# Howard Tours for Rotarians

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# GUATEMALA WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION AND LITERACY PROJECT

IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRI-VALLEY EVENING ROTARY (TVER) PROVIDING MOBILITY, EDUCATION AND LITERACY TO PEOPLE IN NEED

#### GUATEMALA CITY, LAKE ATITLAN, ANTIGUA JANUARY 15 – JANUARY 21, 2023

The Rotary Clubs of Tri-Valley Evening and Guatemala Vista Hermosa, in collaboration with Howard Tours, invite you on an extraordinary adventure and experience Rotary in Action.

We hope that we have included something here that you would like to see and do and hope you will join us.

- Join the Guatemalan Rotarians delivering wheelchairs
- Visit humanitarian sites and projects
- Explore the sights, sounds, history and cultures of Guatemala.
- Build friendships with the people Guatemala.





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## AIRFARE

To give you the greatest choice of airlines and airfare, we have not included airfare in our tour price.

After our group has formed, we will offer the most appropriate flight options on United and American Airlines. You are also free to purchase your own airline tickets or use frequent flyer mileage. Group transfers between the airport and hotels will be included for the flight which has been purchased by the majority of the group. We can arrange individual transfers, at an induvial expense, for anyone not on the group flight.

# SERVICE IN COMFORT

The primary purposes of these trips has been to deliver wheelchairs, visit existing projects, and to build strong friendships with the Rotarians of Guatemala. Although we will be engaged in humanitarian service, we will travel in comfort and convenience. We will be staying at first class hotels in central locations.

# **Howard Tours**

Howard Tours collaborated with US Rotary Clubs, the Wheelchair Foundation, and the Guatemalan Rotarians to design this tour. Founded in 1948, and owned and operated by Rotarians, Howard Tours has conducted tours worldwide to eradicate polio, support Rotary's humanitarian projects and deliver wheelchairs for more than three decades.

Howard Tours is a tour company, and not a travel agency; we do not sell to the general public. Instead, we select and purchase the travel services directly from the airlines, hotels, sightseeing companies, etc., and then sell directly to the travelers. As a result, the traveler is ensured the greatest travel value.

# PASSPORT, VISA AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS#

All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport. Citizens of other countries must determine their respective visa requirements. Visas are not required for U.S. citizens. 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:

U.S. Passport: Must be valid at least six months after your scheduled return to the U.S.

**Vaccines:** The Center for Disease Control (http://www.cdc.gov) indicates that there are no **required** vaccinations. Consult your physician or travel doctor to determine the precautions appropriate for you.

Currently, the Guatemalan Government does not require proof of COVID vaccination. Additional testing on entry/quarantine may apply based on random testing upon arrival. All tour members are requested to take an antigen COVID test within 24 hours of the start of their journey.

The U.S. government has lifted a required negative PCR test for reentry to the U.S. However requirements are subject to change at any time. We will continue to monitor local requirements and update our policies accordingly. **All tour members must sign and return a COVID Waiver before departure.** 

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# **Guatemala Tour**

### Land Only Tour Price: \$1,048 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy For Single Room, Add - \$400

### <u>Itinerary</u>

Sun., Jan. 15 – Depart home for Guatemala City. Upon arrival we will be transferred to our accommodations at the Biltmore Hotel, including daily breakfasts. Free evening.

**Mon., Jan. 16 - Delivery of Wheelchairs:** Today, is an unforgettable day of humanity, human endeavor and emotion, where we share that special moment when a person's life is changed by giving them the ability to become self-reliant, mobile and filled with hope. You should expect to work hard, side-by-side, with our Guatemalan friends, sharing in the joy that comes from a meaningful job, well done. Afterwards, we will celebrate our work with the Guatemalan Rotarians at lunch which is provided as a tour service. Following lunch, we will take a tour of Guatemala City before returning to the hotel. This evening is free for individual dining or pursuits.



**Tue., Jan. 17 – Guatemala City/Lake Atitlan:** This morning, we depart for a journey to the picturesque, mountain lake region of Lake Atitlan. En route, we stop for lunch, which is provided as a tour service. We stop in Solola to visit RACHEL schools to see the impact of these educational programs. Our travel will conclude upon arrival at our lakeside accommodations at the **Hotel Atitlan**, which includes daily breakfast. This evening is free for rest, or to explore the town of Panajachel.

