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GUATEMALA PROJECT TOUR

IN CONJUNCTION WITH ROTARY CLUBS OF DISTRICT 5170

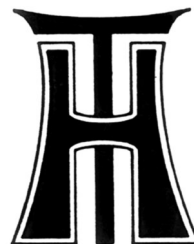
A MEMORABLE JOURNEY TO SEE THE PROJECTS AND NEEDS OF GUATEMALA, AND TO CELEBRATE THE WORK OF FACES OF HOPE.

**GUATEMALA CITY, LAKE ATITLAN, ANTIGUA
JULY 1 – JULY 7, 2023**

The Rotary Clubs of District 5170, in collaboration with Howard Tours, invite you on an extraordinary adventure and experience Rotary in Action.

You are invited to join us on a trip that offers a wonderful opportunity to explore Rotary's capacity to make lasting change in a country full of needs. Our journey includes some of Guatemala's most enjoyable places and sites. During this trip, we will:

- Visit humanitarian sites and projects.
- See the work of the Faces of Hope surgical team.
- Explore the sights, sounds, history and cultures of Guatemala.
- Build friendships with the people Guatemala.



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JULY 2023

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 individual expense, for anyone not on the group flight.

SERVICE IN COMFORT

The primary purposes of these trips has been to explore the needs of Guatemala by visiting existing projects, while witnessing the beauty 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 the Rotary Clubs in District 5170 and 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. Visas are not required for U.S. citizens. Citizens of other countries must determine their respective visa requirements. The cost of obtaining a passport, any required visas, and inoculations are not included in the tour price. It is the responsibility of the travelers 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 (at home) 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.**



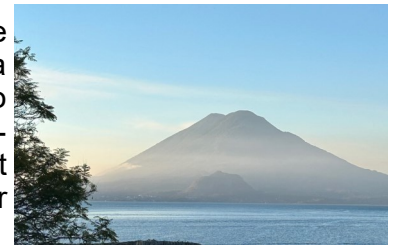
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Land Only Tour Price: \$1,149 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy
For Single Room, Add - \$500

Itinerary

Sat., July 1 - Depart home for Guatemala City: Upon arrival we will be transferred to our accommodations at the **Westin Camino Real Hotel**, including daily breakfast. Free evening.

Sun., July 2: Guatemala City/Lake Atitlan: We depart for a journey to the picturesque, mountain lake region of Lake Atitlan. Lunch is provided as a tour service en route. We continue our travels to Sololá, near Lake Atitlan, to visit RACHEL schools to see the impact of this educational programs Guatemala's remote areas. Our day concludes at our lakeside accommodations at the **Hotel Atitlan**, which includes daily breakfasts. This evening is free for rest, or to explore the town of Panajachel.



Mon., July 3 – Lake Atitlan: This morning, we take boats across Lake Atitlan to the small community of San Lucas Tolimán, to see the result of a grant by the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz, which installed a Sunspring water filtration system. This system, not only provided clean water to a small, rural village, but it gave birth to a coffee plantation that provides income to the community. After our visit, we will return to the Hotel Atitlan so you can either lunch at the hotel, or take a 5 minute tuk-tuk ride into Panajachel for a group dinner at a local restaurant.



Tue., July 4 – Lake Atitlan/Antigua: This morning we continue to the charming, colonial town of Antigua. Accommodations at the **Casa de Santo Domingo**, 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. The evening is free for individual enjoyment.

Wed., July 5 - Antigua: Today, is a free day for individual enjoyment. Feel free to explore the local market, the many arts and crafts shops, take a walking tour with a local guide or take a hike up to Cerro de la Cruz, for a beautiful view of Antigua. This evening, our group will join the Faces of Hope team for a evening cocktail party.

Thu., July 6 - Antigua: We venture outside of Antigua to visit the Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP) in San Pedro Yepocapa. Supported by a number of clubs in District 5170, GLP is one of the largest grassroots, multi-club, multi-district project in Rotary, with more than 800 clubs and 90 district working to improve education for underserved students in Guatemala. More than 280,000 student have been served since the program began. This afternoon is free for last minute shopping or individual enjoyment.



Fri., July 7 – Depart for home: Early morning transfer to Guatemala City and the airport for our flights home.



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GUATEMALA
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Please Print Clearly

Traveler 1: NAME: _____
(Name **EXACTLY** as it appears on your passport—no nicknames, please)

Passport No.: please send a photocopy of your passport along with this form

Traveler 2: NAME: _____
(Name **EXACTLY** as it appears on your passport—no nicknames, please)

Passport No.: please send a photocopy of your passport along with this form

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: Day: _____ **Evening:** _____

E-Mail: _____

Member, Rotary Club of: _____ **District:** _____

Highest Rotary Office Held and Year: _____

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 tour costs.)

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Send application to Howard Tours, with a legible photocopy of the personal information page of each passport and \$600 per person deposit, by check. By signing this application you are indicating that you have read and accept all conditions within this folder.

I have read and accept all conditions listed herein.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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PAYMENTS: Send \$600 per person, payable only 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 the check to: "**Howard Tours**". 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 transfers; (4) Entrance fees; (5) Tips to local guides and drivers ; (7) 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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