COMPANION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 17, 2016 · 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Arabian Ranch Tour & Valley of the Sun Shopping

Guests will visit one of Scottsdale’s famous Arabian horse ranches and see the state-of-the-art training facilities where they will be able to observe the magnificent animals being groomed and exercised, learn their history and breeding techniques, and marvel at a full Arabian horse show! Following the ranch, attendees will enjoy time on their own browsing the famous shopping areas of Old Town Scottsdale, The Valley of the Sun. The knowledgeable guide will provide the inside “scoop” on where to find just the right items. Old Town is located on the original town site of Scottsdale at the southeast corner of Scottsdale and Indian School Roads. Lunch will be provided on this tour.

Friday, November 18, 2016 · 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
4-Wheel Desert Tour

This tour provides the ultimate way to “sink your teeth” into the Sonoran desert! Take a Four-Wheel-Drive to the upper Sonoran Desert and meet first hand, the indicator of the Sonoran, the Giant Saguaro Cactus. Stand at the base of a 30 foot Saguaro and learn of its growth, the natural habitat and the Indian legends surrounding this amazing beauty. We’ll board the vehicle right at the hotel and our guide will entertain you as you learn the more modern “Wild West” history of the Arizona Territory, complete with stories of the outlaws, gunfighters, lawmen and range wars of this last-to-be-tamed territory. Once deep into the desert an experienced naturalist will lead the group on an extensive nature walk through the desert where you will learn about plants and cacti which are unique to this desert. He will talk of the ancient history of the desert and how the Native Americans used the desert plant life for thousands of years for food, medicine, tools and raw materials for much of their daily needs.

The companion package fee is $475 and includes the Thursday & Friday breakfasts and companion tours and the Wednesday evening Welcome reception. Register online at www.NAEPC.org/conference!