Howard Tours

2014 Polio Immunization Program
Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, India

February 14 - February 25, 2014

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

This journey will be a landmark event in your Rotary experience. It also may be your last chance to give the two drops of a polio vaccine to a child that will change their life.

This experience will combine participation in India’s National Polio Immunization activities, interaction with local Rotarians and their projects while visiting some of India’s most extraordinary sights.
Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, and India
12 Days – $2,279 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement - $975
Airfares NOT included. Please see note on following page.

Itinerary

Fri., Feb. 14 - Depart home airport for India. (Please see Special Airfare Note.)

Sat., Feb. 15 - Arrive in Delhi: Upon our arrival in Delhi, we will be transferred to our accommodations at Hotel Suryaa, New Delhi, with daily breakfasts included.

Sun., Feb. 16 - Delhi: Today, our exploration begins with sightseeing in Old Delhi, and includes the Red Fort, Jama Masjid, etc., before lunch is provided as tour service. This afternoon, we visit the Lotus Temple, and New Delhi, including the Qutab Minar, etc., before returning to the hotel. Tonight is free for individual enjoyment and rest.

Mon., Feb. 17 – Delhi/Agra: This morning, we depart for Agra, the famed city of the Taj Mahal. En route, we visit Sikandra, the tomb of Akbar the Great and a Mughal architectural masterpiece. Lunch is provided. We then visit the Agra Fort and the Itmad-Ud-Daulah. Our accommodations are at the Wyndham Grand Agra Hotel, which includes dinner and breakfast.

Tue., Feb. 18 – Agra/Jaipur: This morning, we visit the Taj Mahal and witness the magnificence of sunrise on one of the seven Wonders of the World. After breakfast, we travel to Jaipur, known as the “Pink City.” Founded in 1727 A.D., Jaipur is crowned by formidable forts and majestic palaces, mansions and gardens. En route visit includes the intriguing Mughal fort of Fatehpur Sikri. Lunch is provided. Our accommodations are at the ITC Rajputana Hotel, which includes daily breakfasts. The evening is free for individual enjoyment and rest.

Wed., Feb. 19 - Jaipur: Today, we explore Jaipur, with visits to the City Palace Complex that includes Jantar Mantar observatory and the Hawa Mahal. Lunch is provided. This afternoon, we will visit the Jaipur Limb Factory, which is a well-known Rotary project providing artificial limbs to the needy. This evening, we attend a dinner meeting of one of the Jaipur Rotary clubs.

Thu., Feb. 20 - Jaipur/Delhi: This morning, we visit the Amer Fort, a beautiful hilltop fortress. Lunch is provided before we continue to Delhi and our accommodations at the Hotel Suryaa, New Delhi, which includes daily breakfasts.

Fri., Feb. 21- Delhi: Today, we visit St. Stephen’s Hospital, a facility specializing in post-polio surgeries, and receive a polio eradication briefing by the India National Polio Plus committee before attending a Rotary Club of Delhi-Midtown meeting. We then visit the Humayun Tomb. This evening, we attend a meeting of the Rotary Club of Rotary Club of Delhi Chanakyapuri.
Sat., Feb. 22 - Delhi: This morning, we will visit the Kusumpur Pahari Project, located one of Delhi’s largest slums. This project, started in 1989, teaches micro finance, sewing and hand stitching to women with the belief that a family thrives when its women are empowered and independent. Lunch is provided. Afterward, we will continue with Rotary project visits before returning to the hotel. This evening, we will enjoy a special dinner event with the Rotary Club of Delhi Southwest.

Sun., Feb. 23 – Polio Immunization Exercises: Today is the event for which we have been waiting - participation in the eradication of polio. This morning, we travel to one of the high risk neighborhoods for polio, where we will be assigned to vaccination stations. Lunch will be provided during the activities, before an afternoon return to our hotel. This evening, we will attend a special farewell dinner event held for our group.

Mon., Feb. 24 – Polio Immunization Exercises /Depart for Home: This morning, we will return to the field to participate in house-to-house Immunization activities. Lunch will be provided. We return to our hotel to pack and freshen up before departing to the airport for our flights home.

Tue., Feb. 25 - Arrive in the U.S.

Special Airfare Note:

By the time the Indian Government confirmed the immunization dates, it was too late to secure a group airline contract. Therefore, the tour price ONLY includes ground services; it does not include roundtrip airfare. You can either secure your own air reservations, or request this service from Howard Tours on the enclosed application. Our airport transfers and itinerary are coordinated with United Airlines flight itinerary, which arrives in Delhi from Newark on United flight 82. United generally offers the lowest airfare and most convenient flight itinerary from throughout the U.S. Members who do not use United Airlines designated flights are responsible for their own airport/hotel transfers.

Current United Airlines economy class roundtrip airfare between Newark, New Jersey and Delhi is approximately $1385, plus a $50 service fee. Quotations for other originating cities are available upon request. Availability and airfare are subject to change until the tickets have been paid for and issued. We will then immediately secure your reservations. Once secured, we will reconfirm your flight itinerary and airfare BEFORE purchasing your airline ticket.
Howard Tours

Founded in 1948, Howard Tours has been operating tour programs for more than six decades. Thousands of Rotarians have traveled with us to participate in polio eradication trips, wheelchair deliveries, and humanitarian missions. This is the 18th polio eradication program we have organized, and the sixth such trip to India.

