

HOWARD TOURS

**5th WEST AFRICA PROJECT FAIR
COMMUNITY HEALTH AND
POLIO IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM**

Cotonou, Benin



November 04 - November 11, 2009

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This journey will be a landmark event in your Rotary experience. It combines your attendance at the West Africa Project Fair, with hands-on participation in polio eradication and humanitarian field work. This may be your last chance to give the two drops of a vaccine that will change a child's future. Filled with high Rotary purpose and accomplishment, this trip will introduce you to new friends, and give you new opportunities to create humanitarian projects while advancing Rotary's objective of world understanding and peace.



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Howard Tours

Founded in 1948, Howard Tours has been operating tour programs worldwide for six decades. We have taken thousands of Rotarians to participate in polio eradication, wheelchair deliveries, and humanitarian missions, and played a critical role in the creation of the West Africa Project Fair by providing an easy, comprehensive travel program for North American participants. More than 250 people from North America have traveled with us to the Fair.

Howard Tours is a tour company, and not a travel agency. We do not resell tours from other companies. Instead, we select and purchase the travel services directly from the airlines, hotels, sightseeing companies, etc. We then sell these tours directly to our customers. As such, you are ensured of the greatest travel value.

Rotary Purpose

The West Africa Project Fair (WAPF) was created to provide support to Rotary projects in West Africa, expose worldwide Rotarians to the needs and challenges of West Africa, give the participants a hand-on experience in community immunization programs and create lifelong friendships. Our West African hosts have opened their arms to receive us by creating an exceptional itinerary.

By attending the WAPF, you should expect to work with the local Rotarians to identify Rotary Foundation projects, engage in field work in the communities of Benin, create strong friendships with the West African Rotarians, and participate in hands-on humanitarian and health related field work.



During our visit, all participants will be expected to attend all official programs, including the and West Africa Project Fair activities, humanitarian site visits and the community immunization program, etc.

Polio Immunization Day and Humanitarian Project Site Visits:

A unique element of this program is to explore the local communities with local Rotarians. One day will focused on participating in Sub-National Immunization Day (SNID) exercises. You will go into the communities with local Rotarians to provide immunize children. On another day, the Benin Rotarians will take us to their humanitarian project sites to experience, first-hand, the work of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. Through these two special days, you will have a unique experience in the villages, towns and communities of Africa.

Interest in this tour has been overwhelming. We expect it to sell-out quickly. Membership is limited, and will be confirmed, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Passport, Visa and Health Requirements

All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport and Benin 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.

Benin Visa for all U.S. citizens: An application and information on applying for the visa will be sent to you with your trip confirmation materials. Allow four weeks to process the visa application.

Required Inoculations: 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 roundtrip airfare.** This program is being offered to Rotarians throughout the world, making it impossible to anticipate and include the necessary flight itineraries. In August, after our group has formed, we will offer the lowest possible group airfare options to North American members. Alternatively, you are free to purchase your roundtrip airfare or use your frequent flyer mileage.

West Africa Project Fair, Polio Immunization Program
8 Days – Only \$1,629, Per Person, Single Bedded Room
For Single Room, Add \$575

Wed., Nov. 4 - Arrive in Cotonou: Evening arrival in Cotonou. Airport/hotel transfer provided for group members arriving on specified flights. Accommodations are at the first class **Benin Marina Hotel**, which include daily breakfasts.



Thu., Nov. 5 – Cotonou: This morning we will explore Cotonou, with visits to the prominent sites, including the artisan’s center to shop for local arts and crafts. An Intercity Rotary lunch will be included as a tour event. After lunch, we will visit the U.S. Embassy for a cultural, economic and political briefing. This evening, we will enjoy a welcome reception hosted by the local Rotarians.

Fri., Nov. 6 - Cotonou - Humanitarian Site Visits: The objectives of today’s events are to create friendships with the local Rotarians and expose you to the humanitarian programs of the Cotonou clubs. We will divide our group into smaller groups to be paired with Rotarians to go into the villages and communities to visit the humanitarian programs of the local Rotary clubs. Your lunch will be provided by your local Rotary host. This evening will be free.

Sat., Nov. 7 – Polio Immunization Activities: Today, our group will divide into smaller groups to be paired with the Cotonou Rotary Clubs to go out into the neighborhoods and villages of the area surrounding Cotonou for all day polio vaccination activities. Lunch is provided by our local hosts. This evening, we will be hosted by local Rotarians for dinner.



Sun., Nov. 8 - West Africa Project Fair: This morning, we attend the opening ceremony of the West Africa Project Fair, followed by all day participation in its seminars and programs. Lunch is included in the Project Fair. This evening, we will enjoy a special dinner event.

Mon., Nov. 9 - West Africa Project Fair: .Today, we will enjoy all day visits to the individual project booths at the West Africa Project Fair. Lunch is included in the Project Fair. Tonight we will enjoy a special dinner event.

Tue., Nov. 10 - Cotonou/Ouida - Today, we will enjoy all day sightseeing along the slave route to Ouida, a famous slave trade port, Grand Popo and the village on stilts. Lunch will be provided as a tour service. This evening, will be free.

Wed., Nov. 11 - Cotonou/Depart for Home. Today will be free to enjoy shopping and free time. Evening farewell reception before our evening departure



PAYMENTS: Send \$400 per person, payable ONLY by check with application. Check to be made payable to: "**Howard Tours, Trustee Account**". Specify "**WAPF 09 Rotary Tour**" on the check. Remaining payments are due upon request.

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Prices do NOT include: (1) All airfares; (2) Passport and visa fees, if any; (3) Local airport departure taxes not included in the airline ticket; (4) All insurance; (5) All personal expenses, (e.g., phone, laundry, etc.); (6) All health and medical services, and related expenses; (7) All required travel immunizations, 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 tour itinerary.

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Membership Application
(Please Print)

Traveler 1: NAME: _____ Age: _____
(Full Legal Name EXACTLY as it appears on passport—no nicknames, please)

Traveler 2: NAME: _____ Age: _____
(Full Legal Name EXACTLY as it appears on passport—no nicknames, please)

ADDRESS _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: Day: _____ Eve: _____

E-Mail: _____

Rotary Club: _____ District: _____

Would You Like Howard Tours to Make Your Air Reservations: (circle one) Yes No

Airport Nearest Your Home: _____

Accommodations Desired: (circle one) Single Double Desire to Share with _____

Traveler 1:
Badge Name or Nickname : _____

Traveler 2:
Badge Name or Nickname : _____

Send application to Howard Tours, with a deposit by check of \$400 per person.
I have read and accept all conditions attached.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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