
- 9-11am: The Morten Arboretum
- 12-3pm: Lunch and tour at Midwest Groundcovers
- 3:30-7:30pm: Dinner and tour at Ball Horticultural Company

Saturday 19 September 2026

- 6-8am: Breakfast at Embassy Suites Chicago
- 8-1:30pm: International Board Meeting
- 8-1:30: Free morning for non-board members to explore Millenium Park, Lurie Garden, and more
- 2-3:30pm: Chicago River Architecture Tour
- 5-6pm Happy Hour at Hotel
- Dinner on your own in downtown Chicago, IL (attendees cover costs)

Sunday 20 September 2026

- 6-8am: Breakfast at Embassy Suites Chicago
- 9-1pm: Lunch and tour at the Chicago Botanic Garden

- 4pm: Arrive at FINAL hotel: Amway Grand Plaza 187 Monroe Ave NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- 6-7pm: Happy Hour at Hotel
- 7-9pm: International Banquet

Monday 21 September 2026

- 6-8am: Breakfast at Amway Grand Plaza Grand Rapids
- 8-11am: International Committee Meetings
- 8-11am: Free morning for non-board members to explore Art Prize in Grand Rapids, MI and other sites
- 12-2pm: Lunch and tour at Garden Solutions
- 3-5pm: Tour at Hortech Inc.
- 5-8pm: Group dinner and stand-up comedy by Rick Vuyst at Hortech Inc.

Tuesday 22 September 2026 EASTERN REGION PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR

- 6-8am: Breakfast at Amway Grand Plaza Grand Rapids
- 8-5pm: Eastern Region Pre-Conference Tours (lunch included)
- 6pm: Welcome Reception at hotel
- Dinner on your own in downtown Grand Rapids, MI (attendees cover cost)

Wednesday 23 September 2026 EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE BEGINS

- 6-8am: Breakfast at Amway Grand Plaza Grand Rapids
- 8-5pm: Eastern Regional Annual Conference begins with all-day education sessions and silent auction (lunch included)
- Dinner on your own in downtown Grand Rapids, MI (attendees cover cost)

Thursday 24 September 2026

- 6-8am: Breakfast at Amway Grand Plaza Grand Rapids
- 8am-5pm: All day tours (lunch included)
- 5-8pm: Banquet and Live Auction at Spring Meadow Nursery

Friday 25 September 2026

- 6-8am: Breakfast at Amway Grand Plaza Grand Rapids
- 8am-12:30pm: Educational Sessions
- 12:30pm Conference Concludes
- Fly out of Grand Rapids, Michigan (GRR) after 12:30 pm Eastern Time
- *Anyone wishing to extend their stay in Eastern Region please contact Liz for suggestions Liz@knightollownursery.com*