#### **Howard Tours for Rotarians**

### We Look Forward to Traveling with You.

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# 106th Annual Convention of Rotary International

6 - 9 June, 2015 São Paulo, Brazil

You are invited to join us as we travel to the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of Rotary International in São Paulo, Brazil from June 6-9, 2015. It has been fifteen years since the convention has been in South America, and the time has never been better to explore the beauty, cultures and history of this region.

Our programs have been designed to give you freedom and flexibility of choice. From short tours that are economically minded, to deluxe programs designed for experienced travelers, we have offered you a wide range from which to choose.

Howard Tours, which is owned and operated by Rotarians, has been taking Rotarians to the Rotary International conventions since the early 1950's. Literally tens of thousands of Rotarians have traveled with us. We hope that we have included something that you would like to see and do in the following materials, and hope you will join us.

Thank you for your interest.

Brad Howard, President Howard Tours



### **Welcome to Howard Tours**

Howard Tours was founded in 1948 by Joe Howard, Past District Governor of what was then known as District 517, which includes California's Silicon Valley. We remain a Rotarian owned and operated company, now headed by Brad Howard, also a Past District Governor of District 5170 and RI Director-Elect of Rotary Zones 25-26. Our manager, Jolene Bortz, is a Past President of Oakland Sunrise Rotary Club.

Howard Tours is a primary tour operator and not a travel agency. We do not sell to the general public. We select and purchase our services from the airlines, hotels, sightseeing companies, etc. and then sell the tours directly to Rotarians attending the convention. We do not purchase tours from other wholesalers and resell them as our own. Nor do we "repacked" tours designed for other clients and call them a tour for Rotarians. As a result, we offer superior travel service at a greater value. Howard Tours has operated professional, educational, and other specialized programs, such as this one for Rotarians, since our inception.

In addition to providing tours to the International Conventions since 1950, Howard Tours has been an innovator in developing humanitarian travel programs that give Rotarians first hand experience in world understanding and peace. These include participation in National Immunization Days in Africa and India, the delivery of wheelchairs to those in need, humanitarian grant site visits and many other humanitarian travel programs.



We look forward to traveling with you

Our tours have been specifically designed for a range of needs for those traveling to the São Paulo Convention. We offer three different types of tours:

- **Explore Tours** Designed for those Rotarians who have limited time or funds, but who want to explore another city during their travels.
- Highlights Tours Perfect for those who have about two weeks and want to see the most popular and interesting cities and regions before and after the convention.
- Grand Tours Tailored for those who want a longer, higher standard travel program. We offer first class or deluxe hotels throughout and an in-depth itinerary to give you a complete travel experience.

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# Pre-Convention Explore Rio de Janeiro and Foz do Iguaçu

Land Only Tour Price: \$1,849 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy For Single Room, Add - \$500

(See Land Only pricing notes page 14)

#### **Itinerary**

Fri., May 29 - Depart from U.S. to fly to Rio de Janeiro

**Sat., May 30 - Rio de Janeiro:** This morning arrive in beautiful and pulsating Rio. Accommodations at the first class, **Windsor Leme Hotel**, which is located on the beach at Rio and includes daily breakfasts. Free afternoon to begin exploring this city.



**Sun., May 31 - Rio de Janeiro:** Today, will be your first taste of Rio, as we enjoy a morning tour up Corcovado Mountain by railroad to enjoy the magnificent view and the Christ the Redeemer statue. We then continue to explore Rio and the world famous beaches of São Conrado, Leblon, Ipanema and Copacabana. This afternoon will be free for individual exploration.

Mon., June 1 - Rio de Janeiro: This morning, we visit the famous Jardim Botânico do Rio de Janeiro, Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon and proceeding to the Maracana soccer stadium, etc., before our ascent to the top of famous Sugar Loaf. This evening, we will experience Brazilian culture by enjoying a "churrascaria" (Brazilian barbecued dinner), and a Samba show.

