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# 105th Annual Convention of Rotary International

**1 - 4 June, 2014  
Sydney, Australia**

You are invited to join us as we travel to the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of Rotary International in Sydney, Australia from June 1-4, 2014. It has been eleven years since the convention has been Down Under, 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.

Thank you for your interest.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Howard". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

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. 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. For our Rotary programs, 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.

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Our tours have been specifically designed for a range of needs for those traveling to the Sydney 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 Sydney

**Land Only Prices: \$999 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
For Single Room, Add - \$450**

**Round trip Qantas Airlines Airfare: \$1,839  
(Comprised of \$999 base airfare and \$840 in taxes, fees and surcharges)**

**(See Land Only pricing notes page 15)**

### Itinerary

**Mon., May 26 – Depart from Los Angeles** on Qantas Airlines.

**Tue., May 27 – Cross the International Dateline.**

**Wed., May 28 – Arrive in Sydney** Upon our arrival, we will enjoy a brief orientation tour, including a drive by St Mary's Cathedral, Parliament House, Darling Harbour, Chinatown and Mrs Macquarie's Chair stopping for spectacular views of the Opera House. Our accommodations are at the **Grace Hotel**, including daily breakfasts. This afternoon is free to rest, adjust to the time zone, and begin to explore this beautiful city.



**Thu., May 29 – Sydney:** This morning's half day tour includes a tour of Sydney's famous Opera House, the Rocks and King's Cross. We then travel to Rushcutters Bay, Double Bay and Watson's Bay before stopping at Bondi Beach. We return to Circular Quay to board a delightful lunch cruise on Sydney Harbour. Lunch is included as a tour service. The balance of the afternoon is free for rest and individual enjoyment.

**Fri., May 30 – Sydney:** Today's all day sightseeing to the Blue Mountains begins with a visit the Featherdale Wildlife Park with its unique flora and fauna. Here you have the opportunity to see Australian native animals such as kangaroo's, koala's and eEmu's. We then travel on to the Blue Mountains, named because of the blue haze in the atmosphere. See the world famous rock formation "The Three Sisters", with distant views of Jamieson Valley, Mount Solitary, Katoomba Falls and many other scenic delights. At lunch we will join the *Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains*. This will be a wonderful fellowship opportunity to enjoy new friends in Rotary before returning to Sydney. Evening free for individual pursuits.

**Sat., May 31 – Wed., June 4:** Attend the Rotary International Convention. No tour activities planned in deference to the Convention Activities.

**Thu., June 5: Sydney/Depart for U.S.** on Qantas Airlines to Los Angeles

Hotel rooms during the Convention are not included in the tour prices. The hotel accommodations associated with the tour end at check-out time on Saturday, May 31. However, upon request, Howard Tours can make arrangements to extend your stay at the Grace Hotel through the dates of the Rotary Convention. The daily room rate is USD \$290. If this is your desire, please indicate the Grace Hotel as your Convention hotel choice on the application. If you do not indicate a hotel, we will assume that you have made other arrangements during the five nights of the convention.

## Post-Convention Explore Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef

**Land Only Prices: \$949 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
For Single Room, Add - \$265**

**Round trip Qantas Airlines Airfare: \$2,070  
(Comprised of \$1,181 base airfare and \$889 in taxes, fees and surcharges)**

**(See Land Only pricing notes page 15)**

### Itinerary

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**Thu., May 29 – Cross the International Dateline**

**Fri., May 30 – Arrive Sydney**

**Sat., May 31 – Wed., June 4:** Attend the Rotary International Convention. No tour activities planned in deference to the Convention Activities.

**Thu., June 5 – Sydney/Cairns:** Depart on Qantas Airlines to Cairns. Accommodations, including daily breakfasts, at the **Pacific Cairns International Hotel**. Free afternoon for individual enjoyment.

**Fri., June 6 – Cairns:** Today, we experience one of the seven natural wonders of the world – the Great Barrier Reef. Here, special reefs known as 'ribbons' run parallel to the Continental Shelf. Adjacent to the Coral Sea trench, these ribbon reefs are recognized as the most pristine eco-systems in the reef's environment. You will have time to dive snorkel, or just peer over the edge of the boat to see nature at its best. Lunch is included as a tour service.



**Sat., June 7 – Cairns:** This morning, we depart for all day exploration of the natural land beauty of the tropical rain forest with a ride on the historic Kuranda Scenic Railway as it meanders through the ancient rainforest. We stop in Kuranda, the famous 'Village in the rainforest'. We continue to Rainforestation, to view native animals, including kangaroos, wallabies, crocodiles, wombats, dingoes, and the cassowary. A BBQ lunch buffet is provided as a tour service.



