

TOUR THROUGH TEXAS AS VALENCIA GROUP UNVEILS THE FLAGSHIP OF A NEW FIVE-STAR BRAND, A NEW HOTEL AND A MAJOR PROPERTY RENOVATION

Friday, April 28 - HOUSTON

Morning and afternoon press arrivals and check into Hotel Sorella CITYCENTRE. Lunch - Irma's Original Tex-Mex – to be determined based on arrival times.

2:30 pm: Get ready to shop like Lauren with stops at several unique design resources including Lynne Goode Vintage, Chateau Domingue, Kuhl Linscomb and Reeves Antiques. We'll also visit the new \$500-million River Oaks District and cap off the afternoon at the Philip Johnson designed Gerald D. Hines Waterwall Park in Uptown.

5:30 pm: Enjoy a drive through the stately River Oaks neighborhood, where Lauren lives, and wind down with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at recently opened Nobie's.

7:45 pm: Take in a stunning sunset at James Turrell's Skyspace at Rice University. The installation is located adjacent to the just opened, \$30-million Moody Center, a 50,000-square-foot facility designed by architect Michael Maltzan to serve as cross-disciplinary teaching, collaborating and performance space that will house multiple art galleries for exhibition and experimental works, studio classrooms and a studio theater for live performances.

8:30 pm: Dinner at River Oaks mainstay, Brasserie 19, located in the palm-lined River Oaks Shopping Center, one of the country's oldest car-oriented shopping destinations.

Saturday, April 29 - HOUSTON

Morning: Breakfast on your own in Hotel Sorella's Lobby Lounge.

9:30 am: Meet at Hotel Sorella's check-in desk for shuttle transportation to Lauren Rottet's downtown office in the historic Niels and Mellie Esperson Buildings complex. Following an orientation with Lauren, the group will embark on an-hour-long neighborhood architecture walk with author and Preservation Houston Director of Special Projects, Jim Parsons. The experience will conclude at the GreenStreet development, home of Hotel Alessandra, for a hard hat tour of her first, ground up Houston hotel interiors project.

Noon: Explore one of Houston's newest architectural gems, the 1926 Cistern at Buffalo Bayou Park, recently opened to the public and currently showcasing an immersive light and sound installation by Venezuelan artist, Magdalena Fernández. You'll be joined by Trudi Smith, Director of PR and Events for Buffalo Bayou Partnership, who will provide an overview of the waterfront urban park system, spanning more than a dozen miles from Hotel Sorella to the ship channel. A \$60-million enhancement at downtown has created a new focal point for the city.

1 pm: Lunch at Emmaline restaurant – opening at trip time – a casually chic American Trattoria at the axis of River Oaks, one of the country's most affluent communities dating to the early 1920s, and turn-of-the-century, bohemian Montrose, named one of the “ten great neighborhoods in America.”

3 pm: Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of one of the world's most acclaimed private art collections, The Menil, and its campus, which includes a central park, the newly refurbished Rothko Chapel and soon-to-open, 30,000-square-foot, \$40-million Menil Drawing Institute. Designed by Los Angeles-based Johnston Marklee, it is the first freestanding facility constructed expressly for the exhibition, study, conservation and storage of modern and contemporary drawings.

5 pm: Return to the hotel to relax before dinner or continue your cultural exploration on your own until 7 pm in the easily walkable Museum District, home to the Contemporary Arts Museum and adjacent Hermann Park (with beautiful reflecting pool) and Museum of Fine Arts, in the midst of \$450-million expansion project designed by Steven Holl Architects.

8 pm: Pre-dinner cocktails at Hotel Sorella's ground level Milano Bar followed by a dinner presented by Chef Jose Hernandez in the hotel's two-story, 3,000-square-foot penthouse. Hernandez, who has earned acclaim in Mexico City, Manhattan and his adopted hometown of Houston, will showcase dishes from the menu at Hotel Sorella's Radio Milano as well as Hotel Alessandra's Lucienne restaurant.

Sunday, April 30– HOUSTON TO AUSTIN VIA WAY OF COLLEGE STATION

9 am: Meet in the lobby with luggage for check out.

9:30 am: Depart for a decadent brunch at Cherry Pie Hospitality group's Lee's Fried Chicken & Donuts. Following the meal, we'll work off the calories with a stroll down 19th

Street in the historic Heights neighborhood followed by quick stops at Memorial Park, the Beer Can House and Art Car Museum before departing Houston for the hour and a half drive to College Station.

