

(Round trip airfare not included. To be to be offered separately September 2015)

This week-long trip is a hands-on experience in polio eradication, community service, friendships and learning how to support the Rotary projects of West Africa.

We travel to a rural community to participate in a polio eradication exercise. This day will be a landmark event in your Rotary experience. It also may be your last chance to give two drops of the polio vaccine to a child.

We work a local school, supported by local Rotary clubs and the Rotary Foundation, in a hands-on community service project. It will be a day of accomplishment and satisfaction.

We attend The West Africa Project Fair, which showcases Rotary projects from 15 West African nations. It will be a time to learn, experience and see how you and your club can be a part of "Doing Good" in Africa.



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Founded in 1948, Howard Tours has been operating tour programs worldwide for over six decades. Thousands of Rotarians have joined us to participate in polio eradication campaigns, wheelchair deliveries, humanitarian missions, and played a critical role in the creation of the West Africa Project Fair by providing an easy, comprehensive travel program for North American participants. Over 400 people from North America have traveled with us to prior Fairs.

Rotarian Purpose

The West Africa Project Fair (WAPF) was Rotary's first humanitarian project fair in Africa, and is a part of Rotary's Reach Out to Africa initiative. It was created by Rotarians from 15 West African nations to facilitate partnerships and projects that will make a significant contribution to the needs of this continent.

By joining this program, you will work with the local Rotarians to understand how important Rotary is to their communities. You will also have the opportunity to select and support Rotary Foundation projects during the Fair, engage in field work in the local communities, create strong friendships with the West African Rotarians, and participate in hands-on humanitarian and health related field work.



Polio Immunization, Hands-on Work Project, and West Africa Project Fair:

The Ivoirian National Polio Plus Committee confirmed they will conduct a Sub-National Immunization program in Abidjan during our stay. Our members will go into the local communities to give two drops of the polio vaccine to save the lives of the children.

We are also working with the Ivoirian Rotarians and community members to engage in a hands on humanitarian project, and we will visit a number of humanitarian project sites to witness the work of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. During these activities, you will have extraordinary experiences, develop a unique insight into the life and challenges in Africa, and be in the safety and care of local Rotarians.

Membership is limited, and will be confirmed, on a first-come, first-served basis. Interest in this tour has been overwhelming. We expect it to sell-out quickly.

Passport, Visa and Health Requirements:

The Ivoirian government requires U.S. citizens to have a valid visa for entry into Côte d'Ivoire, as well as a passport with more than six months of remaining validity. Citizens of other countries will need to determine their respective visa requirements. Although Howard Tours will assist in securing the visa, the cost of obtaining a passport, visa and inoculations are not included in the tour price. It is your responsibility to apply and pay for:

Ivoirian Visa for all U.S. citizens: An application and information on applying for the visa will be sent to you with the trip confirmation letter and invoice. <u>Allow four weeks to process the visa application</u>.

Inoculations: An international health certificate showing current yellow fever immunization is required for entry into Côte d'Ivoire. The Center for Disease Control (http://www.cdc.gov) indicates that there are no other *required* vaccinations. They recommend that U.S. citizens take precautions against malaria and other diseases. Please consult your physician or travel doctor to determine the precautions appropriate for you.

Special Airfare Note: Tour price does NOT include round trip airfare. This tour is offered to Rotarians throughout the U.S., making it impossible to anticipate and include the necessary flight itineraries. In September, after our group has formed, we will offer all North American members the most appropriate flight options. Alternatively, you are free to purchase your round trip airfare or use frequent flyer mileage.

West Africa Project Fair, Humanitarian and Community Health Program

10 Days – Only \$1,779—Add \$550 for aSingle Room Based on Per Person, Double Occupancy • Land Only

When you look into the eyes of a child whose life you have changed, you will be different forever.

Tue., Nov. 10 - Depart North America

Wed., Nov. 11 - Arrive in Abidjan: Evening arrival in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Transfer provided for group members on specified flights. First class accommodations at the **Heden Golf Hotel**, which includes daily breakfasts.

Thu., Nov. 12– Abidjan: Morning exploration of Abidjan, including the local market, National Museum, etc. We will attend a Inter-City Rotary lunch included as a tour event. This afternoon, we visit the U.S. Embassy for a cultural, economic and political briefing. This evening, we attend a welcome reception hosted by the local Rotarians and District Governor Marie Irene Richmond.