This afternoon, we witness a traditional aboriginal dance performance depicting animals, food gathering, and hunting. On the guided Dreamtime Walk, you can try your hand at throwing a boomerang, and listen to the haunting didgeridoo. Evening free.

**Sun., June 8 – Cairns/Depart for Home:** Today transfer to the airport for our morning departure on Qantas Airlines to Los Angeles via Brisbane.

## Post-Convention Explore Melbourne

**Land Only Prices: \$839 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
For Single Room, Add - \$350**

**Round trip Qantas Airlines Airfare: \$1,848  
(Comprised of \$999 base airfare and \$849 in taxes, fees and surcharges)**

(See Land Only pricing notes page 15)

### Itinerary

**Thu., May 29 – Depart from Los Angeles** on Qantas Airlines.

**Fri., May 30 – Cross the International Dateline**

**Sat., May 31 - Arrive Sydney**

**Sun., June 1 – Wed., June 4: Arrive Sydney.** Attend the Rotary International Convention. No tour activities planned in deference to the convention activities.

**Thu., June 5 – Sydney/Melbourne:** Depart on Qantas Airlines flight to Melbourne. Upon arrival we are transferred to our accommodations are at the **Novotel Melbourne on Collins**, which include daily breakfasts.

**Fri., June 6 – Melbourne:** This morning's city sightseeing tour includes Fitzroy Gardens and Captain Cook's cottage. We pass the magnificent Royal Botanical Gardens and make a visit to the Shrine of Remembrance, before continuing past the Arts and Cultural Centre, Albert Park Lake and the gracious tree lined St. Kilda Road. This afternoon is free for rest, individual enjoyment and exploration.



**Sat., June 7 – Melbourne:** Today's all day sightseeing will take you into the Dandenong Ranges, where heavy rainfall and rich volcanic soil have created lush vegetation with spectacular hills and gullies crowned with ferns and mountain ash. We arrive in Belgrave to board the Puffing Billy Train, which is Australia's oldest steam railway and one of the finest preserved steams railways in the world. We travel through the beautiful rain forest en route to Lakeside, and then continue to the Yarra Valley where we being our exploration of Australia's wines, including vidists to De Bortoli Winery and Domain Chandon Australia. Lunch is included as a tour service before returning to Melbourne. Free evening.

**Sun., June 8 – Melbourne/Depart for U.S** on our Qantas Airlines flight to Los Angeles



## Pre-Convention Highlights of Australia

**Land Only Prices: \$1969 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
For Single Room, Add - \$850**

**Round trip Qantas Airlines Airfare: \$2,066  
(Comprised of \$1,197 base airfare and \$869 in taxes, fees and surcharges)**

(See Land Only pricing notes page 15)

### Itinerary

**Thu., May 22 - Depart from Los Angeles** on Qantas Airlines.

**Fri., May 23 – Cross the International Dateline**

**Sat., May 24 – Arrive in Melbourne.** En route to our hotel, we enjoy an orientation tour of Melbourne to get a feel of this city. Our accommodations are at the **Novotel Melbourne on Collins** which include daily breakfasts. This afternoon is free to rest, adjust to the time zone, and begin to explore this beautiful city

**Sun, May 25 – Melbourne:** This morning's city sightseeing tour includes Fitzroy Gardens and Captain Cook's cottage. We pass the magnificent Royal Botanical Gardens and make a visit to the Shrine of Remembrance, before continuing past the Arts and Cultural Centre, Albert Park Lake and the gracious tree lined St. Kilda Road. This afternoon is free for rest and individual enjoyment and exploration.

**Mon., May 26 – Melbourne/Adelaide:** We transfer to the airport for our morning Qantas Airlines flight to Adelaide. Lunch is provided as a tour service at the seaside village of Gleneig. We then embark on a city tour Adelaide - a captivating classic Australian city. It is a city of churches and the food and wine capital of Australia, with sandstone homes and cottages, and sweeping gardens and greenbelts. It is a young Australian city rich in culture with a passion for fine living. Our **Majestic Roof Garden Hotel** accommodations include daily breakfasts. Evening free.



