



DISTRICT 5040



# WHAT IS RFE?

- ▶ Rotary Friendship Exchange provides Rotarians and partners the opportunity to experience other cultures by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians from other countries.
- ▶ Since 1988 RFE has aimed to advance international understanding, friendship and goodwill among Rotarians through the fun and adventure of shared travel experiences.
- ▶ An opportunity to make long-lasting friendships while exploring different areas of the world.



## Expanding July 1, 2017

- ▶ Exchanges are now open to Rotarians and non-Rotarians with added emphasis on young professionals.
- ▶ Organized around the following themes:
  - ▶ Cultural: ethnicity, food, language, and more
  - ▶ Service: opportunity for hands on project involvement and support
  - ▶ Vocational: exploring specific professions or jobs in a different cultural context



## TYPES OF EXCHANGES

- ▶ The *TEAM* exchange provides the opportunity for a group of Rotarians (and partners) to travel to different communities in a host district for several weeks (typically 10 to 14 days).
- ▶ Or *UNI-VOCATIONAL* hosts and guest Rotarians of the same occupations observe how their job is done in other countries.
- ▶ And the *INDIVIDUAL OR VISITOR* exchange gives individual Rotarians (and family members) the opportunity to spend a week (typically 4 to 7 days) in the home of a Rotarian in another country.
- ▶ All are to be determined and agreed upon by the two districts involved. Rotary Friendship Exchanges are expected to be reciprocal.



## RFE ~ WHAT IS COVERED?

- Accommodation with Host Rotarians
- Meals hosted by Rotarians
- Most travel within the region provided by Host Rotarians

### *Additional Benefits*

- Provides connection for lifelong friendship and goodwill
- Opportunity to experience culture and insight into daily life
- Insight into Rotary projects and possible partnerships



## RFE ~ TRAVEL EXPENSES

### *What costs will I have to cover?*

- Airfare and travel insurance
- Meals when dining out
- Admission / Activity/ Event fees
- Souvenirs
- Pre or Post trip travel



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## RFE HOST FAMILIES

- Hosting Rotarians is a vital component of the RFE experience
- Great opportunity for fostering international friendships
- Accommodation and home meals
- Opportunity for reciprocal travel and adventure
- Those who host have advantage on a RFE application





## HOW TO APPLY

- The District RFE has an application form on line, and a separate list of criteria on the district website.
- Preference in the selection process will be given to those Rotarians who have hosted Inbound RFE guests or Youth Exchange.
- Fair/equitable process if there are more applicants than can be accommodated by the host district.

# QUESTIONS?



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