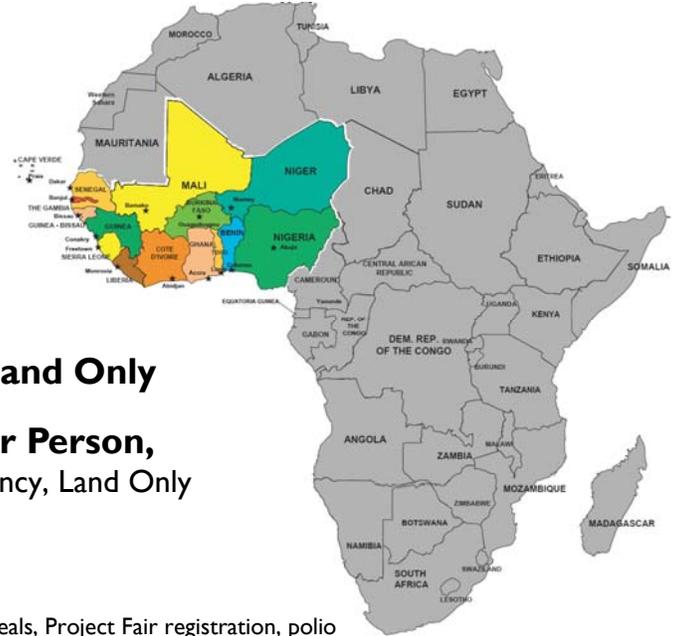




# WEST AFRICA PROJECT FAIR

**October 02 - 11, 2018**  
**Cotonou, Benin**

**Rotary**



**8 Days • Land Only**

**\$1,729 Per Person,**  
**Double Occupancy, Land Only**

Includes Polio  
Eradication  
Activities

Price includes hotel, sightseeing, transfers, meals, Project Fair registration, polio immunization activities, Rotary events, community service/humanitarian programs.

(Round trip airfare not included.  
To be offered separately August 2018)

This week-long trip is a hands-on experience in polio eradication, community service, friendships and learning how to support the Rotary projects of West Africa.

**We plan to participate in a polio eradication exercise.** This day will be a landmark event in your Rotary experience. It also may be your last chance to give two drops of the polio vaccine to a child.

**We work** at local project sites, supported by local Rotary clubs and the Rotary Foundation, in **hands-on community service projects.** It will be a day of accomplishment and satisfaction.

**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 Project Fair Humanitarian and Community Health Tour

**8 Days – Only \$1,729 - Based on Per Person, Double Occupancy  
Add \$600 for a Single Room • Land Only**

## Itinerary

**Tue., Oct., 02 - Depart North America**

**Wed., Oct. 03 - Arrive in Cotonou:** Evening arrival in Cotonou, Benin. Hotel transfer provided for group members on specified flights. First-class accommodations at the **Golden Tulip Hotel**, which includes daily breakfasts and internet.

**Thu., Oct. 04 – Cotonou:** Morning tour of Cotonou, including Dantokpa Market, Foundation Zinsou, Lagune de Cotonou, Place des Martyrs, etc. Lunch is provided. Afternoon visit to the U.S. Embassy for a briefing. This evening, we attend a welcome reception/orientation at the hotel. Thereafter, the evening is free for rest and individual enjoyment.

**Fri., Oct. 05 - Polio Immunizations/Community Health Program:** We join with the local Rotarians who will take us into Cotonou's communities in to distribute polio and Guinea-worm vaccines, etc., it is both an emotional and enlightening experience as you connect with the children of Africa.



**Sat., Oct. 06 - West Africa Project Fair:** Today, we attend the Fair and engage with Rotarians from 15 West African nations. Events include the Opening Ceremony, Rotary Foundation seminars to learn how to support and engage club projects. Lunch is provided. This evening, we will enjoy a special dinner event with the attendees of the Project Fair.

**Sun., Oct. 07 - West Africa Project Fair:** We visit the Project Fair booths to learn about the projects of the West African clubs and discover how to join them in addressing their humanitarian needs. Lunch is included. Tonight, we enjoy a special closing dinner and entertainment event.

**Mon., Oct. 08 - Community Service/Humanitarian Day:** We join with local clubs to create friendships and be exposed to the community service and humanitarian programs of the Cotonou Rotary clubs. We expect to engage in a hands on project with many of the clubs. Lunch provided by local Rotarians.

**Tue., Oct. 09 - Ouidah:** All day sightseeing along the coast of Benin en route to Ouidah, famous for its role in the slave trade and the world of voodoo. From the 17th to the late 19th century, Ouidah was the exit point for the slave trade to the Americas. Sights will include the Ouidah Museum of History, Sacred Forest, Pythons Temple, etc. Lunch provided. This evening, we will participate in a special dinner event.

**Wed., Oct. 10 - Cotonou/Last Minute Shopping/Depart for Home:** This morning, we will enjoy last minute shopping, rest and free time to connect with the local Rotarians. Evening flight from Cotonou back to North America.



**Thu., Oct. 11 – Arrive in North America.**

## Howard Tours

Founded in 1948, Howard Tours has been operating tour programs worldwide for over six decades. Thousands of Rotarians have joined us to participate in polio eradication campaigns, wheelchair deliveries, 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. 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.



### Polio Immunization, Hands-on Work Project, and West Africa Project Fair:

**The Benin National Polio Plus Committee has told us that they will conduct a Sub-National Immunization program in the greater Benin during our stay. Our members will go into the local communities to give two drops of the polio vaccine to save the lives of the children.**

The Benin Rotarians are planning a day of activities in their local communities so that our member will be able to engage in a hands on humanitarian project. Our group will have the chance to visit a number of humanitarian project sites to witness the work of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. During these activities, you will have extraordinary experiences, develop a unique insight into the life and challenges in Africa, and be in the safety and care of local Rotarians.

## 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 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.

# Polio Immunization, Community Service and West Africa Project Fair Program

2018 • Cotonou, Benin

Membership Application

(Please Print)

**Traveler 1: NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name **EXACTLY** 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rotary Club:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Highest Rotary Offices Held:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Traveler 2:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Badge Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Badge Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send application to Howard Tours, with a clear photocopy of each passport and a deposit by check of \$500 per person.**

I have read and accept all conditions attached.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Payments:** Send \$500 per person, payable only by check, with application. Remaining payments are due upon request and may be paid by check or credit card. Assign deposit check to : "Howard Tours, Trustee Account," Specify "WAPF 2018" on the lower left corner of 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) Meals and special events specified in the itinerary; (3) Private motorcoach sightseeing and transfers; (4) English speaking guide; (5) Entrance fees; (6) Tips to local guides, drivers and hotel porters; (7) West Africa Project Fair registration; (8) Polio immunization, community health and service program and all Rotary events and values as stated in the itinerary; and (9) Other Rotary and tour materials.

**Prices do NOT include:** (1) Any and 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.

**Conditions of Prices:** Prices are based on the relative value between the U.S. dollar, a projected number of travelers, and the currencies of the countries listed when the tours are priced and the folder is printed. If the exchange rates, airfares, number of people who join the tour, or other travel costs change, the traveler may be assessed any extra charges, or refunds. Prices were set and folder was printed June 15, 2018.

**Changes of Itinerary:** Howard Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary or services for any reason, including those which may be out of our control, (e.g.,: airline schedule changes, natural disasters, schedule of local Rotarians, 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: \$300 up to 46 days before departure, and \$500 within 45 days of departure. **Cancellations received within 21 days of the date of departure will be 100% 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. 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 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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