**Wed., Jan. 18 – Lake Atitlan** - This morning, we take boats across Lake Atitlan to visit San Juan La Laguna to visit a few more of the RACHEL schools. You will have time to explore San Juan, and have lunch at your own expense. This afternoon we return to Panajachel . This evening, we will join local Rotarians for a shared dinner event in a Panajachel restaurant



**Thu., Jan. 19 – Lake Atitlan/Antigua** – This morning our journey continues en route to the charming, colonial town of Antigua. Accommodations at the **Hotel Las Farolas**, including daily breakfast. Lunch and the afternoon are free for individual enjoyment and exploration. Antigua is a walkable town filled with many charming restaurants and shops. Late this afternoon, is a reception of cocktails and finger food, in the beautiful home of an American couple who have relocated to Antigua. The evening is free for individual enjoyment.

**Fri., Jan. 20 - Antigua** – Most of the day will be free for you to continue to explore Antigua. However, today will include a smaller wheelchair distribution. The time of this distribution will be determined after our arrival. This evening, we will join together in a special farewell dinner event included as a tour service.

**Sat., Jan. 21 – Depart for home** – Early morning transfer to Guatemala City and the airport for our flights home.





## Howard Tours Guatemala January 2023

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**<u>PAYMENTS</u>**: Send \$600 per person, payable <u>only</u> by check, with application, and a legible copy of your passport's information page. Remaining payments due upon request and may be paid by check or credit card. Assign deposit check to: "<u>Howard Tours</u>". Specify "Guatemala Rotary Tour" on the check.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Bank Trustee Account and Financial Responsibilities:** Payments are deposited in a Bank of America, Grand Lake Branch, Oakland, California, trustee account, used exclusively for this program. By law, Howard Tours cannot and will not use these funds for any purpose other than to defray the program costs. While the money is in the bank, Bank of America, and NOT Howard Tours, is custodian of the funds. When the travel service companies are paid, Howard Tours will have met its financial and trustee obligation for the travel services involved.

**Per Person Tour Prices Include:** (1) Double occupancy hotel accommodations; (2) Specified meals and special events; (3) Private motorcoach sightseeing and transfers; (4) English speaking guide, when needed; (5) Entrance fees; (6) Tips to local guides, drivers and hotel porters; (7) NID, Rotary and other special events and values as identified in the itinerary.

**Prices do NOT include:** (1) All Airfares; (2) Passport fees; (3) Local airport departure taxes; (4) All insurance; (5) All personal expenses, (e.g., phone, laundry, etc.); (6) All health, medical and travel immunizations, and related expenses as required for entry into Guatemala; (7) Refunds for missed or unused services; (8) Accommodations and services not specified in the itinerary; (9) Overnight delivery fees or delivery fees for clients outside the continental U.S.; (10) COVID testing ; (12) Any/all additional expenses related to delays, quarantines, medical expenses, accommodations/meals, etc., caused by a positive COVID test or diagnosis.

**Conditions of Prices:** Prices are based on: a minimum number of travelers, airfares, taxes, fuel surcharges, and the relative value between the U.S. dollar and the currencies of the countries listed at the time the tours are priced and the folder is published. By joining this program, you acknowledge that travelers may be charged additional sums by Howard Tours, to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof, and therefore you consent to any post-purchase price increases. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted for final payment.

**Changes of Itinerary:** Howard Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary or services for reasons which may be out of our control, (e.g.,: airline schedule changes, number of people who join a tour, natural disasters, local Rotary activities, 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: \$400 up to 46 days before departure, and \$600 within 45 days of departure. Cancellations within 30 days of departure are fully 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. Because the airlines, hotels, etc. impose heavy cancellation fees, we recommend the purchase of "Cancellation Insurance," which is available through Howard Tours.

**Responsibility Clause:** Howard Tours of Oakland, California, operates these programs as an agent for the travelers who join them, and for the various companies which perform services on land, sea and in the air. Individuals apply for membership and are accepted in these programs on the conditions that Howard Tours and its officers will not be responsible for irregularities, omissions, acts, events, or for any additional expenses due to delays, strikes, military action, riots, airplane hi-jacking, civil disorders, losses, injuries, sickness, damage, political action, and/or other matters related to any personal or property involving any facility, transport services, personnel and/or activity in the operations of this program. Because Howard Tours has no control over flights, sailings, rail schedules, and connections between flights, Howard Tours does not accept any responsibilities for these services. Air tickets, and the related tariff conditions filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board, constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of the travel program.

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