



This week-long trip is a hands-on experience in working with the local Rotary clubs to participate in a full day at in Family Health Day activities, project visits, friendships and learning how to support the Rotary projects of West Africa.

We spend two days in the field connecting with the local communities, including: immunizations of the children of Ghana, and a second day of visits to Rotary club project sites.

We attend The West Africa Project Fair, which showcases Rotary projects from 15 West African nations. It will be a time to learn, experience and see how you and your club can be a part of "Doing Good" in Africa.



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West Africa Rotary Project Fair and Family Health Days

8 Days – Only \$1,789 Land Only, Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy Add \$625 for a Single Room

Mon., Oct., 28 - Depart North America

Tue., Oct. 29 - Arrive in Accra, Ghana: Evening arrival in Accra Hotel transfer provided for group members on specified flights. First-class accommodations at the **La Palm Royal Beach Hotel**, which includes daily breakfasts and internet.

Wed., Oct. 30 – Accra: Today, we explore the capital city of Accra. Sightseeing includes the W.E.B Dubois Centre for Pan African Culture, the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, Independence Square, Christianborg Castle, etc. Lunch is provided as a tour service. Afternoon visit to the U.S. Embassy for a briefing. This evening, we attend a welcome reception/orientation at the hotel.



Thu., Oct. 31 - Family Health Day Camp: Today we join the local Rotarians who will take us into Accra's rural communities for hands-on participation in a Family Health Day Camp that will provide a range of services for children and community members. Treatments will include immunization for childhood diseases, including polio, and malaria, HIV, hypertension, glaucoma, diabetes, etc. Today is both an emotional and enlightening experience as you connect with the children of Africa. Lunch will be provided. This evening we attend a dinner event hosted by the District Governor.

Fri., Nov. 1 - Community Service/Humanitarian Day: This morning members of the Rotary clubs of Accra will take us into the local communities to see their projects that are creating lasting change. The purpose of today is to create friendships and be exposed to the community service and humanitarian programs of Rotary. Tonight we participate an Inter-City meeting with the Rotary clubs in and around Accra. This event will enable friendships with Rotarians from Ghana and West Africa.

Sat., Nov. 2 - West Africa Project Fair: The West Africa Project Fair starts giving you the ability to engage with Rotarians and their projects from 15 West African nations. Today's events include the Opening Ceremony, and visits to club booths to explore their projects. Lunch is provided. This evening is free for individual enjoyment.

Sun., Nov. 3 West Africa Project Fair: We continue to visit the Project Fair booths to learn about the projects of the West African clubs and discover how to join them in addressing their humanitarians needs. Lunch is included. Tonight, we attend a special closing dinner and entertainment event.



Mon., Nov. 4 – Accra: Today, we travel to the beach side community of Kokrobite to see a special project and to experience rural Ghanaian life and the customs of the Ga Tribe. Lunch is provided.



Tue., Nov. 5 - Accra/Last Minute Shopping/Depart for Home: This morning we enjoy last minute shopping, rest and free time to connect with the local Rotarians. We join with the local Rotarians for a farewell event before our evening flight from Accra.

Thu., Nov. 6 – Arrive in North America.

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Founded in 1948, Howard Tours has been operating tour programs worldwide for over six decades. Thousands of members of Rotary have joined us to participate in polio eradication campaigns, wheelchair deliveries, humanitarian missions, and travel to the West Africa Project Fair by providing an easy, comprehensive travel program for North American participants. Over 600 people from North America have traveled with us to prior Fairs.

Rotarian Purpose

The West Africa Project Fair (WAPF) was Rotary's first humanitarian project fair in Africa, as a part of Rotary's Reach Out to Africa initiative. It was created by Rotarians from 15 West African nations to facilitate partnerships and projects that will make a significant contribution to the needs of this continent.

By joining this program, you will work with the local Rotarians to understand how important Rotary is to their communities. You will also have the opportunity to select and support Rotary Foundation projects during the Fair, engage in field work in the local communities, create strong friendships with the West African Rotarians, and participate in hands-on humanitarian and health related field work.



Participate in: Family Health Camp, Project Site Visitations, and West Africa Project Fair:

You will have the opportunity to look into the eyes of a child as you give them vaccines that will change their future health. Our team will participate in a Family Health Camp which includes routine immunizations, such as for polio, in a rural community outside of Accra. In addition to making a difference in the lives of children of Ghana, you will have extraordinary experiences, and develop a unique insight into the life and challenges in Africa. Together with Ghanaian Rotarians you will witness the work of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation.

Passport, Visa and Health Requirements:

All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport and Ghanaian visa. The cost of obtaining your passport, visa and inoculations are not included in the tour price. It is your responsibility to apply and pay for the following items:

U.S. Passport: Must be valid at least six months after your scheduled return to the U.S.

<u>Ghanaian Visa for all U.S. citizens</u>: Information on applying for the visa will be sent to you with your trip confirmation materials. Allow two weeks to process the visa application.

<u>Required Inoculations</u>: The Center for Disease Control (http://www.cdc.gov) states that a yellow fever inoculation is required. They also recommend that U.S. citizens take precautions against malaria and other diseases. Please consult your physician to determine precautions appropriate for you.

Special Airfare Note: Tour price does NOT include round trip airfare. This tour is offered to Rotarians throughout the U.S., making it impossible to anticipate and include the necessary flight itineraries in our tour price. In Aug/Sep, after our group has formed, we will offer all North American members the most appropriate flight options. Alternatively, you are free to purchase your round trip airfare or use frequent flyer mileage.

West Africa Project Fair and Health Days Program 2024 • Accra, Ghana Membership Application (Please Print) Traveler I: NAME: (Full Name **EXACLY** as it appears on your passport—no nicknames, please) Passport No.: Country of Issue: Date of Birth: Traveler 2: NAME: (Full 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: ______ Eve: _____

Send application, and a photocopy of your current passport, with a deposit by check of \$600 per person to Howard Tours.

Please Quote roundtrip airfare with my tour: No Yes- Airport: _____

I have read and accept all conditions enclosed.

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Accommodations Desired: (circle one) Single Double

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Send application to Howard Tours, with a clear photocopy of each passport and a deposit by check of \$600 per person. Remaining payments are due upon request and may be paid by check or credit card.

Special Note: By sending in this application, you will secure your place on this trip. However, all deposits are 100% refundable until July 15, when the program is finalized and the price is set

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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) Overnight delivery fees or delivery fees for clients outside the continental U.S.; (11) Meals not specified in the itineraries; (12) Airport/hotel transfers, unless noted in itinerary. (13) COVID testing; (14) 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 the relative value between the U.S. dollar and the currencies of the countries listed when tours are priced and the folder published. If the exchange rates, 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. <u>Howard Tours accepts Credit Cards for final payment</u>.

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