



DRAFT Agenda
2024 IFAJ Exposure-4-Development Tour
25 September to 5 October, 2024
As of June 28, 2024

Please note: This is a DRAFT agenda. Many stops remain to be confirmed. There WILL BE changes between now and the tour dates.

Day 1—Wednesday 25 September
Arrival day, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Arrive Ho Chi Minh City
Check in at hotel near Tan Son Nhat Airport
Welcome Dinner

Day 2—Thursday 26 September
Đồng Tháp Province.

Aquaculture tour day hosted by the U.S. Soybean Export Council

Tour of the seafood section of the wet market in the Bình Chánh District of Ho Chi Minh City.

Visit Vietnam's largest aquaculture feed mill and the country's largest pangasius processing plant, located in Cao Lãnh City, Đồng Tháp Province.

Day 3—Friday 27 September
Cần Thơ Province

Farm Cooperative:

- Presentation by IRRI scientists on International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) innovations and technologies in Mekong River Delta

- Circular economy: mushroom production in rice straw, using organic fertilizer from straw compost
- Low-emission rice cultivation practices

International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)

- Mechanized rice seeding demo (to be confirmed)
- Field experiments on greenhouse gases in rice

Visit fruit garden

Day 4—Saturday 28 September

Tien Giang Province and return to Ho Chi Minh City

Visits to fruit production farms (dragon fruit, pomelo, durian)

Return to Ho Chi Minh City

Day 5—Sunday 29 September

Transfer to Chiang Mai, Thailand

Early morning flight to Chiang Mai via Bangkok

Settle into hotel, visit street food markets

Possible: Learn to prepare Thai dinner at on-farm cooking school

Day 6—Monday 30 September

Chiang Mai area

Vegetable seed breeding

- R&D and breeding in vegetable seed production for Thai farm conditions
- Farmer education/technology transfer discussion
- Meet smallholder farmers in Young Smart Farmer program
- Demonstration farm
- Vegetable processor and/or farm

Organic vegetable production farm visit

Travel to Chiang Rai

Day 7—Tuesday 1 October
Chiang Rai

Coffee visit: university researcher in coffee production
Visit to Cup of Excellence-winning coffee farm in Doi Chang

Traditional dinner and overnight stay in hill tribe (Akha or Karen) village

Day 8—Wednesday 2 October
Chiang Rai Region

Explore organic, free-range egg production and marketing, and the social program behind this effort to create opportunities for marginalized villages.

Possible tour of sustainable rice initiative sites, including discussions of expanded crop rotations, integrated pest management, greenhouse gas reductions:

- Rice farmer perspectives
- NGO, government, corporate and CropLife International participants
- Farmer training/technology transfer

Travel to Bangkok

Day 9—Thursday 3 October

Meetings with government officials on international trade with Thailand

Dairy farm near Bangkok

Day 10—Friday 4 October
East of Bangkok

Precision farming practices in rice—including drones, integrated pest management, low-carbon ag technologies—experiment station and/or farms

Rice and vegetable experiment station

Return to Bangkok; farewell dinner

Day 11—Saturday 5 October
Depart from Bangkok