# IEEE PES SUBSTATIONS COMMITTEE 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMPANION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

# **MONDAY, MAY 19**

# Companion Tour 1: A Taste of Portland Walking Tour 10:00am-1:00pm

Discover Portland the green and eco-friendly way. This award-winning walk clarifies why Portland is regularly recognized as one of the best places to live. By the end of our walk, you'll want to move here too. You'll hear about early and modern Portland as your guide shows you an enlightened city rich with artwork, parks,

bridges, downtown trains & streetcars, fountains and friendly people. Even locals are amazed and entertained by what they learn. This walk meanders through the most fascinating portions of the city, leading eventually to the waterfront. This tour earned the Best Tour from Citysearch and Willamette Week's award for "Best Way to Fake Being a Native."



At the conclusion of today's walking tour, your guide will take you to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets to experience another phenomenon. With over 700 food carts and food trucks spread across the city, it's no wonder that USA Today named Portland the best food cart city in the world, even ahead of Singapore. Taste for yourself as your guide divulges the inside scoop on why Portlanders form block-long queues to the 400+ tiny tasting trucks dotting the cityscape, serving an incredible

diversity of international and creative cuisines. No longer the province of pretzels and hot dogs, local foodivores offer flavor temptations ranging in reach from African to Venezuelan, Cajun to Chicago-style and Maine to Malibu.



#### Details:

Tour Starting Point: The Nines Hotel

Tour Ending Point: 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Streets (between Alder and Washington Streets)

Duration: 3 hours (including lunch stop)

Walking Distance: Less than 1 ½ miles (no hills or steep steps)

Lunch: At your own expense

**Itinerary:** 

9:45am Group gathers in lobby of hotel

10:00am Depart hotel on foot with Walking Guide(s)

Tour Portland's neighborhoods & grab lunch at the food carts

1:00pm Approximate return time to The Nines

# **TUESDAY, MAY 20**

# Companion Tour 2: "Green Grapes" – A Sustainable Winery Tour 9:30am-4:00pm

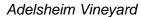
The Willamette Valley is recognized as one of the premier wine producing areas in the world. It is most widely known for its award winning Pinot noir, but consistently earns top honors for other such cool-climate varieties as Pinot gris, Dijon clone Chardonnay and Pinot blanc. Today's tour takes a "green" approach to grapes by choosing environmentally friendly transportation and vineyards with sustainability programs. Step aboard the Eco-Shuttle minicoach as they partner with the Carbon Neutral Challenge, a voluntary effort by Oregon wineries and vineyards to measure, track, and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and overall environmental impact, with the ultimate goal of becoming carbon neutral.

Visits and tastings include:

## Stoller Vineyard

Located in the heart of Oregon's Willamette Valley in the Dundee Hills, Stoller Vineyards uniquely offers world class wines and genuine hospitality in a stunning setting. Owners Bill and Cathy Stoller purchased the nearly 400 acre property, which was originally his family's turkey farm, in 1993 and crafted the winery's inaugural Pinot Noir in 2001. Their vision of innovation blending vineyard stewardship with environmental sustainability was recognized in 2006 when

Stoller became the first LEED® certified winemaking facility in the United States attaining the rare Gold level certification. Today, the winery features panoramic views including Mt. Hood as the property spans 373 acres. A private tour and tasting is included.





As one of Oregon's founding wineries, their history is long and varied. From planting the first vineyard in the early 1970's to farming 237 acres in the north Willamette Valley today, a great deal of learning, experimentation and collaboration has contributed to the company's and the region's success. At Adelsheim, every member of the organization is committed to treading lightly on the earth so that their vineyards, wines, and people will be around for as long as their wines are in demand. A private tasting is included.

Lunch today is included at Dundee's hottest new venue—Babica Hen Café. Chef / owner Joe Buck chose a hen to honor the "hen with a heart" that sat in his grandmother's kitchen. Babica Hen is a kitchen that produces fresh, from scratch meals sourcing the bounty of the northwest.

The eggs are local and farm fresh as is the pasture raised pork and all-natural beef. Baked goods are prepared from scratch in house and sausage, batters, and sauces are all house made. Enjoy a menu crafted from quality ingredients prepared with care along with an extensive wine bottle list and varied glass pour offerings.

#### Details:

Tour Starting & Ending Point: The Nines Hotel

Duration: 6 ½ hours (including lunch stop)

Lunch: INCLUDED

Itinerary:

9:15am Group gathers in lobby of hotel

9:30am Depart hotel via Eco Shuttle for winery tour

Tour & Tasting at Stoller Vineyards, Dayton Luncheon at Babica Hen Restaurant, Dundee Tasting at Adelsheim Vineyard, Newberg

4:00pm Approximate return time to The Nines

# **WEDNESDAY, MAY 21**

# Companion Tour 3: Exclusive Access: Sports & Apparel Giants 9:30am-3:30pm

Today you are the MVP as you are granted **exclusive non-public access to a behind the scenes tour at Nike**, one of the world's leading sports and apparel companies! This tour also includes a stop at the Columbia Sportswear employee store for shopping were you will enjoy **exclusive employee discounts of 50% or more** on Columbia, Mountain Hardware, Sorel, among other brands.

First, Portland is home to Nike's World headquarters campus, which reflects the innovative spirit, values and pride of a global sports company. From leading-edge sports research labs, footwear and apparel design facilities, multiple sporting venues, to highly-touted childcare and pre-school



centers, Nike campus life reflects the company's value and interest in its employee's career growth and balance of work and family. Learn about Nike's history; before there was the Swoosh, before there was Nike, there were two visionary men who pioneered a revolution in athletic footwear that redefined the industry. In 1964, two men shook hands to form Blue Ribbon Sports, pledged \$500 each and placed their first order of 300 pairs of shoes. And the

rest is sports history! Today's visit is guided by an insider and includes a tour of the campus and its many facilities. Nike's WHQ is truly a city within a city.

Lunch is planned at nearby Imbrie Hall, named for the family that settled the site in the 1840s. Fashioned from a wonderful array of vintage and storied pieces, it looks like a century-old barn. But under its exposed beams, rafters and columns you'll find booths, barstools, wood stoves, antique signs and plank floors that add to the pub's rural character.

Continue on to Columbia Sportswear headquarters. Established in 1938, Columbia Sportswear has over 70 years of experience making clothing and gear to help get you outside and keep you comfortable once you're there.



Chairman Gert Boyle's parents — German nationals who fled Nazi Germany in 1938 — purchased a small hat company upon their arrival in Portland and named it Columbia Hat Company, after the river that inspired their new home. But this family business has gone global. Today you will be granted exclusive access to the Columbia employee store. Here you will enjoy deep discounts, 50% or more, on all of Columbia's many brands. You will also have computer access on site to order from Columbia, get the employee discount, and have your items shipped to your home if you prefer.

### Details:

Tour Starting & Ending Point: The Nines Hotel

Duration: 6 hours (including lunch stop)
Lunch: At your own expense

Itinerary:

9:15am Group gathers in lobby of hotel
9:30am Depart hotel via minicoach

Exclusive Behind the Scenes Tour of Nike World Headquarters

Lunch at Imbrie Hall in Hillsboro

Visit Columbia Employee Store for exclusive discounts

3:30pm Approximate return time to The Nines