1:15 pm: Arrive in College Station with first stop for lunch at the Dixie Chicken/Bottlecap Alley, a 40-year-old institution.

2:30 pm: Tour of the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, offering a glimpse of the life and presidency of George Bush (41). Highlights include: a WWII Avenger Torpedo Bomber, a section of the Berlin Wall and replicas of the Situation Room and Camp David office.

4 pm: Walking tour of the Bonfire Memorial, which celebrates the tradition, history and spirit of Texas A&M University, and the dedication of those involved in the tragic collapse of the 1999 Bonfire.

4:45 pm: Arrive at Century Square, the region's premier, new mixed-use destination for brief hard hat preview with General Manager John Taylor. The visit will conclude at the district's newly debuted Cavalry Court hotel and a tour with General Manager Marcus Latner.

6 pm: Drinks and early dinner at The Canteen Bar & Grille.

7:30 pm: Depart for Austin.

9 pm: Check into Lone Star Court and settle in with drinks and snacks at the hotel's Water Trough.

Monday, May 1 – AUSTIN

9 am: Meet in the lobby to head to South Austin.

9:30 am: Breakfast at Bouldin Creek Cafe on South First.

10:30 am: Tour of neon artist Todd Sanders' studio/gallery Roadhouse Relics on South First, which is also home to the famous "Welcome to Austin" mural.

11:30 am: Explore popular South Congress Avenue with stops including the iconic "I Love You So Much" mural, Uncommon Objects, Big Top Candy Shop and Allens Boots.

1:30 pm: Lunch at Perla's on South Congress.

3:30 pm: Drive by Zilker Park and Lady Bird Lake before heading back to the hotel.

4 pm: Return the hotel for downtime and exploring The Domain, a pedestrian-oriented shopping, dining and entertainment destination on your own

7 pm: Pre-dinner poolside cocktails at Lone Star Court.

8 pm: Depart for downtown Austin.

8:30 pm: Dinner and drinks at Geraldine's on Rainey Street (live music starts at 9:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 2 – AUSTIN TO SAN ANTONIO

9 am: Breakfast taco send off at The Water Trough.

10 am: Meet in the lobby with luggage for check out and departure.

10:30 am: Explore The Contemporary Austin – Jones Center and the Texas State Capitol before heading to San Antonio.

Noon: Depart for San Antonio.

1:30 pm: Arrive at Hotel Valencia Riverwalk and take a River Taxi to The Pearl for lunch at Southerleigh. After lunch, stroll around the Pearl and check out shops such as Adelante, Melissa Guerra, The Tiny Finch and Ten Thousand Villages.

3 pm: Head a few miles north to the McNay Art Museum – the first museum of modern art in Texas. The original Spanish Colonial Revival mansion, built by Marion Koogler McNay opened its doors to the public in 1954. The Jane and Arthur Stieren Center for Exhibitions, built in 2008 and designed by French architect Jean-Paul Viguier, added 45,000 square feet to the museum and created gallery space for major exhibitions, a sculpture gallery and garden, a lecture hall, and classrooms for the museum's many educational programs. On the way back to the hotel, make a stop at Sloan Hall, housed in an iconic Mobil gas station.

5:30 p.m.: Check into guest rooms to relax and refresh.

7 pm: Meet downstairs at Naranja for a pre-dinner cocktail.

7:30 pm: Dinner at Bliss or Feast in Southtown.

Wednesday, May 3 – SAN ANTONIO

Morning: Breakfast on your own at Naranja.

8:30 am: Depart for a tour of Natural Bridge Caverns.

Noon: Return to San Antonio for lunch at The Luxury, Chef Andrew Weissman's off-beat eatery on the banks of the Museum Reach of the San Antonio River.

1:30 pm: Depart for the Mission Reach for a bike ride or Segway ride along the San Antonio River's ecosystem restoration project. Visit Mission San Jose, known as "The Queen of the Missions.

3:30 pm: Take a tour of the Alamo.

5:30 pm: Stop in at The Esquire Tavern – the oldest Riverwalk bar -- for a hand-crafted cocktail. Return to Hotel Valencia Riverwalk to relax or explore the River Walk on your own.

8 pm: Enjoy the distinctive Argentinian-influenced cuisine at Hotel Valencia Riverwalk's Dorrego. Executive Chef Anthony Mesa will provide an explanation of the evening's menu and Bartender Jenny Banda will provide an introduction to the Argentinian wines that accompany each course.