**Tue., May 27 – Adelaide:** Today, will be a memorable and enjoyable experience as we travel to the Barossa Valley wine making region, to enjoy an Australian wine country experience. We visit wineries and walk vineyards, and receive an overview of the 14 different grapes varieties grown in the vineyards that create some of Australia's most famous wines. Our winery visits include Jacob's Creek and Wolf Blass. Lunch will be provided at Vintner's Bar & Grill for a lunch of wines paired with a specially prepared meal. Evening free.



**Wed., May 28 – Adelaide/Sydney:** This morning, we depart on a Qantas Airlines flight to Sydney. Upon arrival, we enjoy a brief orientation tour, including a drive by St Mary's Cathedral, Parliament House, Darling Harbour, Chinatown and Mrs Macquarie's Chair stopping a spectacular view of the Opera House. Accommodations are at magnificent and centrally located **Grace Hotel**, which include daily breakfasts. Our hotel is located only a few minutes' walk from Darling Harbour, Cockle Bay, King Street Wharf and Circular Quay. The balance of the afternoon is free for individual enjoyment.

## Pre-Convention Highlights of Australia Con't

**Thu., May 29 – Sydney:** This morning's half day tour includes a tour of Sydney's famous Opera House, the Rock and King's Cross. We then travel to Rushcutters Bay, Double Bay and Watson's Bay before stopping at Bondi Beach. We return to Circular Quay to board a delightful lunch cruise on Sydney Harbour. Lunch is included as a tour service. The balance of the afternoon is free for individual enjoyment.

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**Thu., June 5: Sydney/Depart for U.S.** on Qantas Airlines to Los Angeles.

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## Post-Convention Highlights of New Zealand and Fiji

**\$ 1,899 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy (Land Only)  
For Single Room, Add - \$740**

**Round trip Air New Zealand Airfare: \$1,876  
(Comprised of \$907 base airfare and \$969 in taxes, fees and surcharges)**

**(See Land Only pricing notes page 15)**

### Itinerary

**Thu., May 29 – Depart Los Angeles** on Air New Zealand

**Fri., May 30 – Cross International Dateline**

**Sat., May 31 – Arrive in Auckland** to connect with another Air New Zealand flight to Sydney.

**Sun., June 1 – Wed., June 4: Attend the Rotary International Convention.** No tour activities planned in deference to the Convention Activities.

**Thu., June 5 – Sydney/Auckland:** Depart on Air New Zealand flight to Auckland for afternoon arrival. Upon our arrival, we enjoy an orientation tour of Auckland before arriving at our **Stamford Plaza Hotel** accommodations which include daily breakfasts. This afternoon is free to rest begin to explore this beautiful city.

**Fri., June 6 – Auckland:** This morning's city sightseeing tour include view of the Hauraki Gulf from Bastion Point and a guided tour of the Maori and Pacific Island Court of the Auckland Museum, quaint Parnell Village, etc. This afternoon is free for your individual exploration.

**Sat., June 7 – Auckland/Waitomo/Rotorua:** We depart to Rotorua by motorcoach to begin our exploration of the Maori culture, traveling through lush farming country side via Waikato Valley, Hamilton City. We stop at Waitomo limestone caves for an extraordinary boat ride into the famous glow worm caves. Lunch is included at one of the local estates before we continue to our accommodations at the **Novotel Lakeside Hotel Rotorua**, which include daily breakfasts. This evening is free.

**Sun., June 8 – Rotorua:** Today, we visit the Agrodome for a sheep show, and a guided tour of Rainbow Springs, before we enjoy a lunch cruise on Lake Rotorua. After lunch, we take a guided tour of Te Puia, which includes the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute and Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley. This evening, we step back in time to experience the customs and traditions on a marae in Takamaki Maori Village. We enjoy traditional Maori food before the marae comes alive to the sound and activities of tribal song, myths and dance including a traditional haka.



## Post-Convention Highlights of New Zealand and Fiji Con't

**Mon., June 9 – Rotorua/Nadi:** Free morning. This afternoon, we drive to Auckland for an Air New Zealand flight to Nadi. Upon arrival in Nadi, arrive at our magnificent accommodations at the five-star, beach front **Shangri-La Fijian Resort and Spa**, which include daily breakfasts.

**Tue., June 10 – Fiji:** After the active convention and the exploration of New Zealand, today is a perfect day for rest and personal and for resort enjoyment.

**Wed., June 11 – Fiji:** Today, we will enjoy an all-day sightseeing excursion into Fijian culture as we travel to and explore Suva. Lunch included as a tour service. This evening, we attend a special dinner and Polynesian cultural show.

**Thu., June 12 – Fiji:** This is the last day in paradise as you have an entire day for yourself. Enjoy the beach, go to the spa, read a book, or sleep in. The time is yours.

