

# The 103rd Annual Convention of Rotary International

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## HOWARD TOURS FOR ROTARIANS

We invite you to come to the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of Rotary International in Bangkok, Thailand from May 6-9, 2012. It has been eight years since the convention has been in Asia (Osaka – 2004), and the time has never been better to explore the beauty, cultures and history of this region.

Howard Tours has put together a handful of carefully crafted tours, both before and after the Convention, that are specifically ideal for both first time, and longtime convention attendees. Angkor Wat, Bali, Hong Kong, Singapore and Beijing are just a few of the place you can go.

Our programs have been designed to give you freedom and flexibility of choice. You can decide if you want us to provide you with a hotel in Bangkok during the convention. We can offer you a range of hotels from first-class to some of the most deluxe that Bangkok has to offer. The hotels are not included in our tours, as many of our customers have secured their hotels either through a frequent stay program or even through Rotary.

- You can decide if you want to include the group trans-Pacific round trip airfare from designated.
- U.S. cities, or you can secure your own air reservations either through another source, or with frequent flyer miles.
- You can design you own travel adventure by combining our pre and post-convention tours.

You may wish to join one of our programs and then complete your travel by visiting an area that is not included in our tour offering. Howard Tours can help our tour members complete their travel needs. For more information and assistance, please call us at 1-800-475-2260 or send us an e-mail: [travel@HowardTours.net](mailto:travel@HowardTours.net)

Howard Tours has been taking Rotarians to the Rotary International conventions since the early 1950's. Literally thousands of Rotarians have traveled with us year after year. We hope that we have included something that you would like to see and do in the following materials.

Thank you for your interest.



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## Welcome to Howard Tours

Howard Tours was founded in 1948 by Joe Howard, Past District Governor of what was then know as District 517, which includes California's Silicon Valley. We remain a Rotarian owned and operated company, 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. Instead, we select and purchase our services from the airlines, hotels, cruise lines, sightseeing companies, etc. We then sell these tours directly to our selective clientele. We do not purchase tours from other wholesalers to resell them as our own. As a result, we can 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, the delivery of wheelchairs to those in need, matching grant site visits and many other humanitarian programs.

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We look forward to traveling with you

## Pre Convention Explore Hong Kong

### 10 Day Program to Hong Kong, Bangkok

#### Land Only Prices:

(See Land Only pricing notes page 15)

\$699 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
For Single Room, Add - \$400

Round trip Singapore Airlines Airfare: \$1,363.64  
(Comprised of \$730 base airfare and \$633.64 in taxes and service charges)

Hong Kong is one of the most exciting and cosmopolitan cities on earth. It will provide you with some of the best shopping in the world – tailor clothing, jewelry, etc. At night, you have a wide range of cuisines and styles from which to choose. This tour is ideal for those who have limited time and want to visit another city besides Bangkok.

#### Itinerary

**Tue., May 1** – Depart San Francisco on Singapore Airlines.

**Wed., May 2 – Arrive in Hong Kong:** We arrive in this exciting and cosmopolitan city of Hong Kong. Our accommodations will be at the the new **Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Tsim Sha Tsui**, including daily breakfasts. Shortly after arrival, we have an orientation walking tour of Tsim Sha Tsui. Free afternoon so you can get fitted for tailor made clothes, take the Star Ferry to Hong Kong Island or have afternoon tea in the lobby of the Peninsula Hotel.

**Thu., May 3 - Hong Kong:** This morning, we depart for a half day sightseeing tour of Hong Kong Island, including the Wanchai and Central districts, a ride on the tram to Victoria Peak, and visits to Repulse Bay and Stanley Market before returning to the hotel. This afternoon and evening are free so that you have time to shop, get fitted for tailored clothing, or enjoy fine dining.

**Fri., May 4 – Hong Kong:** We have left all day free for last minute shopping, a final fitting of your tailor made clothing, or other individual enjoyment and pursuits.

**Sat., May 5 – Hong Kong/Bangkok:** This morning we depart for Bangkok.

**Sun., - Wed., May 6 – 9 – Bangkok:** Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events are scheduled in deference to the Convention activities.

