

Field Tour, March 3-5

If possible, please check in with our group on March 2 at 4-5 p.m. or 9-10 p.m. in the lobby, for orientation packet.

Friday March 3

8:00 a.m. **Depart Antigua** Gather in lobby of Camino Real Hotel by 7:30 a.m. Check out before 7:45 a.m.

10:00 a.m. **Stop: Tecpan** Visit Utz Samaj Agriculture Training Center, Foundation for Integral Development (FUDI)

11:00 a.m. **Depart Tecpan for Santa Cruz del Quiche**

1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

Presentation about Centro de Paz Bárbara Ford (CPBF)

Sister Virginia Searing, CPBF

The *Centro de Paz Bárbara Ford* is a local implementing partner with the Horticulture Innovation Lab's *MásRiego* project and is helping host and coordinate Friday afternoon activities and Saturday farm visits.

2:00 p.m. **Afternoon activities**

The group will split into 3 smaller groups and rotate through each activity for about 1 hour each.

- **Tomato grafting demonstration and MásRiego garden**

Jim Nienhuis of UW-Madison and Patricia Arce of Zamorano will demonstrate tomato grafting.

Fabian Us, CPBF, will show the MásRiego conservation ag site.

- **Tour of CPBF model farm**

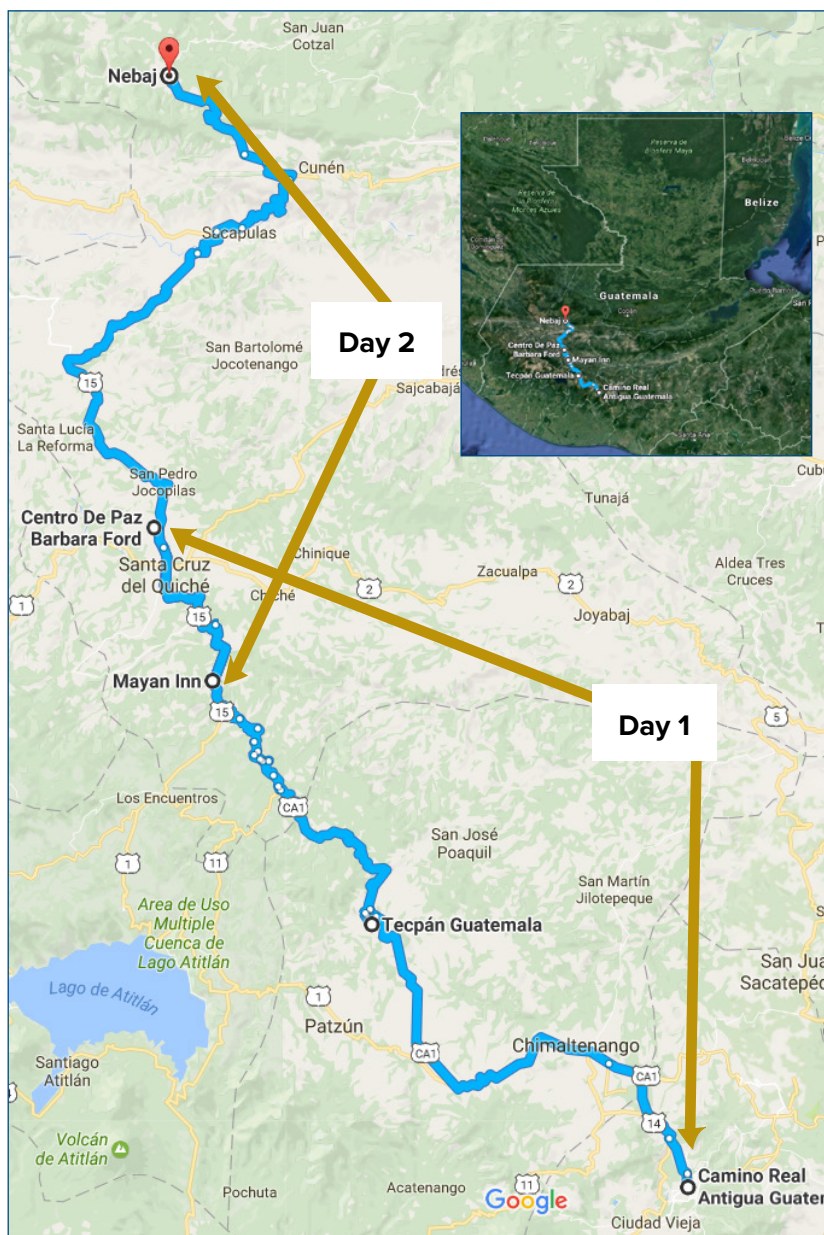
Isabela Zacarias, CPBF

- **Hands-on video workshop: Interviewing and crafting stories**

John Mounier, filmmaker and UC Davis associate director of visual communications

5:00 p.m. Depart to return to Mayan Inn in Chichicastenango ("Chichi")

6:30 p.m. Reception at Mayan Inn.
Dinner on your own at hotel or nearby. Be aware: Tuk-tuks stop running between 8:30-9:00 p.m.



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Saturday March 4

6:00 a.m. **Breakfast at the hotel**

7:00 a.m. **Depart from Mayan Inn in Chichi, to farmer field visits**

Short break to stretch and use bathrooms in Sacapulas

Boxbol snacks: Pronounced “boosh-boll,” we will pick up this traditional snack with leafy green vegetables and corn from Nebaj, on our way through town to the farming community of Salvaj.

11:00 a.m. **Field visits**

Split into 3 smaller groups and rotate between sites, about 30 minutes each. Both farmers are part of the Horticulture Innovation Lab’s *MásRiego* project.

• **Farmer: Don Miguel Perez Velazquez**

Don Miguel is applying drip irrigation on about 220 m² for field tomatoes, with hopes to expand to include three different vegetable crops. In other plots he uses crop rotation and plants broccoli, swiss chard and corn. He will sell the tomatoes locally to markets in Nebaj.

• **Farmer: Don Andres Rodrigo Sanchez**

Don Andres is using drip irrigation on about 440 m² between two plots, to grow hot peppers known as “*siete caldos*” or “7 soups.” He will also sell locally in Nebaj, with hopes for more than \$146 in sales for his harvest. He has taken some permaculture courses in the past, and utilizes conservation agriculture practices like mulching and terracing.

• **Hands-on video workshop: Shooting “B-roll”**

Part 2 of the hands-on video workshop led by John Mounier of UC Davis, with in-field practice.

1:15 p.m. **Depart for Nebaj**

2:00 p.m. **Lunch in Nebaj**

3:00 p.m. Travel back to Chichi, arrive at Mayan Inn around 6 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Dinner at hotel (no-host, optional)

About Nebaj

Pronounced “nuh-bah,” this municipality’s full name is Santa Maria Nebaj and is about 95 percent indigenous people. The local language is Ixil (“i-cheel”).

Sunday March 5

9:00 a.m. **Chichicastenango Market, shopping and tourism**

Please check out of hotel before leaving for the market, so your luggage can be loaded onto buses.

Explore the market on your own. Remember: You have a video-making assignment too!

10:45 a.m. **Meet at hotel**

Please do not miss the bus.

11:00 a.m. **Depart for Antigua**

Snacks on bus. Brief break in Tecpan for bathrooms. Expect to arrive in Antigua around 2:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. **Video reception at Camino Real Hotel in Antigua**

After a break, gather together to show off your videos from the day’s assignment, discuss strengths and challenges, exchange feedback. Hosted by John Mounier, UC Davis filmmaker.