**Fri., June 13 – Fiji/Depart for Home:** Morning free for independent pursuits. This afternoon transfer to the Nadi airport to depart on Air New Zealand to Los Angeles.



## Pre-Convention Grand Tour of New Zealand

**Land Only Prices: \$1,998 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
For Single Room, Add - \$550**

**Round trip Air New Zealand Airfare: \$1,836  
(Comprised of \$957 base airfare and \$879 in taxes, fees and surcharges)**

**(See Land Only pricing notes page 15)**

### Itinerary

**Tue., May 20 – Depart from San Francisco** on Air New Zealand.

**Wed., May 21 – Cross the International Dateline**

**Thu., May 22 –Arrive in Auckland:** We arrive early in the morning. Upon our arrival, we enjoy an orientation tour of Auckland before arriving at our **Stamford Plaza Hotel** accommodations which include daily breakfasts. This afternoon is free to rest, adjust to the time zone, and begin to explore this beautiful city.

**Fri., May 23 – Auckland:** This morning's city sightseeing tour include view of the Hauraki Gulf from Bastion Point and a guided tour of the Maori and Pacific Island Court of the Auckland Museum, quaint Parnell Village, etc., before we continue to drive through the waterfront and neighbourhoods of this beautiful city. This afternoon is free for your individual exploration.

**Sat., May 24 – Auckland/Waitomo/Rotorua:** We depart to Rotorua by motorcoach to begin our exploration of the Maori culture, traveling through lush farming country side via Waikato Valley, Hamilton City. We stop at Waitomo limestone caves for an extraordinary boat ride into the famous glow worm caves. Lunch is included at one of the local estates before we continue to our accommodations at the **Novotel Lakeside Hotel Rotorua**, which include daily breakfasts. This evening is free.

**Sun., May 25 – Rotorua:** Today, we visit the Agrodome for a sheep show, and a guided tour of Rainbow Sprigs, before we enjoy a lunch cruise on Lake Rotorua. After lunch, we take a guided tour of Te Puia, which includes the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute and Whakarewarewa Thermal Valley. This evening, we step back in time to experience the customs and traditions on a marae in Takamaki Maori Village. We enjoy traditional Maori food before the marae comes alive to the sound and activities of tribal song, myths and dance including a traditional haka.

**Mon., May 26 – Rotorua/Queenstown:** We depart Rotorua on an Air New Zealand flight to Queenstown. Upon arrival, we will drive through Queenstown to get acquainted with this city before arriving at our **Novotel Queenstown Lakeside Resort** accommodations, which include daily breakfasts. This evening, we travel across Lake Wakatipu on the TSS Earnslaw for dinner at the Walter High Peak Country Station.



## Pre-Convention Grand Tour of New Zealand Con't

**Tue., May 27 – Queenstown:** Today is one of the highlights of our visit as we enjoy all day sightseeing to the spectacular Fjordland National Park. Lofty mountains and deep valleys carved out by glaciers will provide a dramatic backdrop to the stream, waterfalls and dense rain forest we witness during our travel in the park and by boat on Milford Sound. Lunch is provided on board. Free evening.



**Wed., May 28 – Queenstown/Christchurch:** We depart by motor-coach for a full day of sightseeing en route to Christchurch, including travel through Central Otago and the Lindis Pass. Lunch provided en route, before arriving at our accommodations at the **Chateau on the Park Hotel**, which include daily breakfasts.

**Thu., May 29 – Christchurch:** This morning, we will take a city sightseeing tour of Christchurch including the River Avon, Hagley Park, and the Botanic Gardens before visiting the Antarctic Center. This afternoon and evening are free to explore this charming city.

**Fri., May 30 – Christchurch/Sydney:** This morning, we depart on an Air New Zealand flight to Sydney.

**Sat., - Wed., June 01 – 04: Sydney:** Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events are scheduled in deference to the Convention activities.

**Thu., June 05: Sydney/Depart for U.S.** on Air New Zealand to San Francisco via Auckland.



## Post-Convention Grand Tour of Australia

**Land Only Prices: \$2,899 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
For Single Room, Add - \$1,150**

**Round trip Qantas Airlines Airfare: \$2,437  
(Comprised of \$1,472 base airfare and \$965 in taxes, fees and surcharges)**

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### Itinerary

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**Thu., May 29 – Cross the International Dateline**

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This afternoon, we witness a traditional aboriginal dance performance depicting animals, food gathering, and hunting. On the guided Dreamtime Walk, you can try your hand at throwing a boomerang, and listen to the haunting didgeridoo. Evening free.



