



Post Conference Study Tour to China, October 2008 2008 International Citrus Congress, Wuhan China - ACG / HAL Travel Project

Following on from the 2008 Australian Citrus Industry Conference on the 13 - 15 October 2008 in Griffith NSW, the 11th International Citrus Congress will be held in Wuhan, China from 26 - 30 October 2008. The theme of the international congress is Diversity and Development with sessions covering a wide range of topics including orchard management, cultivar development, nutrition, pest and diseases, post-harvest physiology, economics, trade and marketing.

The Congress is an important four year event which offers the industry great opportunity to network with citrus researchers and industry members on an international scale, gauge future outlooks for citrus, and witness firsthand how China's increasing influence will impact on citrus in a global capacity. For further information on the congress visit <http://icc2008.hzau.edu.cn/invitation.html>.

To facilitate attendance at the Congress, Australian Citrus Growers has initiated a project with Horticulture Australia Limited to part fund (\$1,000 / person) the cost of attendance for 20 persons associated with the Australian Citrus industry.

This funding is to assist with the airfare and applicants can either make their own travel arrangements or participate in study tours such as the one organised by Mike Arnold to coincide with the Congress. Details of Mike's tour are available from the ACG website and a summary itinerary is enclosed.

Persons interested in taking up this opportunity should submit an Expression of Interest in attending the Congress / study tour. Successful applicants will receive a travel bursary of \$1,000 (subject to standard HAL Voluntary Contributions funding requirements).

To achieve a balance in representation at the Citrus Congress participants will be drawn equally from three categories. These are: (1) Growers and other citrus supply chain participants; (2) Researchers and support industry persons; and (3) Industry representative bodies.

Successful applicants will be required to assist with preparing a report for their category group which will be submitted to ACG to prepare the Report to HAL. Participants may also be requested to present the report to relevant industry forums.

Expressions of Interest application forms can be obtained from ACG and is also included on the last page of this document. Completed applications should be no more than one page and include:

1. Full name and contact details,
2. Details of involvement in citrus industry activities,
3. Reasons why the applicant and / or the industry would benefit from their selection to participate on the Congress / study tour.
4. Category under which applicant is applying.

A maximum of 20 applicants will be funded. The applications will be considered in confidence by a panel drawn from HAL and ACG.

Expressions of interest should be submitted to ACG by July 15, 2008. Successful applicants will be notified by July 31, 2008.

For further information contact ACG or visit www.australiancitrusgrowers.com.

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ICC2008 CITRUS CONGRESS with Michael Arnold
16 OCTOBER – 06 NOVEMBER

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Flight – alternative departures Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Brisbane

Thu 16 Oct 2008 at 7:00am Depart from **ADELAIDE** (MAIN TERMINAL)
Thu 16 Oct 2008 at 9:20am Arrive at **SYDNEY** (TERMINAL 3 DOMESTIC)

Flight

Thu 16 Oct 2008 at 10:25am Depart from **SYDNEY** (TERMINAL 1 INTERNATIONAL)
Thu 16 Oct 2008 at 6:05pm Arrive at **SHANGHAI PU DONG** (TERMINAL 2)

16 Oct: Fly during the day with Qantas Airways from Australia to Shanghai

16 Oct: Arrive Shanghai and transfer directly to Hangzhou, and check into the hotel based on arrival in Hangzhou.

17 Oct: Hangzhou

Technical / grower visits including the Citrus cultivation area in Taizhou, Huangyan, mandarin cultivation area and mandarin canning factory in Huangyan (over the 2 days in Hangzhou).

18 Oct: Hangzhou

Additional touring included: Hangzhou city tour including West Lake, Lingyin Temple, Yue Tomb, Six Harmonies Pagoda, Tea Garden and Silk Museum.

19 Oct: Hangzhou/Chongqing

Take the flight from Hangzhou to Chongqing (1040/1240), and check into the hotel based on arrival in Chongqing.

20 Oct: Chongqing

Technical / growers visits including the Citrus Research & institute of Chongqing & the Citrus Orchards & Citrus Products Factory (in Zhongxian County over the two days in Chongqing).

21 Oct: Chongqing

Additional touring included: Chongqing tour including Eling Park, the earliest private garden in Chongqing, iconic imagery People's Square Hall, and Chaotianmen Square, in the evening (around 21:00) Pre-board the Victoria cruise for the Yangtze tour.

