



CALFEST BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR 2020 PASADENA ROSE PARADE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What time do we have to be there on December 29th? We're meeting in the Fairfield Inn Suites lobby at 5:00 pm for transportation to the Fiesta Parade Floats Tour and VIP Party. **It's urgent that everyone is on time for each of the events in order to stay on schedule.**

Which airport is most convenient to the hotel? The Ontario International Airport in Ontario, CA is the closest to the hotel. It's approximately a 20 minute drive from the airport to the hotel depending on traffic. Super Shuttle can provide transportation to the hotel for \$100.00 for 3 people. Uber is approximately \$28.00.

Where is the Fairfield Inn & Suites and what time is checkin and checkout? The Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott is located at 3211 East Garvey Avenue North, West Covina 91791. Checkin time is 3:00 pm and checkout is at 12:00 noon. On January 1, it's a good idea to ask for a late checkout. Fee for late checkout is \$20/hour

What kind of rooms are available at the Fairfield Inn and what is the cost per night? Rooms available are either 2 double beds or one king sized bed. The rooms are smoke free and equipped with a flat screen TV, cable TV & HBO, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron & ironing board, work desk, 2 phones, high speed internet, free hot breakfast, free parking and personalized guest service. The Fairfield Inn is a Marriott property. The room rate is \$129 + tax.

Are there restaurants and shopping nearby? Yes, there are a couple of restaurants almost next door, and a shopping center nearby. Other restaurants are within driving distance.

What is the schedule? The schedule varies depending on the activity. Check the Schedule at a Glance or the more detailed itinerary.

What time does the Rose Parade start on January 1st? The parade begins at 8:00 am and ends at 10:00 am. Because our seats are located in a secure area making it necessary to go through a security check point, and we're requested to be in our seats at 6:30 am, we will leave the hotel promptly at 5:30 am and return to the hotel at approximately 12:00 noon.

Where are the seats, what kind of seating, what should I wear and what can I bring? Our VIP seats are located on TV Corner on Orange Grove Blvd; Aisle 1, Rows JJ-MM about a 1½ blocks from our VIP parking. The seats are bleacher style without backs. You may want to bring seat cushions or a blanket to sit on. Metal stadium chairs will not make it through security. The seats are at the top of the stands so you will have to climb approximately 20-40 steps. **Dress:** Dress warmly in layers with hats and gloves. It's always colder on New Year's morning than it looks on TV. If showers are predicted, pack a poncho or rain gear. **Security:** No alcohol, drugs, weapons, cans, glass bottles, sports bottles, coolers, banners, flagpoles, sign posts, placards, rigid signs, umbrellas, or metal stadium chairs are allowed. Ladies, we recommend you not take a large handbag but use your pockets or a fanny pack. Cameras are allowed and encouraged—this is a fantastic photo op! **Good news!** A continental breakfast of coffee, tea or hot chocolate, juice and donuts is served under the stands---and there are plenty of porta potties there, too!

Tour open to what age group and ability? Teens through active seniors. Extensive walking and some standing is required on the tour. You must be able to keep up with the group. There are approximately 20-40 steps up to our seating on the parade route. There are no steps at either of the float barns we visit nor at float judging. If temperature is a concern, keep in mind temperatures can range from nicely warm to colder than you want.

Dress? Casual wear is acceptable at most of the tour. You might want to dress a little nicer for the event the first night at Fiesta Parade Floats and again for the brunch at Tournament House. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes for all sites and events, and we suggest you dress in layers. Absolutely be prepared to take lots of pictures. Cameras are allowed at all events.