

**Rotary**  
District 5170



## **Wheelchair Distribution Project**

**Creating Friendships, Providing Community Service  
and Mobility to People in Need**

**Monterrey, Mexico  
March 30—April 3, 2016**

You will never be the same after you have looked into the appreciative eyes of someone whose life you have changed.



Since 2004, Rotarians from District 5170 have worked with Rotarians in Monterrey, Mexico to create something special - a lifetime of friendships, an opportunity to work, side-by-side with the Monterrey Rotarians on community service projects and the ability to personally deliver wheelchairs to those who lack mobility. This year's trip will provide enduring memories and emotions, but that will be just the beginning of the experience. In addition to delivering wheelchairs and a hands-on service project, those who join us will:

- Explore the sights, sounds, history and cultures of the country visited.
- Visit additional humanitarian sites and projects.
- Build friendships with the people Mexico.



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## A Return to Monterrey

In 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2015 Rotarians from California, traveled to Monterrey, Mexico to deliver wheelchairs and create new friendships. We saw the work of Rotary in the communities and visited the homes of local Rotarians, which led to more than 30 completed grants. In 2007, 40 Monterrey Rotarians came to California to enjoy our Rotary hospitality. Over the years the highlights included the opening of the Santa Catarina Red Cross facility created from the partnerships created from these trips. In 2016 we return to further our service. Whether you were a part of the previous trips, hosted the Mexican Rotarians in 2007, or are interested in going for the first time, you are invited to join us to share an extraordinary friendship and sense of purpose with the people of Monterrey.

## Service in Comfort

The primary purposes of these trips has been to deliver wheelchairs, perform humanitarian service, and to build strong friendships with the people of Monterrey. Although we will be engaged in humanitarian service, we will travel in great comfort and convenience. We will stay in a deluxe hotel, and will visit many of the most popular and enjoyable areas and sights of Monterrey.



## Howard Tours

Howard Tours collaborated with Rotary District 5170, the Wheelchair Foundation, and the Monterrey Rotarians to design this tour. Founded in 1948, and owned and operated by Rotarians, Howard Tours has conducted tours worldwide to eradicate polio, deliver wheelchairs, and provide humanitarian relief 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.

## Airfare

The tour price does NOT include roundtrip airfare between San Francisco and Monterrey, Mexico. After our group has formed, we will offer our members the most appropriate flight options. Alternatively, you are free to purchase your round trip airfare or use frequent flyer mileage. Group transfers between the airport and hotel are included for designated flights on United and American Airlines only.

## Passport, Visa and Health Requirements

All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport. Citizens of other countries will need to determine their respective visa requirements. 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.

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

## 5 Days— \$999, Per Person, Double Occupancy

For Single Room, Add \$300

**Wed., Mar. 30 – Depart San Francisco for travel to Monterrey.** Upon arrival, we will be transferred to the deluxe **Safi Valle Hotel**. Daily breakfasts are included. This evening, we will meet the Monterrey Rotarians in a special welcome dinner event .

**Thu., Mar. 31 - Monterrey Sightseeing/Club Service Projects/Home Hospitality:** This morning, we enjoy a brief sightseeing tour of Monterrey, including the Marco Plaza, Obispado Hill, Santa Lucia River Walk, etc. We will then join the Monterrey Rotarians for an Inter-city Rotary meeting.



After lunch, our group will be divided into smaller groups and partnered with Monterrey Rotary clubs. Your group will be taken to the local communities of your Rotarian hosts to explore Monterrey on a very personal level. They will share their lives, communities, Rotary clubs and families. You will visit their homes, and humanitarian efforts. Finally, this evening, we will enjoy Home Hospitality, which is dinner in the home of the local Rotarians. This type of event is a highlight of any trip!

**Fri., Apr. 1 – Partners In Friendship and Service:** Today, will be a rich and rewarding experience as we join with the Monterrey Rotarians to make a difference in the local community. Our group will be divided into smaller groups and partnered with Monterrey Rotary clubs to work, side-by-side on community service projects throughout Monterrey. These projects will focus on improvements to a variety of schools, including renovations to libraries, sports facilities, gardens, therapy rooms for autistic children, etc. Lunch will be provided during the work projects. This evening, we go to a local restaurant to enjoy a relaxed evening of friendship, good food, and laughter.

**Sat., Apr. 2 – Delivery of Wheelchairs:** This morning, we participate in a large-scale distribution of wheelchairs. This will be an unforgettable day of humanity, human endeavor and emotion. We will share in that special moment when a person's life is changed – by the giving and receiving of the ability to become self-reliant, mobile and filled with hope. You should expect to work hard, side-by-side with our Mexican friends, sharing in the joy that comes a meaningful job, well done. Following the distribution, lunch will be provided.



This evening, we will join our Mexican friends for *A Celebration Dinner* that will toast our trip's accomplishments and our continued friendship with the people of Monterrey. This event will be at a private home of one of the Monterrey Rotarians and promises to be one of the many highlights of our trip.

**Sun., Apr. 3 – Depart for Home.** This morning we depart from the hotel to the airport for your flight back to San Francisco.

## Howard Tours with Rotary District 5170

### **PAYMENTS: Send \$400 per person deposit, payable by check, with application.**

Assign check to: Howard Tours, Trustee Account. Specify **Monterrey 2016** on the lower left corner of the check.

**After making initial deposit by check, travelers may pay the account balance by Credit Card.**

**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. Subsequent to initial deposit, all travelers may pay the balance on account via Visa or MasterCard.

**Per Person Tour Prices Include:** (1) Double occupancy hotel accommodations; (2) Meals/events specified in the itinerary; (3) Private, motorcoach with English speaking guide; (4) Entrance fees; (5) Special events as identified in the itinerary; (6) Tips to local guides, drivers and hotel porters; (7) Wheelchair distribution activities; (8) Tour materials; (9) Other values detailed in the itinerary.

**Prices do NOT include:** (1) All Airfares; (2) Passport and visa fees, if any; (3) Airport departure taxes not included in the airline tickets; (4) All insurance; (5) All personal expenses, (e.g., phone, laundry, etc.); (6) All health, medical services and related expenses; (7) Refunds for missed or unused services; (8) Accommodations in excess of the itinerary; (9) Delivery fees for clients outside the continental U.S.; (10) Meals not specified in the tour itinerary.

**Conditions of Prices:** Prices are based on airfares, taxes and the relative value between the U.S. dollar and the currencies of the countries listed when the tours are priced. If the exchange rates, taxes, or other travel costs change, the traveler may be assessed any extra charges or refunds.

**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, etc.) If changes are necessary, the traveler may be assessed 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, cruise lines, sightseeing companies, etc.; and (2) A per person Howard Tours' cancellation service fee, prorated before departure, as follows: \$200 up to 46 days before departure, and \$400 within 45 days of departure. 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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### **Application—Please Print**

**Traveler 1:** NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport)

**Traveler 2:** NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport)

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If Rotary Member, Rotary Club of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accommodations Desired: (circle one)   Single   Double   Desire to Share with** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and accept all conditions stated above.** \_\_\_\_\_