**Tue., June 2 - Rio de Janeiro/Iguaçu Falls:** This morning, we fly to Foz do Iguaçu (Iguaçu Falls), to see one of nature's most beautiful displays of power and grace. Upon our arrival in Iguaçu, we will travel to the Argentina side of the falls to take a gas-propelled train that will take you to the upper falls circuit and the Devil's Throat. This evening is free for individual enjoyment. Accommodations at the first class resort, **Bourbon Cataratas Resort**, which includes daily breakfasts.

**Wed., June 3 - Iguaçu Falls:** We will spend all day exploring the Brazilian side of the falls. Our first visit will be to walk along the footbridges and belvederes, all strategically placed, to give you the best view of the falls. Lunch will be provided as a tour service. This afternoon, will be the experience of a life time as we will take the Macuco safari through the tropical jungles near the falls, before we board speed boats that travel up river in the middle of the Iguaçu River to enjoy a view of the unforgettable Iguaçu Falls.

Thu., June 4 - Iguaçu Falls/São Paulo: Early morning flight to São Paulo.

Fri. – Tue., June 5 – 9 - São Paulo: Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events are scheduled in deference to the Rotary Convention activities.

Wed., June 10 – Depart for home.

# Post-Convention Explore Rio de Janeiro and Foz do Iguaçu

Land Only Tour Price: \$2,099 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy For Single Room, Add - \$575

(See Land Only pricing notes page 14)

#### **Itinerary**

Thu., June 4 - Depart from U.S. to fly to São Paulo

Fri., June 5 - Arrive in São Paulo

Sat. – Tue., June 5 – 9 - São Paulo: Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events are scheduled in deference to the Rotary Convention activities.

Wed., June 10 - São Paulo/ Iguaçu Falls: Early afternoon flight to Rio de Janeiro where we connect for our

flight to Foz do Iguaçu (Iguaçu Falls), to see one of nature's most beautiful displays of power and grace. Accommodations at the first class resort, **Bourbon Cataratas Resort**, which includes daily breakfasts. Free afternoon to explore the resort and the area.

**Thu., June 11 - Iguaçu Falls:** We will spend all day exploring the Brazilian side of the falls. Our first visit will be to walk along the footbridges and belvederes, all strategically placed, to give you the best view of the falls. Lunch will be provided as a tour service. This afternoon, will be the experience of a life time as we will take the Macuco safari through the tropical jungles near the falls, before we board speed boats that travel up river in the middle of the Iguaçu River to enjoy a view of the unforgettable Iguaçu Falls.



**Fri., June 12 - Iguaçu Falls:** This morning, we will travel to the Argentina side of the falls to take a gaspropelled train that will take you to the upper falls circuit and the Devil's Throat. Free afternoon to continue to explore the beauty of Iguaçu and the resort. This evening is free for individual enjoyment.

**Sat., June 13 - Iguaçu Falls/Rio de Janeiro:** Morning free for resort enjoyment. Afternoon flight to beautiful and pulsating Rio de Janeiro. Accommodations at the first class, **Windsor Leme Hotel**, which is located on the beach at Rio and includes daily breakfasts. Free afternoon to begin exploring this city.

**Sun., June 14 - Rio de Janeiro:** Today, will be your first taste of Rio, as we enjoy a morning tour up Corcovado Mountain by railroad to enjoy the magnificent view and the Christ the Redeemer statue. We then continue to explore Rio and the world famous beaches of São Conrado, Leblon, Ipanema and Copacabana. This afternoon will be free for individual exploration.

**Mon., June 15 - Rio de Janeiro:** This morning, we depart for a visit to the famous Jardim Botânico do Rio de Janeiro, Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon and proceeding to the Maracana soccer stadium, etc., before our ascent to the top of famous Sugar Loaf. Afternoon and evening free. This evening, we will experience Brazilian culture by enjoying a "churrascaria" (Brazilian barbecued dinner), and a Samba show.