This program is designed to be a mix of polio eradication, humanitarian mission, friendship exchange and sightseeing. In the past Rotarians who have taken this trip asked us to include sightseeing to the Taj Mahal and other popular destinations as a part of the trip. Therefore, this year, we are including visits to the Taj Mahal and Jaipur, to enhance your overall experience. This travel program includes almost all of your essential travel needs so that you do not need to pay for additional services after our arrival in India. Please refer to our terms and conditions for specific information regarding what is and is not included.

Rotarian Purpose

Our Indian hosts have opened their arms to receive us by helping to create a unique and exceptional itinerary. In addition to our participation in the National Immunization Days (NID), we will participate in special Rotary activities and events. During our visit, all participants will be expected to attend all events and official programs, including the National Immunization Day activities and Rotary club visits.

Passport, Visa and Health Requirements:

All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport and Indian visa. The cost of obtaining your passport and visa are not included in the tour price. Howard Tours will need to assist our tour members to obtain their visa. We will forward detailed instructions with your tour confirmation materials.

Inoculations: The Center for Disease Control (http://www.cdc.gov) indicates that there are no required vaccinations to travel to India. They recommend that U.S. citizens take precautions against yellow fever, malaria and other diseases. Please consult your physician or travel doctor to determine the precautions appropriate for you.

Delivery of Documents:

Due to the last minute nature of this group, travel documents will be delivered very near our date of departure. We will send documents to you via UPS or other secure delivery method. Please be provide a delivery address file where someone is available to receive and sign for packages during normal business hours. Further, UPS can only deliver to a street address and NOT a Post Office Box.
Traveler 1: NAME: __________________________________________________________________________  
(Full Legal Name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport—no nicknames, please)  
Passport No.: __________________ Country of Issue: _________________ Date of Birth: _______________  
Traveler 2: NAME: __________________________________________________________________________  
(Full Legal Name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport—no nicknames, please)  
Passport No.: __________________ Country of Issue: _________________ Date of Birth: _______________  
ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________________________________  
CITY: __________________________________ STATE: _________________ ZIP: _____________________  
PHONE: Day: _________________________________ Evening: ____________________________________  
E-Mail: _____________________________________________________________________________  
Member, Rotary Club of: ____________________________ District: __________________________  
Hotel Accommodations Desired (please circle one): Single Double Shared Double  
Airfare: Please quote roundtrip airfare with my tour: Yes No  
(Airfare will be paid separately from land tour costs.) If yes, Originating U.S. Airport: _______________  
Authorized U.S. Dollar Amount for Land Services: (please circle one)  
$3,254 - Single Occupancy $2,279 - Double Occ. Shared (Per Person) $2,079 Triple Occ. (Per Person)  
Name on Card: __________________________________________________________________________  
Visa or MasterCard: ____________________________ Exp Date: _____________ CSC: ____________  
Card Mailing Address (if different than above):  
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I have read and accept all conditions listed herein.  
Signature: _________________________________________________ Date: ____________________  
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PAYMENTS: Payment in full, and a legible copy of the information page of your passport to be submitted with your application. Please make checks payable to "Howard Tours, Trustee Account". Specify “India NID Rotary Tour” on the check or if you are paying by credit card please fill out the credit card information requested on the attached application.

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, if any; (3) Local airport departure taxes; (4) All insurance; (5) All personal expenses, (e.g., phone, laundry, etc.); (6) All health and medical services, and related expenses; (7) All travel immunizations, and related expenses; (8) Indian Visa Fee; (9) Refunds for missed or unused services; (10) Accommodations in excess of the nights listed in the itinerary; (11) Overnight delivery fees or delivery fees for clients outside the continental U.S.; (12) Meals not specified in the tour itinerary.

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 printed. If the exchange rates, airfares or other travel costs or factors 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, 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 $500 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. Because the airlines, hotels, etc. impose heavy cancellation fees, we recommend the purchase of "Cancellation Insurance," which is available through Howard Tours. All members who join this tour agree to these charges, regardless of their form of payment.

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 hijacking, 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.

Credit Card Authorization: By completing and signing the enclosed application, the undersigned authorizes Howard Tours of Oakland, California, U.S.A. to charge the indicated credit card account the stated amount. It is the understanding of the undersigned that these funds will be used to immediately pay for hotel accommodations, meals, sightseeing services, and other travel services. Once these funds have been paid by Howard Tours on behalf of the traveler, the funds will be under the control of the hotel, restaurant, sightseeing company, etc. Therefore, by signing the application form, the undersigned understands and agrees that: (1) The refunds will be under the control of the hotel, restaurant, sightseeing company, etc. and not Howard Tours, (2) Before the funds can be refunded to the client, they must first be refunded by the hotel, restaurant, sightseeing company, etc. and (3) The refund process takes between four and six weeks after the completion of the tour. (4) The tour member is obligated to pay these cancellation fees and the Howard Tours cancellation fees stated herein.

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