Fri., Nov. 13 - West Africa Project Fair: We spend a full and productive day attending the West Africa Project Fair and engaging with Rotarians from 15 West African nations. Events include the Fair's Opening Ceremony, Rotary

Foundation seminars to review support and engagement in Africa, and to begin exploring possible club projects. Lunch is provided. This evening, we attend a West Africa Project Fair reception.

Sat., Nov. 14 - West Africa Project Fair: Today, we visit the Project Fair booths to learn about the projects of the West African clubs and discover how to join them in addressing their humanitarians needs. Lunch is included. Tonight, we enjoy a special closing dinner event.



Sun., Nov. 15 - Polio Immunization Exercise: Today we will go into the community around Abidjan to put two drops of the polio vaccine into the mouths of children. IT will be a day of special experiences, emotions and accomplishments. It is an experience unlike anything you have ever had before. Lunch provided by local Rotarians. This evening is free for rest and individual enjoyment.



Mon., Nov. 16 - Community Service Project: Today, we join local Rotarians in the field for an all-day, hands-on, community service projects that are being organized by the local Rotary clubs. Lunch on site. This evening, we will enjoy Host Hospitality, where our Ivorian hosts will take us to their homes, local restaurants and other places so that we get to create new friendships.

Tue., Nov. 17 - Site Visit: Today, we will enjoy all day sightseeing to the seaside town of Grand Bassam, to visit a traditional market, old colonial buildings and sites

town of Grand Bassam, to visit a traditional market, old colonial buildings and sites, the museum of traditional costumes and the local market. Lunch will be provided by local Rotarians. This evening, we will enjoy a farewell dinner event with the Abidjan Rotarians.

Wed., Nov. 18 - Abidjan/Last Minute Shopping/Depart for Home: This morning, we will provide an opportunity for last minute shopping, rest and free time to connect with the local Rotarians. Evening flight from Abidjan back to North America.

Thu., Nov. 19. – Arrive in North America.

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Payments: send \$500 per person, payable <u>only</u> by check, with application. Remaining payments are due upon request and may be paid by check or credit card. Assign deposit check to : "Howard Tours, Trustee Account," Specify "WAPF 2015" on the lower left corner of the check.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Per Person Tour Prices Include: (1) Double occupancy hotel accommodations; (2) Meals and special events specified in the itinerary; (3) Private motorcoach sightseeing and transfers; (4) English speaking guide; (5) Entrance fees; (6) Tips to local guides, drivers and hotel porters; (7) West Africa Project Fair registration; (8) Polio immunization, community health and service program and other special Rotary events and values as stated in the itinerary; and (9) Other Rotary and tour materials.

Prices do NOT include: (1) All airfares; (2) Passport and visa fees, if any; (3) Local airport departure taxes not included in the airline ticket; (4) All insurance; (5) All personal expenses, (e.g., phone, laundry, etc.); (6) All health and medical services, and related expenses; (7) All required travel immunizations, and related expenses; (8) Refunds for missed or unused services; (9) Accommodations in excess of the nights listed in the itinerary; (10) Overnight delivery fees or delivery fees for clients outside the continental U.S.; (11) Meals not specified in the tour itinerary.

Conditions of Prices: Prices are based on the relative value between the U.S. dollar, a projected number of travelers, and the currencies of the countries listed when the tours are priced and the folder is printed. If the exchange rates, airfares, number of people who join the tour, or other travel costs change, the traveler may be assessed any extra charges, or refunds. Prices were set and folder was printed August 28, 2015.

Changes of Itinerary: Howard Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary or services for any reason, including those which may be out of our control, (e.g.,: airline schedule changes, natural disasters, schedule of local Rotarians, etc.) If changes are necessary, the traveler may be assessed any extra charges or refunds.

Cancellations and Other Charges: Cancellations must be made by letter, E-mail, or fax and NOT by telephone. Partial or total cancellation of tour services, regardless of reason, are subject to: (1) Funds that may be withheld or imposed by the airlines, hotels, sightseeing companies, etc.; and (2) A per person Howard Tours' cancellation service fee, prorated before departure, as follows: \$300 up to 46 days before departure, and \$500 within 45 days of departure. **Cancellations received within 14 days of the date of departure will be 100% NON-refundable.** Travelers whose changes result in rewritten air tickets will be charged whatever penalties the airlines may impose, and a Howard Tours \$50 service fee. Those applying within 45 days of departure will be assessed extra expenses caused by late enrollment, with a minimum charge of \$50 per person. Because the airlines, hotels, etc. impose heavy cancellation fees, we recommend the purchase of "Cancellation Insurance," which is available through Howard Tours.

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