Tue., June 16 - Rio de Janeiro/Depart for Home

# Pre-Convention Brazil Highlights Tour

Land Only Tour Price: \$2,999 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy For Single Room, Add - \$725

(See Land Only pricing notes page 14)

#### **Itinerary**

Wed., May 27 - Depart from U.S. to fly to Manaus. Evening arrival. Accommodations at the Tropical Manaus Eco Resort, which includes daily breakfasts.

**Thu., May 28 – Manaus/Amazon:** This morning, we embark on an adventure into the Amazon River with a boat ride up the Rio Negro to our accommodations at the **Amazon EcoPark Lodge**, which will include breakfast, lunch and dinner. This afternoon, you will begin your exploration of the flora and fauna of the Amazon.

#### **Amazon EcoPark Lodge**

This facility is a combination tourist, scientific and educational complex. Located on a tributary

of the Rio Negro, this complex of bungalows place you in the midst of one of the most beautiful and fascinating places on earth. Your stay here will be one of the most unusual and exciting experiences of your trip. Our two night stay will be highlighted by excursions into the jungle by canoe with specialized guides who will help you to explore the ecosystems and biology of the area. Our exploration will include a nature hike, a visit to the monkey forest and local villages, a fishing tour, the Amazon by night and a trip to the "Meeting of the Waters," which is a spectacular merge of Negro and Solimões Rivers. From this point on both rivers form the famous Amazon River that runs all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. Although we will be in the



heart of the jungle, the Lodge provides a remarkable level of amenities and protection from the environment. With that said, the accommodations are not fancy. While each room offers balconies, en suite bathrooms, air conditioning, showers and screened windows, they are simply designed and appointed.

Fri., May 29 – Amazon: All day activities at the Amazon EcoPark Lodge.

**Sat., May 30 – Manaus/Rio de Janeiro:** This morning, we will transfer back to Manaus. Upon arrival, we will enjoy city sightseeing that will include the Opera House, Church of the Matriz, etc., before our evening flight to Rio. Accommodations at the first class, **Windsor Leme Hotel**, which is located on the beach at Rio and includes daily breakfasts.



**Sun., May 31 - Rio de Janeiro:** Today, will be your first taste of Rio, as we enjoy a morning tour up Corcovado Mountain by railroad to enjoy the magnificent view and the Christ the Redeemer statue. We then continue to explore Rio and the world famous beaches of São Conrado, Leblon, Ipanema and Copacabana. This afternoon will be free for individual exploration.

## Pre-Convention Brazil Highlights Tour Cont'd.

**Mon., June 1 - Rio de Janeiro:** This morning, we depart for a visit to the famous Jardim Botânico do Rio de Janeiro, Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon and proceeding to the Maracana soccer stadium, etc., before our ascent to the top of famous Sugar Loaf. This evening, we will experience Brazilian culture by enjoying a "churrascaria" (Brazilian barbecued dinner), and a Samba show.

**Tue., June 2 - Rio de Janeiro/Iguaçu Falls:** This morning, we fly to Foz do Iguaçu, (Iguaçu Falls), to see one of nature's most beautiful displays of power and grace. Upon our arrival in Iguaçu, we will travel to the Argentina side of the falls to take a gas-propelled train that will take you to the upper falls circuit and the Devil's Throat. This evening is free for individual enjoyment. Accommodations at the first class resort, **Bourbon Cataratas Resort**, which includes daily breakfasts.



**Wed., June 3 - Iguaçu Falls:** We will spend all day exploring the Brazilian side of the falls. Our first visit will be to walk along the footbridges and belvederes, all strategically placed, to give you the best view of the falls. Lunch will be provided as a tour service. This afternoon, will be the experience of a life time as we will take the Macuco safari through the tropical jungles near the falls, before we board speed boats that travel up river in the middle of the Iguaçu River to enjoy a view of the unforgettable Iguaçu Falls.

Thu., June 4 - Iguaçu Falls/Sao Paulo: Early morning flight to Sao Paulo.