**Thu., May 10 – Bangkok/Depart for Home.** Midday departure on Singapore Airlines.



## Pre Convention

### Grand Tour of Vietnam with Angkor Wat

#### 23 Days Memorable Days to Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, Hue, Hoi An, Saigon, Angkor Wat, Bangkok.

##### Land Only Prices:

(See Land Only pricing notes page 15)

\$3,289 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
For Single Room, Add - \$1,200

Round trip China Airlines Airfare: \$1175

(Comprised of \$845 base airfare and \$330 in current taxes and service charges)

This program will offer you an unbelievable travel experience, rich in history and culture. From the luxurious hotels, to the phenomenal cuisine, this trip to Vietnam and Cambodia will offer you a travel experience. This trip is designed for those who have always wanted to visit these destinations but were waiting for the "right one."

#### Itinerary

**Wed., Apr. 18** - Depart from Los Angeles on China Airlines.

**Thu., Apr. 19** – Arrive in Taipei, before continuing to Hanoi. Upon our arrival, we begin our exploration of Hanoi with visits to the Temple of Literature, West Lake, Tran Quoc Pagoda, etc. Dinner included as a tour service. Accommodations at the **Moevenpick Hotel**, including with daily buffet breakfasts.

**Fri, Apr. 20 – Hanoi:** This morning's sightseeing will include Hoa Lo prison (Hanoi Hilton), Hoan Kiem Lake, and the old quarter of Hanoi, etc. Lunch provided. This afternoon is free for rest, shopping or continued exploration of the city. Dinner is provided as a tour service.

**Sat., Apr. 21 – Hanoi:** Morning visit to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, American War Museum and Ethnology Museum. Lunch provided. This evening, following our dinner, we will enjoy a performance of the famous Vietnamese Water Puppets.

**Sun., Apr. 22 – Hanoi/ Ha Long Bay:** Morning departure for Halong Bay, an extraordinarily beautiful UNESCO World Heritage site. Upon arrival, we will board **Victory Star** cruise boat for an overnight cruise on the Bay. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included with our accommodations. All cabins have private baths.



**Mon., Apr. 23 – Halong Bay/Hanoi/Hue:** Continue with our Halong Bay cruise before returning to Hanoi for dinner, provided as a tour service. After dinner depart on an evening flight to Hue. Accommodations at **Saigon Morin Hotel**, including daily breakfasts.

**Tue., Apr. 24 - Hue:** Morning sightseeing at the Citadel, Purple Royal Palaces, etc. Lunch provided as a tour service. Your afternoon is free to explore the expansive local market with its vibrant colors, row after row of food stalls, and pictures around every corner. Dinner provided as a tour service.

## Pre Convention

### Grand Tour of Vietnam with Angkor Wat (Con't)

**Wed., Apr. 25 – Hue/Hoi An:** This morning, we will travel down the Perfumed River to visit Thien Mu Pagoda and the mausoleum of King Minh Mang. We then cross Cloudy Pass before enjoying lunch at Lang Co Beach. Resort accommodations at the deluxe **Palm Garden Beach Resort**, including daily buffet breakfasts.



**Thu., Apr. 26 - Hoi An:** This morning, we climb into pedi cabs to explore the precious town of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Lunch is provided. Free afternoon to complete your shopping in silk, art and curios shops. Dinner provided as a tour service.

**Fri., Apr. 27 – Hoi An:** Today is a free day so you can enjoy the resort amenities, sleep in, or get your second fitting of the clothes you are having made.

**Sat., Apr. 28 - Hoi An/Da Nang/Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon):** Travel to Da Nang for a flight to Saigon. Accommodations at the deluxe **InterContinental Asiana Saigon Hotel**, with daily buffet breakfasts.

**Sun. Apr. 29 - Saigon:** Morning city sightseeing tour including Central Post Office, the Fine Arts Museum, War Museum, Chinatown, Reunification Palace, etc. This afternoon is free for your individual enjoyment and exploration of Saigon. Tailor made clothing, laquerware, or silks are exceptional values. This evening, we will enjoy a special dinner event at the private home of a U.S. Rotarian who has been living in Viet Nam since the 1990's.