Thursday, May 4 – SAN ANTONIO TO HOME

9:30 am: Enjoy an authentic Texas breakfast at the Guenther House, an historic architectural landmark in the King William neighborhood.

Explore the city on your own prior to departure.

TERRE DE L'EBRE

Day 1:

9:00: Transfer from Lloret de Mar to L'Ametlla de Mar

12:45: Tuna tour activity

You will be able to swim in the water with the largest tunas in the world and enjoy thrilling moments with all five senses.

3:00: Lunch Rte. No Stress

5:15: Visit to Apiarian Interpretation Center Muria

Following an explanation about a bee's life cycle, you can observe their habitats and different features, in natural surroundings, the identification of the hive as its habitat, a colony of bees and types, how they work, honeycombs, etc.

8:00: Transfer to the hotel

Check – in. Dinner and accommodation Deltebre

Day 2:

9:45: Check-out

10:00: Discovering Ebro Delta Natural Park

Discover the different ecosystems that make up the Ebro Delta: bays, lagoons, the mouth of the Ebro river, the salicornars (a native plant), sand dunes, etc.

12:30: Visit to MónNatura Delta de l'Ebre

MónNatura Delta de l'Ebre allows us to discover a natural environment of enormous wealth in one of the largest wetlands in Western Europe. Land and water come together on this spit to create an environment that is home to a unique variety of wildlife, particularly the internationally famous water birds.

1:30: Lunch Poblenou del Delta

A lovely village lying in the heart of the Ebro Delta. The village is characterised by the picturesque beauty of its lovely flower-lined streets and whitewashed houses. The town's history goes back to the time when the Ebro Delta began to be colonised and these insalubrious, marshy lands were made suitable for rice growing. Poblenou sprang up in 1955, when the government offered people land and houses in return for helping to "tame" the soil.

4:00: Nautical activity

One of the most elegant ways to enjoy the waters of Alfacs bay is on board of a sailing ship, letting the wind do all the work. Allows for an unforgettable panoramic view of the Ebro Delta.

5:30: Route of the mussel beds

On the route of the mussel and oyster beds you'll come across a unique place, the Caseta del Parrillo, located over the mussel and oyster farms. There, true professionals will introduce you to the world of the mussel and its relationship with Els Alfacs Bay.

7:00: Check – in Hotel del Port

8:00: Dinner - Hotel Restaurant Llansola

Day 3:

9:15: Check-out

10:00: The Millenary Olive tree route

In Arión area, Uldecona, you can see thirty- five monumental olive trees belonging to the Porta Ferré family, including La Farga de l'Arion which has a perimeter of 8 metres and has been declared a Monumental Tree by the Catalan Government. This natural living heritage has become one of the most typical, historical and emblematic scenes in Terres de l'Ebre.

12:00: Basket weaving Museum

The art of basket weaving with palm leaves disappeared as a profession during the sixties, however there are still many people in Terres de l'Ebre who preserve this tradition and often show how it was done. Alfara de Carles, Mas de Barberans, Paüls and Els Reguers are just some of the villages where lots of baskets are still made. Different implements can be made by weaving with palm leaves, such as large baskets, covers for carafes or jugs. In some of these villages, workshops are held to recuperate this trade, as in Mas de Barberans where a fair dedicated to this art is celebrated, the name of this fair is "El Racó dels Artesans" "Craftsmen's Corner".

2:00: Lunch Temps de Terra

This project is developed in a very special agricultural and livestock farm in Cabiscol property, which is located on the high ground of Amposta, in the heart of the Terres de l'Ebre. Discover its organic orchard and vegetable gardens, apart from its workshops (cheese making or natural soap manufacture).

5:30: Departure to Barcelona

EXPERIENCE A TASTE OF LONG ISLAND

Day 1:

10:00: Cradle of Aviation Museum

This aerospace museum commemorates Long Island's part in the history of aviation. It is located on land once part of Mitchel Air Force Base. Explore over 150,000 square feet featuring 75 air and spacecraft from a hot air balloon to an actual Apollo Lunar Module and learn about Long Island's role and why we are called the Cradle of Aviation. Our eight exhibit galleries are in chronological order and throughout the museum our volunteer docents are there to share their aerospace experience. There are over 30 hands-on exhibits, a half dozen cockpits to climb into and many short films through-out the exhibits.