Fri. – Tue., June 5 – 9 - São Paulo: Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events are scheduled in deference to the Rotary Convention activities.

Wed., June 10 – Depart for home.

## Pre-Convention Grand Peruvian Tour

Land Only Prices: \$2,899\* Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy For Single Room, Add - \$850

(See Land Only pricing notes page 14)

\* Final Price TBD. To reserve your space on this tour, please complete the application and send it to Howard Tours with the required deposit. Deposits for the Peruvian Grand tour are fully refundable, without penalty, until the final tour price is set and our members are notified.

Thu., May 28 – Depart from U.S. to fly to Lima. - Evening arrival in Lima, the City of the Kings. Accommodations at the Swissotel Lima, which includes daily breakfasts.



**Fri., May 29 – Lima:** This morning, we being our exploration of this charming city with sightseeing, including San Isidro's Financial Center, Miraflores, the adobe pyramid of Huaca Pucllana and a stop at the Larco Museum. We explore Lima's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, Casa Allegra and finally the San Francisco Convent before returning to our hotel. Afternoon free for independent exploration and rest.

**Sat., May 30 – Lima/Cusco/Urubamba:** This morning, fly to Cusco, where upon our arrival we are transferred to the sacred Valley of the Incas. Our accommodations at the 17th century colonial hacienda of **Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel and Wellness**, which includes daily breakfasts. Free afternoon to explore this charming city and to adjust to the altitude of more than 9,500 feet above sea level.



**Sun., May 31 – Urubamba:** This morning, we visit the archaeological vestiges of the Maras and Moray. Maras is an impressive salt mine complex, while Moray is a location of mysterious concentric circular terraces, which according to some scholars was used as an agricultural research center.. Lunch provided as a tour service. Our exploration continues to Ollantaytambo Park, which is a typical example of the urban planning of the Incas, whose residents still live in accordance with their old traditions. Pachacútec (1438-1471) conquered the town, destroyed it and built a new one, absorbing it as part of his empire. It is currently considered one of the most remarkable archaeological complexes of the Inca Empire.



Mon., June 1 – Machu Picchu: Today is an all-day journey to one of the most impressive sites on earth, Machu Picchu. We begin with a train trip up the mountain to Aguas Calientes before reaching the Lost City of the Incas. Machu Picchu is a masterpiece of engineering and architecture that served as a sanctuary and retreat for the Inca Pachacutec (1438 - 1572). Machu Picchu, which

means "Old Mountain", is considered a World Heritage by the UNESCO and one of the new seven wonders of the world. Lunch provided as a tour service. Return by train to our hotel.

### Pre-Convention Grand Peruvian Tour Cont'd.

**Tue., June 2 – Urubamba/Cusco:** We leave the Sacred Valley to travel back to Cusco, exploring the Sacsayhuaman fortress en route, which is an emblematic work of the Incas, which protected the Holy City. Conceived and built by Inca Pachacútec in the 15th century, The Sacsayhuamán complex was built with megalithic blocks, . We also visit Qenqo, an archaeological complex used for religious purpose, and Puka Pukara, the Red Fortress. Free afternoon for individual exploration in this charming village. Accommodations at the first class resort, **Novotel Cusco Hotel**, or equivalent, which includes daily breakfasts.

**Wed., June 3 - Cusco:** We enjoy all day sightseeing, including the Oropesa church, Andahuaylillas Church, known as the Sistine Chapel of the America, due to the high quality of the artworks found inside it, the structure was built in the 16th century over vestiges of constructions that could correspond to the Wari culture. Afternoon free for final shopping and exploration.

**Thu., June 4 – Cusco/Lima/Sao Paulo:** Early morning flight to Lima, where connect to another flight to Sao Paulo.

Fri. – Tue., June 5 – 9 - Sao Paulo: Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events are scheduled in deference to the Rotary Convention activities.

Wed., June 10 - Depart for home.