**Mon., Apr. 30 - Saigon:** Morning sightseeing to the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, where Viet Cong soldiers ambushed American Army bases. After the tunnels, we will witness "high mass" at the Cao Dai Temple. Lunch and dinner provided as tour services.

**Tue., May 1 – Saigon:** All day excursion to My Tho and the Mekong Delta. Lunch and dinner are included as tour services.

**Wed., May 2 – Saigon/Siem Reap:** This morning, we fly from Saigon to Siem Reap, Cambodia to visit the extraordinary area of Angkor Wat. Lunch provided as a tour service before sightseeing which includes the Kravan, Srah Srang, Banteay Kdei, Neak Pean and Preah Khan temples. **Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa** accommodations, with daily buffet breakfasts.



**Thu., May 3 – Siem Reap/Angkor Wat:** All day of sightseeing in Siem Reap, including visits to the South Gate of Angkor Thom, Bayon, Baphuon, Elephant Terrace, Leper King Terrace and the Royal Enclosure. Lunch provided as a tour service. After lunch, we will continue viewing the Angkor Wat Temple complex and view sunset from the top of Phnom Ba Kheng Hill. Dinner is provided as a tour service.

**Fri., May 4 – Siem Reap/Bangkok:** This morning, we fly to Bangkok to attend the Rotary International Convention. Provide morning transfer of passengers and luggage to airport for flights to Bangkok.

**Sat., - Wed., May 5 – 9 – Bangkok:** Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events are scheduled in deference to the Convention activities.

**Thu., May 10 – Bangkok/Depart for Home:** Depart on a morning China Airlines flight to Taipei and onward to Los Angeles, arriving the same day you left Bangkok.

## Pre Convention Singapore and Malaysia

### 17 Day Unusual Days to Singapore, Johore, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Phuket, Bangkok

#### Land Only Prices:

(See Land Only pricing notes page 15)

\$2,479 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
For Single Room, Add - \$925

Round trip Singapore Airlines Airfare: \$1471  
(Comprised of \$796 base airfare and \$675 in current taxes and service charges)

This program features the exotic Malay Peninsula and some of the finest resort areas Southeast Asia can offer. From the cosmopolitan excitement of Singapore, to the resorts of Penang and Thailand's Phuket, to the cultures of Kula Lumpur, this tour is ideal for someone who has been to Southeast Asia before and wants something different.

#### Itinerary

**Tue., Apr. 24 – Depart U.S** on Singapore Airlines and travel across the International Date Line.

**Wed., Apr. 25 – Arrive in Singapore:** Our accommodations are at the deluxe **Marina Mandarin Hotel**, including daily breakfasts.

**Thu. Apr. 26 - Singapore:** This morning, our city sightseeing will include a drive through the Civic District before stopping at Merlion Park. We continue to Mt. Farber for a view of the city, before our visit to the National Orchid garden. Free afternoon and evening so that you have time to shop, continue to explore the city. The evening is free for your individual enjoyment of this exciting city. We suggest you may want to eat at one of the many restaurants on Clark Quay and enjoy the incredible range of cuisines that are available.



**Fri., Apr. 27 - Singapore:** This morning, we drive to the Sultan state of Johore, in Malaysia. Our trip will include visits to the Sultan Abu Bakar Mosque, the handicraft market and Kampong. We return to Singapore for a free afternoon and evening.

**Sat., Apr. 28 - Singapore/Penang:** This morning, we fly to Penang, a lovely island with fascinating fusion of East and West. Upon our arrival, we will explore George Town, which is a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Our sightseeing includes, Khoo Kongsi Clan Temple, Wat Chaya Mangkalaram Buddhist Temple and botanical gardens. Lunch provided as a tour service. We arrive in the afternoon at our accommodations at the **Parkroyal Hotel Penang**, including daily sightseeing. Evening is free.

**Sun., Apr. 29 – Penang:** Today is free to enjoy for resort enjoyment; have a message, go to the beach, or shop at the many stores nearby. This evening, we will enjoy a seafood dinner with Malay cultural show.