**Sun., June 8 – Cairns/Ayers Rock (Uluru):** This morning, depart on Qantas Airlines to Ayers Rock, or Uluru, its Aboriginal name. We travel through the desert plains to The Olgas, known to the Aborigines as “Kata Tjuta,” where we will walk through the Olga Gore and see its extraordinary shaped formations. Our accommodations will be at the extraordinary **Desert Garden Hotel**.

**Howard Tours for Rotarians**



## Post-Convention Grand Tour of Australia Con't



**Sun., June 8 – Uluru-Con't:** This evening we enjoy a once in a lifetime experience at the "Sounds of Silence" dinner event. Our evening adventure begins by absorbing an uninterrupted, 360° view of this vast landscape. In front of you is the fabled Uluru; behind you are the domes of Kata Tjuta and a most spectacular sunset. Here you enjoy a BBQ buffet of authentic Australian delicacies complemented by Australian wines. Our attention then turns skyward to some of the world's best stargazing, as our star-talker takes us on a tour of the spectacular southern night sky.

**Mon., June 9 – Ayers Rock/Alice Springs:** This morning, we awaken early to witness sunrise on Uluru. As you tour the Rock's base you will fully appreciate not only its size but also the way it appears to continually change. We visit the cultural centre for breakfast, before our tour of ancient caves adorned in Aboriginal art. We then depart for Alice Springs. Lunch provided en route as a tour service. Our accommodations are at the **DoubleTree by Hilton**, including breakfast. Free evening.

**Tue., June 10 – Alice Springs/Adelaide:** Today we explore life in this isolated community including visits to the Old Telegraph Station, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Alice Springs School of the Air Visitors Centre. This afternoon we depart on Qantas Airlines to Adelaide. Our accommodations are at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** and include daily breakfasts.

**Wed., June 11 – Adelaide:** This morning, we embark on a tour Adelaide - a captivating Australian city. It is a city of churches and the food and wine capital of Australia, with sandstone homes and cottages, sweeping gardens and greenbelts. It is a young Australian city rich in culture with a passion for fine living. Free afternoon and evening.

**Thu., June 12 – Adelaide:** Today, will be a memorable and enjoyable experience as we travel to the Barossa Valley wine making region, where we enjoy an Australian wine country experience. We will visit wineries and walk vineyards, and receive an overview of the 14 different grapes varieties grown in the vineyards that create some of Australia's most famous wines. Our winery visits include Jacob's Creek and Wolf Blass. Lunch will be provided at Vintner's Bar & Grill for a lunch of wines paired with a specially prepared meal. Evening free



**Fri., June 13 – Adelaide/Melbourne:** This morning, we fly on Qantas Airlines to Melbourne. Our accommodations are at the **Novotel Melbourne on Collins**, and include daily breakfasts. Free afternoon and evening.

**Sat., June 14 – Melbourne:** This morning's city sightseeing tour includes Fitzroy Gardens and Captain Cook's cottage. We pass the magnificent Royal Botanical Gardens and make a visit to the Shrine of Remembrance. See the Arts and Cultural Centre, Albert Park Lake and the gracious tree lined St. Kilda Road. This afternoon is free for rest, individual enjoyment and exploration.

**Sun., June 15 – Melbourne/Depart for U.S.** on Qantas Airways to Los Angeles.



## Land Only Prices in Conjunction with our 2014 Rotary Convention Tours

All tour members have the freedom to decide if they want to include Howard Tours round trip, group airfares between the U.S. and Down Under, or if you will secure your own international airline tickets. Therefore, all tour prices are offered "land only." We have also quoted the group airfare for each tour. 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 trans-Pacific airfares from the specified cities AND all necessary flights between the cities visited. If you are considering securing your own airfare Down Under, please note you may also need to purchase airfare between the tour destinations.

The following information specifies, by tour, which airfares within Australia and/or New Zealand are included in our group air reservations, Therefore, if you are securing your own airline trans-Pacific tickets, you would need to purchase these flights in addition to your Trans-Pacific ticket.

### Pre-Convention Tours:

- **Explore Sydney:** No flights are required once travelers arrive in Sydney.
- **Grand New Zealand:** Flights from Rotorua to Queenstown and from Christchurch to Sydney.
- **Highlights of Australia:** Flights from Melbourne to Adelaide and Adelaide to Sydney.