#### Health in Peru

Travel on this program will be one of the most enjoyable and memorable travel experiences you can half. However, it is important that you are prepared for this trip. During our exploration of the Inca culture we will be traveling at altitude; Cusco is at an altitude of 11,200 feet and Machu Picchu is at 8,000 feet. People who have respiratory or a circulatory ailment should check with their physician before joining this trip. People who have sleep disorders can also pose a problem at altitude since sleep is significantly disrupted during the acclimation process. A health care worker who knows your health conditions and understands the demands of altitude can help you prepare for your trip. Medications useful to you at altitude as well as immunizations for travel to remote areas can also be provided at your pre-trip visit. Further, our visits to these sites will include walking. People who have a disability that limits mobility will find that much of the sites we will visit may not be accessible. Although we are alerting you to these possible conditions, please know that approximately 2,500 people visit Machu Picchu every day, and that these issues are manageable.

## **Post-Convention Brazil Grand Tour**

Land Only Tour Price: \$3,979 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy For Single Room, Add - \$1,150

(See Land Only pricing notes page 14)

#### **Itinerary**

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**Sat., June 13 - Iguaçu Falls/Rio de Janeiro:** Morning free for resort enjoyment. Afternoon flight to beautiful and pulsating Rio de Janeiro. Accommodations at the first class, **Windsor Leme Hotel**, which is located on the beach at Rio and includes daily breakfasts. Free afternoon to begin exploring this city.

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### Post-Convention Brazil Grand Tour Cont'd.

Tue., June 16 - Rio de Janeiro/Salvador de Bahia: Morning flight to Salvador de Bahia, a coastal town distinctive for its culture, history, food, arts and crafts and tropical beauty. Salvador, founded in 1549, was the colonial capital of Brazil. Accommodations at the **Sheraton Bahia Hotel**, including daily breakfasts. Balance of the day free for exploration of this charming town, including a stroll through the shops and restaurants of the city Pelourinho district, or the Mercado Modelo, a covered market place where you can take your pick among ceramic, leather and wood crafts.



**Wed., June 17 – Salvador:** Morning city sightseeing of this UNESCO world heritage site, including the "upper" and "lower" cities, Sao Francisco Church, etc. Afternoon free. This evening, we will enjoy the Bahia by Night dinner show.

**Thu., June 18 – Salvador:** Today, we will enjoy an all day sightseeing on the beautiful Bahian coast as we travel to visit Praia do Forte, the Brazilian sea turtle preservation project and the pristine beaches. Lunch provided as a tour service.

**Fri., June 19 – Salvador/Manaus:** Early morning flight to Manaus, the capital city of the state of Amazonas in Northern Brazil. It is located in the middle of the Amazon rain forest and is the perfect jumping off spot for our exploration. Accommodations at the **Tropical Manaus Eco Resort**, which includes daily breakfasts. This afternoon, we will enjoy city sightseeing that will include the Opera House, Church of the Matriz, etc. This evening is free for individual enjoyment.

**Sat., June 20 - Manaus/Amazon:** This morning, we embark on an adventure into the Amazon River with a boat ride up the Rio Negro to our accommodations at the **Amazon EcoPark Lodge**, which will include breakfast, lunch and dinner. This afternoon, you will begin your exploration of the flora and fauna of the Amazon.

#### **Amazon EcoPark Lodge**



This facility is a combination tourist, scientific and educational complex. Located on a tributary of the Rio Negro, this complex of bungalows place you in the midst of one of the most beautiful and fascinating places on earth. Your stay here will be one of the most unusual and exciting experiences of your trip. Our two night stay will be highlighted by excursions into the jungle by canoe with specialized guides who will help you to explore the ecosystems and biology of the area. Our exploration will include a nature hike, a visit to the monkey forest and local villages, a fishing tour, the Amazon by night and a trip to the "Meeting of the Wa-

ters," which is a spectacular merge of Negro and Solimões Rivers. From this point on both rivers form the famous Amazon River that runs all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. Although we will be in the heart of the jungle, the Lodge provides a remarkable level of amenities and protection from the environment. With that said, the accommodations are not fancy. While each room offers balconies, en suite bathrooms, air conditioning, showers and screened windows, they are simply designed and appointed.