**Mon., Apr. 30 – Penang/Kuala Lumpur:** All day sightseeing through the Malaysia countryside en route to Kuala Lumpur. Lunch is provided. Kuala Lumpur is a wonderful mix of Malay, Chinese, Indian and other indigenous cultures. Accommodations at the deluxe **DoubleTree by Hilton Kuala Lumpur Hotel**, including daily breakfasts.



## Pre Convention

### Singapore and Malaysia (con't)

**Tue., May 1 – Kuala Lumpur:** Our morning city sightseeing includes, Masjid Jamek mosque, the city center, the Tugu Negara, and the famous Petronas Twin Towers. Afternoon is free for individual exploration and shopping. Evening free.

**Wed., May 2 – Kuala Lumpur/Phuket:** Today, we fly to Phuket, Thailand, a magnificent tropical resort. Accommodations at the extraordinary accommodations at the deluxe **Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket Resort**, which including daily breakfasts.

**Thu., May 3 - Phuket:** This morning, we will explore Phuket Town, Promthep, Cape, and Rawai beach, before returning to the hotel for a free afternoon to enjoy the resort. Tonight, the evening is free for personal enjoyment.



**Fri., May 4 - Phuket:** All day free for resort enjoyment and nearby shopping. This evening, we will enjoy a dinner and show at Phuket's Fantasea.

**Sat., May 5 – Phuket/Bangkok:** We fly to Bangkok to attend the Rotary International Convention.

**Sun., - Wed., May 6 – 9 – Bangkok:** Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events are scheduled in deference to the Convention activities.

**Thu., May 10 – Bangkok/Depart for Home:** Depart on a morning Singapore Airlines flight, arriving in San Francisco the same day you left Bangkok.

## Post Convention Explore Bali and Singapore

### 14 Delightful Days to Bangkok, Bali and Singapore

#### Land Only Prices:

(See Land Only pricing notes page 15)

\$1,289 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
For Single Room, Add - \$600

Round trip Singapore Airlines Airfare: \$1775  
(Comprised of \$920 base airfare and \$854.50 in current taxes and service charges)

For those who have limited time to attend the Convention, but who want to explore more of Asia during their travels. From serene Bali, where you will see exotic beauty, experience rich culture, and enjoy a magnificent resort, to the exciting Asian capital of Singapore.

#### Itinerary

**Thu., May 3** - Depart San Francisco just past midnight on Singapore Airlines. **Fri., May 4** - Evening arrival in Bangkok.

**Sat., - Wed., May 5 – 9 – Bangkok:** Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events are scheduled in deference to the Convention activities.

**Thu., May 10: Bangkok/Bali:** This morning, we fly to Denpasar, Indonesia for our stay in Bali, a magic place known as the Isle of the Gods. It is a precious, delicate area, filled with beauty, grace and an extraordinary culture. Accommodations at the deluxe **Hyatt Bali Sanur**, which includes daily breakfasts.



**Fri., May 11 - Bali:** Today, we will begin our exploration of Bali by visiting the mountainous village of Ubud, known as an artist colony. Our sightseeing will include, the Tampak Siring Temple, and travel to Tegalalang to see the amazing view of rice terraces. Lunch is provided as a tour service. Afterwards, we will visit a wood carving village and the famous Ubud market. This evening is free to enjoy the wonderful Balinese cuisine.

**Sat., May 12 – Bali:** Today will be a full day excursion to rural Bali and Mount Batur. Our first stop will be a local farm to experience the lifestyle of the Balinese farmers, before we visit Pura Kehon temple, constructed in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. We then continue to Kintamani for lunch overlooking Mount Batur and the picturesque Lake Batur. This evening is free.

**Sun., May 13 – Bali:** Today is free to enjoy the resort, get a massage, or shop at the nearby markets. This evening, we will enjoy an extraordinary Rijsttafel dinner event and Balinese cultural show.

