

SALINAS VALLEY AGRICULTURAL, CULINARY & WINE TASTING TOUR

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009

1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Salinas Valley Agricultural, Culinary and Wine Tasting Tour

Come enjoy a wonderful afternoon in beautiful Salinas Valley, otherwise known as the "Salad Bowl of the World," touring the local area's fresh vegetable farms and wineries. We will visit Pezzini Farms for artichokes, Gabilan View Farms for strawberries and Ventana Vineyards for wine tasting. Throughout the tour, we will discuss the relationship of the local hospitality/culinary industry to Monterey County's world famous agriculture and wine industries. You will also visit The Farm. This unique agricultural showcase consists of an education center, demonstration farm, produce stand and recreation destination. A favorite of families, school programs and gardening enthusiasts, it is designed to tell the story of contemporary farming amidst the majestic surroundings of California's Central Coast.

- What to expect:** A relaxing drive through verdant valley and hillsides. It may include walking through vineyards & artichoke crops.
- Departing From:** Portola Hotel & Spa by the Trellis Fountain
- Time:** 1:00 PM promptly
- Where To:** Castroville via Highway One and cut over to Salinas Valley before returning along Highway 68
- What to Wear:** Resort casual with a light jacket or sweater, comfortable shoes for walking outside in the fields
- What to Bring:** A camera, sunscreen, a bottle of water. You may want to purchase some wine at the Ventana Vineyards Tasting room.