10:45: Oheka Castle

Tour and enjoy a Regal Lunch. This magnificent Gold Coast Mansion, resting majestically on the highest point of Long Island, emanates the elegant refinement of a chateaux in France coupled with world-class service and a rich history that is distinctly American. OHEKA has been celebrating the art of entertaining since 1919, when financier and patron of the arts, Otto Hermann Kahn, commissioned celebrated architects, Delano and Aldrich, to design his palatial country residence to accommodate Kahn's fondness to host lavish parties.

1:15: Vanderbilt Mansion & Planetarium

This remarkable mansion offers an intimate look at the life of a privileged family from the Jazz Age through the Second World War. The rooms are as William and Rosamund Vanderbilt left them, filled with priceless art, furnishings and personal possessions. When visitors walk through the Vanderbilt mansion, they enter a "living museum," an enchanting time capsule of a vanished era.

2:30: Long Island Museum of History Art and Carriages

The Long Island Museum is a place to rediscover the richness of America's cultural heritage, admire masterpieces of American art, marvel at the beauty and workmanship of historic horse-drawn carriages, and gain an understanding of how life was lived in earlier years. The Long Island Museum has the distinction of being a Smithsonian Affiliate. Tour Carriage Collection.

3:45: Check into Hotel Indigo

Freshen up before evening in Riverhead.

5:00: East Wind Long Island

Hotel Tour. Welcome to East Wind, Long Island's premier North Shore luxury destination. For over twenty years we have been providing exceptional service to our guests. Every aspect of our property is designed with you in mind — enjoy ample accommodations in our guest rooms, extensive services at our Spa, first class conference rooms and fine dining. Whether you are stopping by for dinner at Desmond's or spending your wedding weekend with us, our goal is to make your time here feel like an escape from the everyday.

5:25: PURE North Fork

Pure North Fork, the new restaurant he manages at Wading River's Great Rock Golf Club, to stand apart from its predecessor. A casual "craft bistro" emphasizing local ingredients and a casual atmosphere. Pure North Fork's menu offers an eclectic-but-accessible mix of bistro fare.

7:00: Tanger Outlets Riverhead

Enjoy time to explore and shop

8:15: Depart for Hotel Indigo

Day 2

7:00: Breakfast and Checkout of Hotel Indigo

8:00: Suffolk Theater

The 350 seat Suffolk Theater is a unique Art Deco movie theater located on Main Street in historic downtown Riverhead, Long Island. R Thomas Short, of the New York firm, Harde and Short, was the original architect.

8:30: Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center

Briefly see outdoor Seal exhibit and speak with representative. Long Island Aquarium provides an interactive and exciting educational experience by capturing the visitors' imaginations and emphasizing the importance of marine life and environmental preservation.

8:45: Depart for The North Fork

We will travel Main Road to North Fork, sharing top sites.

9:15: Jedediah Hawkins Inn

Surrounded by 22 acres of fragrant gardens and farmland, Jedediah Hawkins Inn is a luxurious boutique hotel on the North Fork of Long Island, celebrated for its history, genuine hospitality and delicious food and wine. Here you will

want to stroll the gardens, savor a glass of local wine in the gazebo and explore the neighboring vineyards, farms and beaches of the North Fork. The beautiful property and historic buildings are a spectacular stage for a wedding or special event. Our receipt of the New York State Historic Preservation Award confirms our investment in the community's heritage and rejuvenation.

9:50: Depart for Love Lane

Love Lane is a Norman Rockwell street of small shops, restaurants and a vineyard tasting room, steps from both a train station and the Hampton Jitney stops.

10:00: The Village Cheese Shop

The Village Cheese Shop offers world class cheeses, meats and specialty imports, does wine pairings and other special events and offers lunch. The owner, Michael Affatato, used to own a French winery and made his own wine.

10:30: Wickham's Fruit Farm

Wickham's Fruit Farm is located on 28700 Main Road (Rte 25) in Cutchogue, Long Island, about 90 miles east of New York City. Wickham's fruit is grown on some of the oldest continually cultivated land in the country, much of the farm dating from 1661. Wickham's Fruit Farm is an historic, bicentennial farm, beautiful to behold against the sparkling waters of Peconic Bay. It is one of the largest farms on the North Fork, approximately 300 acres, of which 200 acres are in fruit. Although closed for the season, Tom Wickham will meet us and give us a driving tour of the farm/you pick apples & other activities. Wickham's plays host to tour buses and is located in downtown Cutchogue, so that people can walk & window shop too.