**Mon., May 14 – Bali/Singapore:** Today, we fly to the island nation of Singapore. Upon arrival, we will provide lunch as a tour service before a city sightseeing program that will include a drive through the Civic District before stopping at Merlion Park. We continue to Mt. Farber for a view of the city, before our visit to the National Orchid garden. Accommodations at the deluxe **Marina Mandarin Hotel**, including daily breakfasts. The evening is free for your individual enjoyment of this exciting city. We suggest you may want to eat at one of the many restaurants on Clark Quay.

**Tue. May 15 - Singapore:** This morning, we drive to the Sultan state of Johore, in Malaysia. Our trip will include visits to the Sultan Abu Bakar Mosque, the handicraft market and Kampong. We return to Singapore for a free afternoon and evening.

**Wed., May 16 - Singapore/Depart for Home.** Morning departure on Singapore Airlines to San Francisco. Midday arrival on the same day you left Singapore.

## Post Convention Asia Highlights

### 19 Days to Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai, Singapore and Hong Kong.

#### Land Only Prices:

(See Land Only pricing notes page 15)

\$2,499 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
For Single Room, Add - \$1,075

Round trip Singapore Airlines Airfare: \$1337  
(Comprised of \$690 base airfare and \$647 in taxes and service charges)

A wonderful view of three distinct places in Asia from rural Thailand, to cross cultural Singapore and cosmopolitan Hong Kong. This tour is ideal for those who want to explore a wide range of Asian destinations and cultures.

#### Itinerary

**Thu., May 3 - Depart the US:** Afternoon departure on Singapore Airlines from San Francisco. **Sat., May 5 –** Morning arrival Bangkok.

**Sun., - Wed., May 6 – 9 – Bangkok:** Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events are scheduled in deference to the Convention activities.

**Thu., May 10 - Bangkok/Chiang Rai:** Morning flight to Chiang Rai. Upon arrival, we will have lunch before we begin our afternoon city sightseeing that includes the monument of King Mengrai, Ku Phra Chao Mengrai, Wat Phrasing, handicraft center, etc. Our accommodations are at the **Le Meridien Chiang Rai Resort**, with daily breakfasts included. Dinner will be provided as a tour service.



**Fri., May 11 - Chiang Rai/Golden Triangle:** Today enjoy an all day sightseeing program to the Golden Triangle, including visits to Akha and Yao hill tribes the ruins at Chiang Saen, and the Mae Sai Market. Lunch will be provided as a tour service. This evening is free for individual enjoyment.

**Sat., May 12 - Chiang Rai/Chiang Mai:** Depart by motorcoach for all day sightseeing en route to Chiang Rai. During our travels, we will visit Wat Rong Khun, known as the "White Temple." Lunch will be provided en route. Upon arrival, we check into our accommodations at the **Le Meridien Chiang Mai Hotel**, with daily breakfasts included. Dinner will be provided as a tour service.



**Sun., May 13 - Chiang Mai:** This morning, we visit the mountain temple of Wat Prathat Doi Suthep and a visit to a Meo hill tribe village and its people. Lunch will be provided as a tour service before we return to the hotel for a free afternoon and evening. Today would be an ideal time to explore Chiang Mai, perhaps visit the night market or just relax at the hotel.

**Mon., May 14 – Chiang Mai:** Today we visit to a working elephant camp in Mae Sa, followed by a visit to a magnificent orchid farm. We then enjoy lunch, before we visit the handicraft village of Stankhampaeng. Tonight is a special Khan Toke dinner.

## Post Convention Asia Highlights (con't)

**Tue., May 15 - Chiang Mai/Singapore:** Morning flight to Bangkok, where we connect with our flight to Singapore. Our accommodations are at the deluxe **Marina Mandarin Hotel**, including daily breakfasts. The evening is free for your individual enjoyment of this exciting city. We suggest you might eat at one of the many restaurants on Clark Quay.

**Wed. May 16 - Singapore:** This morning, our city sightseeing will include a drive through the Civic District before stopping at Merlion Park. We continue to Mt. Farber for a view of the city, before our visit to the National Orchid garden. Free afternoon and evening so that you have time to shop, continue to explore the city and enjoy the incredible range of cuisines that are available.