### Post-Convention Tours:

- **Explore Cairns/The Great Barrier Reef:** The flight between Sydney and Cairns.
- **Explore Melbourne:** The flight between Sydney and Melbourne.
- **Highlights of New Zealand with Fiji:** Flights from Sydney to Auckland and Auckland to Nadi.
- **Grand Australia:** Flights from Sydney to Cairns, Cairns to Ayers Rock, Alice Springs to Adelaide and Adelaide to Melbourne.

**Airfare taxes, government charges and fuel surcharges:** Please note that for each tour, we have quoted the two components of airfares individually – 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; therefore, we have quoted them separately. 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 this expense in the invoice you will receive approximately 90 days prior to departure.

**AIR NEW ZEALAND** 

 **QANTAS**  
Spirit of Australia

Howard Tours will provide group transfers between the airport and hotel for tour members who purchase our airfare. We cannot guarantee these transfers for members who purchase their own airfare, depending upon their arrival time. Airport Transfers in Sydney are NOT included in the above or in our tour prices.

## Sydney Hotels

As a service to our tour members, we can confirm reservations at the following hotels, subject to availability. Accommodations in Sydney are not included in our tour prices except where noted.

All rates quoted below include taxes for single or double occupancy rooms. Breakfast is not included.

**Travelodge Wynyard York Street, Moderate First Class – Daily Room Rate: \$175.** 7-9 York Street is adjacent to the Wynyard railway station for easy access to the Convention Center. The Travelodge Wynyard Hotel is located near some of Sydney's wonderful attractions like Circular Quay and The Rocks.

**InterContinental Sydney, Moderate Deluxe - Daily Room Rate: \$300.** 117 Macquarie Street is near the Circular Quay railway station for easy access to the Convention Center. Near the hotel, explore The Rocks, stroll in the Royal Botanic Gardens or browse the designer boutiques at the Queen Victoria Building.

**The Grace Sydney, Superior First Class - Daily Room Rate: \$290.** *Held exclusively for members of the Explore Sydney and Highlights of Australia Pre Convention Tours until January 30.* The Grace is one of Sydney's most prominent landmarks, It is an example of Art-Deco architecture with a distinguished Neo-Gothic exterior. 77 York Street is only minutes away from the Pitt Street Mall, Darling Harbour, Martin Place, Circular Quay and The Rocks. It is walking distance from the Wynyard railway station for easy access to the Convention Center.

All of the above listed hotels 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 Sydney, we can only offer these hotel accommodations to our tour members.

## Roundtrip Airfare

Arranged for Rotarians who do not want to join a tour but who desire the best possible airfare.

**Air New Zealand \$823**

plus \$846 in taxes, fees and surcharges on the following itinerary:

29 May	Depart Los Angeles
31 May	Arrive Sydney (via Auckland, NZ)
05 June	Depart Sydney
05 June	Arrive Los Angeles (via Auckland, NZ)

## Visa Requirements for US and Canadian Citizens

All U.S. and Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport and a Tourist Visa to enter Australia. Electronic Travel Visas (ETAs) may be purchased online. An ETA allows travelers to visit for up to 90 days within a 12-month period.

The website to arrange your visa is: <https://www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETA/etas.jsp>

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

# Howard Tours For Rotarians Application

Please Print

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations Desired (please circle):    Single        Double        Triple

**PRE-CONVENTION TOURS**

**POST-CONVENTION TOURS**

- Explore Sydney
- Grand New Zealand
- Australia Highlights

- Explore Melbourne
- Explore Cairns/Great Barrier Reef
- Grand Australia
- New Zealand & Fiji Highlights

Please Confirm roundtrip airfare with my tour:  
Originating U.S. Airport: \_\_\_\_\_

I want a hotel in Sydney during the Rotary Convention

- Travelodge Wynyard**     **InterContinental Sydney**     **The Grace** (For Explore Sydney or Australian Highlight Members until Feb 1 )

**Send application to Howard Tours, with a legible photocopy of the personal information page of each passport and \$500 per person deposit, by check . I have read and accept all conditions attached.**

Sign and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENTS:** Send \$500 per person, payable ONLY by check, with application. Check made payable to: "**Howard Tours, Trustee Account.**" Please indicate "Sydney 2014" 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) Other values detailed in the itinerary.

**Prices do NOT include:** (1) All airfares; (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 Sydney 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, 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. Howard Tours accepts Visa or MasterCard for final payment. However, all credit card payments are subject to a 5% fee to pay for bank charges.

**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, & \$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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