10:45: Depart for Heron Suites/Port of Egypt

Heron Suites is a lovely waterside hotel in Southold, with good conference facilities and is a short stroll to A Lure, a great local restaurant. It's situated next to Port of Egypt Marina, so people who want to travel by boat have an easy way visit the North Fork in style. At this stop we'll just walk in to the lobby, see a room and the event space, and note its location to A Lure.

11:10: East End Seaport Museum/Downtown Greenport.

We will unload at the East End Seaport Museum, and Ian Wile of the Board of Directors will meet us, open the museum, and then lead us through Mitchell Park and down Front Street. Ian is a local Oyster Farmer, and has a fun tasting room downtown.

Sweet Indulgences

Sweet Indulgences, located on the North Fork of Long Island, is the premier choice for your gift giving needs. Our elegant gift shop is stocked with items chosen in good taste with a sense of whimsy and fun. When visiting The Hamptons or Shelter Island, add Sweet Indulgences to your list of places you must see. Our selection of delectable treats and sophisticated décor is sure to satisfy. They will give us a sweet treat when we stop in.

We will explore downtown Greenport, which has a lot to offer, including stopping in at Greenport Harbor Brewing Company

The idea began a long time ago, over... well... a pretty terrible beer. You see we (John from NY and Rich from Boston) met in college and had to drink what beer we could afford in those days. As the years went on, the better the beer we consumed, the more we were consumed by it. We learned everything about beer. We tasted it, studied it, and brewed it- all in pursuits of one day starting our own brewery. Today we have two brewing locations on Carpenter Street in Greenport and a bottling plant/tasting room in Peconic. You can find our beer in bottle & on-tap across Long Island and New York City and have extended distribution into Upstate New York and Connecticut this past spring.

12:20: Orient Point Ferry

Briefly discuss the convenient transportation to Long Island via the Ferry, chat about popular Sport Fishing and take in the beautiful scene. Along the way we will point out several notable sights.

12:30: Depart for Shorecrest Bed & Breakfast

Meet the owner and tour property/private beach. Shorecrest is surrounded by the waters of the Long Island Sound and an inlet of Shelter Bay. Built originally as a summer home for a wealthy New Jersey Doctor, our Long Island bed and breakfast retains the original beach rights with private beaches and moorings to both the Long Island Sound and the Bay; the former perfect for swimming, snorkeling and walking and the latter for fishing, sailing and water sports. Five guest rooms, each with private baths, feature central air conditioning, flat screen TVs, premium cable, hi-speed wireless internet, and the finest linens and mattresses to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of our guests. Each morning our inn guests are treated to a wonderful gourmet breakfast in the inn's dining room.

12:50: Catapano Dairy Farm

Catapano Farms is a sustainable agriculture business that takes pride in all of its plants. We are devoted to providing high quality plants grown from seeds and cuttings in our greenhouses and surrounding farms in a more and more sustainable way. Catapano Dairy Farm, formerly in Mattituck, sells plain chevre, the soft goat cheese, as well as one made with locally raised garlic and another made with lemon-pepper, particularly good with Semillon and Chardonnay wines from local vineyards. They also sell three other goat cheeses: feta, Cheddar and a blue called Peconic Mist.

1:10: Pindar Vineyards

At Pindar Vineyards, our award-winning wines are quite literally dreams come true. It was the dream of our founder, Dr. Herodotus “Dan” Damianos that helped create the winemaking industry on Long Island in the early 1980’s. And that dream has, over 35 years, turned Pindar Vineyards into Long Island’s best-known wine producer. Today Pindar Vineyards encompasses more than 500 scenic acres. We grow 17 varieties of grapes, crafting them into some 23 varietals and proprietary blends. We produce 70,000 cases of wine a year, making us the largest vineyard on Long Island. But at heart we are still a family with a personal touch in every aspect of our business. At Pindar we’ll have a North Fork smorgasbord lunch with a little wine, followed by a proper five-wine tasting. We’ll take a tour too.

3:30: Alex Ferrone Photography Gallery

Welcome to the Alex Ferrone Photography Gallery. As the only one of its kind on the North Fork, we exhibit contemporary fine art photography by award-winning seasoned and emerging photographic artists. Fine art photography admirers and collectors can enjoy opportunities to meet our exhibiting artists during our special events that include opening receptions and luncheon Gallery Talks

3:45: Depart for Grand Central Terminal