**Thu., May 17 - Singapore:** This morning, we drive to the Sultan state of Johore, in Malaysia. Our trip will include visits to the Sultan Abu Bakar Mosque, the handicraft market and Kampong. We return to Singapore for a free afternoon and evening.

**Fri., May 18 - Singapore/Hong Kong:** This morning, we fly to the cosmopolitan city of Hong Kong, where our accommodations will be at the new **Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Tsim Sha Tsui**, including daily breakfasts.

**Sat., May 19 - Hong Kong:** This morning, we depart for a half day sightseeing tour of Hong Kong Island, including the Wanchai and Central districts, a ride on the tram to Victoria Peak, and visits to Repulse Bay and Stanley Market before returning to the hotel. This afternoon and evening are free so that you have time to shop, get fitted for tailored clothing, or enjoy fine dining.

**Sun., May 20 - Hong Kong:** Today is free for your individual enjoyment and pursuits.

**Mon., May 21 - Hong Kong/Depart for Home:** Evening flight to return to San Francisco. Arrive the same day you leave Hong Kong.

## Post Convention Highlights of Hong Kong and China

### 17 Extraordinary Days to Bangkok, Hong Kong, Guilin, Xi'an, and Beijing

#### Land Only Prices:

(See Land Only pricing notes page 15)

\$2,949 Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy  
For Single Room, Add - \$900

Round trip Cathay Pacific Airlines Airfare: \$1,588  
(Comprised of \$1125 base airfare and \$463 in current taxes and service charges)

This tour was designed for those who have always wanted to see China, but have not had the time. We have designed the tour to experience the excitement of Hong Kong, the beauty of the Guilin, the history and spectacle of Xi'an, the significance of Beijing. This tour offers the best of China in a short period of time.

#### Itinerary

**Fri., May 4 – Depart the US for Bangkok** on Cathay Pacific Airlines. **Sat., May 5 – Arrive Bangkok mid morning**

**Sun., - Wed., May 6 – 9 – Bangkok:** Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events are scheduled in deference to the Convention activities.

**Thu., May 10 - Depart Bangkok for Hong Kong:** This morning, we fly to the cosmopolitan city of Hong Kong, where our accommodations will be at the new **Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Tsim Sha Tsui**, including daily breakfasts.

**Fri., May 11 - Hong Kong:** This morning, we depart for a half day sightseeing tour of Hong Kong Island, including the Wanchai and Central districts, a ride on the tram to Victoria Peak, and visits to Repulse Bay and Stanley Market before returning to the hotel. This afternoon and evening are free so that you have time to shop, get fitted for tailored clothing, or enjoy fine dining.



**Sat., May 12 – Hong Kong/Guilin:** This morning is free for your individual enjoyment. This evening, we will fly to beautiful Guilin, famous for the Li River and the picturesque mountain scenes. Our accommodations are at the deluxe **Shangri-La Hotel Guilin**, including daily breakfasts.

**Sun., May 13 – Guilin:** Today, will be a day to remember as we will travel down the Li River to Yangshuo, where we will see some of the most extraordinary landscapes of mountains that are shrouded in mist. Lunch is served on the boat. This evening is free for independent pursuits, including a visit to the night market.

**Mon., May 14 –Guilin/Xian:** This morning, we visit the spectacular Reed Flute Cave, which is a 240 meter long cave of stalactites, illuminated by colored lighting. Afterwards, we continue to Fubo Park on the edge of the Li River before we stop for lunch. The afternoon will be free for shopping before we gather for dinner. After dinner we fly to the ancient city of Xi'an. Accommodations at the **Golden Flower Hotel Xi'an**, which includes daily breakfasts.



## Post Convention Highlights of Hong Kong and China (con't)

**Tue., May 15 - Xian:** All day sightseeing to the Hua Qing Hot Springs and the Terra Cotta Warrior Museum. Lunch is provided. This evening, we will enjoy dinner and special Tang Dynasty cultural show.

