

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 106th 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Howard". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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.

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Pre-Convention Explore Rio de Janeiro and Foz do Iguaçu

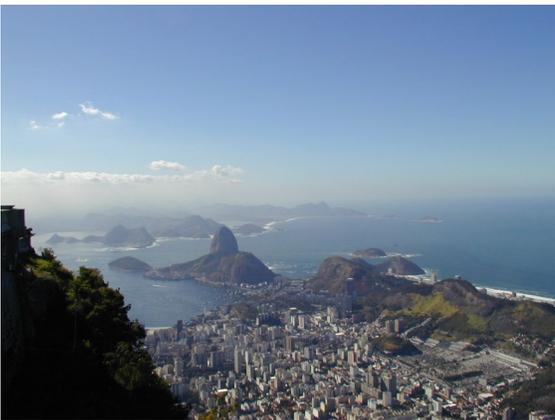
Land Only Tour Price: \$1,849 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy
For Single Room, Add - \$500

(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 rail-road 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.

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: <https://reciprocidad.provincianet.com.ar/ComoFunciona.aspx>

Health in South America

Inoculations: The Center for Disease Control (CDC) (<http://www.cdc.gov>) indicates 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.

Application Howard Tours For Rotarians Attending the Rotary International Convention Brazil

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

- Explore Rio and Iguacu**
- Brazil Highlights Tour**
- Grand Peruvian Tour ****
**price pending confirmation

POST-CONVENTION TOURS

- Explore Rio and Iguacu**
- Grand Brazil Tour**
- Argentina Highlights Tour ***
*itinerary pending confirmation

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

I want a hotel in São Paulo during the Rotary Convention
 Staybridge Suites São Paulo

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: _____ (PP IFFR10/02)

PAYMENTS: Send \$500 per person, payable ONLY by check, with application. Check made payable to: "**Howard Tours, Trustee Account.**" 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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