Sun., June 21 – Amazon: All day activities at the Amazon EcoPark Lodge.

**Mon., June 22 – Manaus/Depart for Home:** This morning, we will transfer back to Manaus, where you will take your flight back to the U.S.

# Land Only Prices in Conjunction with our 2015 Rotary Convention Tours

All tour members have the freedom to decide if they want Howard Tours to include round trip airfares between the U.S. and South America, or if you will secure your own international airline tickets. Therefore, all tour prices are offered "land only." Before you decide which option is best for you, please read and review the following carefully. All group airfares include all flights necessary for the tour, which includes airfares from the specified cities AND all necessary flights between the cities visited.

The following information specifies, by tour, which airfares within South America are included in our "land only" prices

#### **Pre-Convention Tours:**

- Explore Rio and Iguaçu: Flights from Rio to Iguaçu and Iguaçu to São Paulo.
- Brazil Highlights: Flights from Manaus to Rio, Rio to Iguaçu, and Iguaçu to São Paulo.
- Peruvian Grand: To be determined.

#### **Post-Convention Tours:**

- Explore Rio and Iguaçu:: The flight between São Paulo, Iguaçu and Iguaçu to Rio.
- Argentina Highlights: To be determined.
- Brazil Grand: Flights from São Pauloto Iguaçu, Iguaçu to Rio, Rio to Salvador and Salvador to Manaus.

Airfare taxes, government charges and fuel surcharges: Please note that for each tour, we have included the two components of airfares – the base fare, which is guaranteed, and the associated and required government security/tourism/airport/international transportation taxes and fees and the fuel surcharges dictated by the airlines. Howard Tours does not and cannot control any changes to these the taxes and fees. The taxes and fees quoted are accurate at the time that this tour brochure was produced. The amount each traveler will pay is the amount that is required to be charged by the airline at the time your air ticket is purchased. Howard Tours will provide you an itemization of a change if any in this expense in the invoice you will receive approximately 90 days prior to departure.

Howard Tours will provide group transfers between the airport and hotel for tour members who purchase flights designated as tour flights. We cannot guarantee transfers for members who arrive on different flights. Airport Transfers in Sao Paulo are NOT included in our tour prices.

### São Paulo Hotel

As a service to our tour members, we can confirm reservations at the following hotel, subject to availability. Accommodations in Sao Paulo are not included in our tour prices.

All rates quoted below include taxes for single or double occupancy rooms.

**Staybridge Suites São Paulo – Daily Room Rate: \$215**. Itaim Bibi neighborhood, inside an Open Mall Brascan. Rooms include daily breakfast and internet access, mini kitchen with microwave oven, mini refrigerator, crockery and cutlery.

The hotel will be serviced by either the transfer motorcoaches provided by Rotary or they are within walking distance of a pick up point. Because of the limited number of room reservations we have in São Paulo, we can only offer these hotel accommodations to our tour members.

### Visa Requirements for US Citizens

All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport and a Tourist Visa to enter Brazil. U.S. Passport: Must be valid at least six months after your scheduled return to the U.S. Visas must be applied for in person at the Embassy in your jurisdiction.

To find where you should apply for your visa go to:

http://cgwashington.itamaraty.gov.br/en-us/jurisdictions.xml

If you do not live close enough or have the time to take the application yourself, you can use a visa service to take your application and passport to the Embassy in your jurisdiction for an additional fee.

In general instructions are as follows, however follow the specific instructions listed for the Consulate in your jurisdiction and use the following only as a general guide.