22 Oct: Yangtze cruise

23 Oct: Yangtze cruise

24 Oct: Yichang – Wuhan

Arrive Yichang and transfer to Wuhan by coach (4.5H), and check into hotel based upon arrival.

25 Oct - 30 Oct: Wuhan & the Congress - ICC2008 Citrus Congress arrangements

Lake View Garden Hotel

31 Oct: Wuhan – Guilin

The day is at leisure in Wuhan due to the late flight to Guilin (due to flight schedules -2220/2335). Check into the hotel based upon arrival.

01 Nov: Guilin

Technical/ grower visits including Citrus Research Institute, where clients can enjoy a simple communication with the researchers, visit citrus gardens and local fruit markets.

02 Nov: Guilin

Visits the *Liusanjie Tea terrace*

03 Nov: Guilin

Li River cruise – full day from Guilin to Yangshuo. Evening performance of the Liusanjie Impressions (good seats).

04 Nov: Yangshuo

Day for visits with local growers.

05 Nov: Guilin

Return to Guilin, on the way visits the Liangfeng farmland, where the clients can do a simple communication with the local growers.

06 Nov: Flight Guilin to Shanghai & connection on to the overnight flight to Australia.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION / Beijing & the Great Wall

06 Nov: Guilin to Beijing for two nights & including a full day touring to the Great Wall – Mutianyu section.

08 Nov: Morning tour to Ti'anmen Square the Heavenly Palace. Afternoon flight via Shanghai & connecting with Qantas to Australia (overnight)

Flight – main group

Thu 06 Nov 2008 at 8:20pm Depart from **SHANGHAI PU DONG** (TERMINAL 2)
Fri 07 Nov 2008 at 10:10am Arrive at **SYDNEY** (TERMINAL 1 INTERNATIONAL)

Flight

Fri 07 Nov 2008 at 12:35pm Depart from **SYDNEY** (TERMINAL 3 DOMESTIC)
Fri 07 Nov 2008 at 2:15pm Arrive at **ADELAIDE** (MAIN TERMINAL)
End of the tour.

EXPECTED COSTS: (please use as a guide as group numbers will affect the final costing)

Land & air package (16 October – 06 November):

Based upon a minimum of 24 passengers (the cost will be reassessed should the group number be less).

Fluctuations in the rate of exchange (AUD – USD) will affect the tour cost.

AUD4852.00 / per person for twin share or double room + air taxes *

AUD650/ per person for single supplement

• Air taxes are currently **\$445.00 per person** (Adelaide / Sydney / Shanghai / Melbourne / Adelaide)
(Great Wall Extension cost to be advised)

Additional costs:

CONGRESS REGISTRATION FEES:

Delegates USD450

Delegates: The registration fee for delegates includes free admission to all congress sessions / exhibitions, reception dinner, five lunches during congress days, coffee breaks, farewell party, one day city tour, an abstract book, the final program, and the Proceedings of the ISC (ICC2008) (this book will be posted to delegates after the congress).

Accompanying guests USD170

The registration fee for accompanying guests includes free admission to opening ceremony, reception dinner, farewell party & one day city tour.

Alternatives:

This journey could be broken into three parts – **pre congress, congress & post congress** – we can work out a costing for any part if that is preferred. The Nurseryman's Conference can also be costed to suit your requirements.

Optional touring – pre & post tour:

Prior to the commencement of this tour is the proposed **ISCN (Citrus Nurseryman's Conference)** at Chongqing – 19 – 22 October (pre conference touring) & 22 - 26 October (conference). Please let us know if we can assist with including this in your program.

From Guilin tour members may choose to travel to other parts of China – Xian, Lijiang, Shanghai or even to Hong Kong. Please contact our office for ideas on touring extensions.

For further information including the full itinerary and terms & conditions please visit the ACG website or contact either:

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Expression of Interest application form

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Category under which applicant is applying <i>(please supply full details of role/position within relevant category)</i> (1) Growers and other citrus supply chain participants (2) Researchers and support industry persons (3) Industry representative bodies.	

Please return completed application form to ACG by email raylene.kemp@australiancitrusgrowers.com; fax 03 5023 3877 or PO Box 5091, Mildura VIC 3502. Completed applications must be received no later than 15 July 2008 in order to be considered.

(Successful applicants will be required to submit a voluntary contribution of \$1,500 to secure funding which will be returned together with the matched funds of \$1,000 – a payment total of \$2,500. This is as per standard HAL Voluntary Contributions funding requirements)