- STEP 1: fill out the visa request form on-line and print out the receipt;
- STEP 2: take a 2"x2" photo of yourself, glue the photo to the receipt and sign it at the bottom;
- STEP 3: make an appointment to come to the Consulate (or to have someone come on your behalf). To make an appointment, you will need the form number;
- STEP 4: buy a USPS money order to pay your visa fee;
- STEP 5: print out your flight itinerary roundtrip;
- STEP 6: make a copy of your ID to prove you live within our jurisdiction
- STEP 7: prepare original documents and copies of documents required for your visa;
- STEP 8: buy an Express Mail envelope from USPS, stamp it properly and write your address (don't forget to note down the tracking number so you can check it later) check instructions for Envelope of Return to receive your visa at home;
- STEP 9: on the day of your appointment, bring the receipt of the on-line form with your photo, money order, printed travel itinerary, return envelope and all other documents required for your visa;

#### Peru and Argentina Visas:

US and Canadian citizens will NOT need a Tourist Visa to enter Argentina or Peru. Citizens of other countries will need to determine their respective visa requirements.

However, although U.S. and Canadian citizens will not need a visa to enter Argentina, they will need to prepay a "Reciprocity Fee" before their arrival in Argentina. Please visit the Argentina government's web site for instructions on how to pay this fee: <a href="https://reciprocidad.provincianet.com.ar/ComoFunciona.aspx">https://reciprocidad.provincianet.com.ar/ComoFunciona.aspx</a>

### **Health in South America**

**Inoculations**: The Center for Disease Control (CDC) (<a href="http://www.cdc.gov">http://www.cdc.gov</a>) indicates that that there are no required inoculations for entry into the countries we are visiting. However the CDC does 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.

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# Application Howard Tours For Rotarians Attending the Rotary International Convention Brazil

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<u>PAYMENTS</u>: Send \$500 per person, payable <u>ONLY</u> by check, with application. Check made payable to: "<u>Howard Tours, Trustee Account.</u>" Please indicate "São Paulo 2015" in the memo. Remaining payments are due upon request.

Bank Trustee Account & Financial Responsibilities: Payments are deposited in a Bank of America, Oakland, CA, trustee account, used exclusively for this program. By law, Howard Tours cannot and will not use these funds for purposes 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 obligations for the travel services involved.

**Per Person Prices Include:** (1) Double occupancy cruise and/or hotel accommodations; (2) Meals and special events specified in itinerary; (3) Private, guided motorcoach sightseeing with English speaking guide; (4) Entrance fees; (5) Tips to local guides and tour hotel porters; (6) Airfares as identified in the itinerary; (7) Other values detailed in the itinerary.

**Prices do NOT include:** (1) All airfares not specified in the itinerary; (2) Passport and visa fees, if any; (3) Airport departure taxes; (4) Government taxes, or airline fees (e.g., baggage fees;) (5) Insurance; (6) All personal expenses, (e.g., phone, laundry, etc.); (7) All health and medical services, and related expenses; (8) Refunds for missed or unused services; (9) Accommodations in excess of the nights listed in the itinerary; (10) Accommodations and all other services in Sao Paulo during convention; (11) Rotary International convention registration; (12) Overnight delivery fees or delivery fees for clients outside the continental U.S.; (13) Meals not specified in the itineraries; (14) Airport/hotel transfers, unless noted in itinerary. (15) Bank charges incurred by use of a credit card to make final payment.

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 tours are priced and the folder printed. If the exchange rates, airfares, local taxes or other travel costs change, or if the minimum size of the group is not achieved, the traveler may be assessed any extra charges or refunds. By joining this program, you acknowledge that travelers may be charged additional sums by the airlines, and therefore 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. However, all prices stated in this folder and cash/check prices. Credit card payments are subject to a convenience surcharge.

**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, etc.) If changes are necessary, the traveler may be assessed any extra charges or refunds.

Cancellations & 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.; (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 within 14 days of departure are fully non-refundable. Travelers whose changes result in rewritten air tickets will be charged whatever penalties the airlines may impose, & 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.

Responsibility Clause: Howard Tours and Travel Service, Inc., d.b.a. Howard Tours, of Oakland, California, operates these programs as an agent for the travelers who join them, and for the various companies that 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 and 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.

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