**Wed. May 16 - Xian/Beijing:** This morning, en route to the airport, we will visit the Xi'an city wall that dates back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century. We then board a midday flight to Beijing. Accommodations at the **Renaissance Beijing Capital Hotel**, which includes daily breakfasts.

**Thu., May 17 Beijing:** All day sightseeing to include Tian An Men Square and the Forbidden City. Lunch is provided. This afternoon, we explore Beijing's old Hutong area by rickshaw and visit a private home to get a glimpse of Beijing's old family houses. We finish our day by enjoying a traditional Peking Duck Dinner.



**Fri., May 18 – Beijing:** Today will be all day sightseeing for a memorable visit to the Great Wall of China and the Ming Tombs. Lunch is provided. This evening is free to enjoy some of Beijing's fine restaurants.

**Sat., May 19 Beijing:** This morning, we will visit the magnificent Summer Palace – home of the Chinese Emperors before having lunch, included as a tour service. This afternoon we will visit the Temple of Heaven before affording you free time for last minute shopping. This evening is free for last minute enjoyment.

**Sun., May 20 – Beijing/Depart for Home:** We depart on a morning flight back to Hong Kong before taking our homeward flight on Cathay Pacific arriving the same day you left Beijing.



## Convention City Hotels Bangkok, Thailand

# C onvention Hotels, Bangkok in Conjunction with our 2012 Rotary Convention Tours

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

All rates quoted below include daily breakfast and taxes, and are for single or double occupancy rooms.

**Baiyoke Sky, First Class – Daily Room Rate: \$99.** Thailand's tallest hotel, rising 88 stories above the Bangkok skyline, strategically located in the heart of downtown.

**Grand Sukhumvit Hotel, by Accor, Superior First Class - Daily Room Rate: \$119.** Downtown hotel in the center of the business district.

**Royal Orchid Sheraton, Moderate Deluxe - Daily Room Rate: \$159.** Situated on bank of Chao Phraya River, in the heart of the business & entertainment district.

**JW Marriott, Moderate Deluxe Class - Daily Room Rate: \$199.** Contemporary Business Hotel incorporating traditional Thai design, health club and spa; walking distance to shops and markets.

**Conrad Bangkok, Deluxe Class - Daily Room Rate: \$209.** Contemporary high-rise hotel in center of embassy district - 5 minute walk to Skytrain.

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 Bangkok, we can only offer these hotel accommodations to our tour members.

## Discounted Airfare

# Land Only Prices in Conjunction with our 2012 Rotary Convention Tours

As stated earlier in our material, all travelers can decide if they want to purchase round trip group airfares between the U.S. and Asia, or if they will provide their own international airline tickets. However, before you decide which option is best for you, please read and review the following carefully.

In designing these tours, most of the airfares within Asia will be purchased locally, and therefore included in the Land Only Tour price. These airfares are subject to change until the ticket has been purchased. However, in a few of our tours, we found that it was much more economical if we were able to secure these inter-Asia airfares as part of our international tickets.

If you are considering securing your own trans-Pacific airfare, please note you may also need to purchase the inter-Asia airfare that is a part of our trans-Pacific airfare. The following specifies, by tour, which inter-Asia airfares will be included in our group trans-pacific air reservations, and therefore, which you will have to purchase in addition to the Land Only Tour price.

### Pre-Convention Tours:

- **Explore Hong Kong:** The flight between Hong Kong and Bangkok at the end of the tour is not included in our land only price and therefore must be purchased with your trans-pacific ticket.
- **Grand Tour of Vietnam with Angkor Wat:** All inter-Asia flights are included in land-only tour price.
- **Singapore/Malaysia:** All inter-Asia flights included in land-only tour price.

### Post-Convention Tours:

- **Explore Bali/Singapore:** The flight between Bangkok and Denpasar and Denpasar and Singapore are not included in our land only price and therefore must be purchased with your trans-pacific ticket.
- **Asia Highlights:** Flights within Thailand are included in the Land Only price. However, the flights between Bangkok and Singapore, and Singapore and Hong Kong must be purchased with your trans-pacific ticket.
- **Hong Kong/China:** Flights from Hong Kong to Guilin, Guilin to Xi'an, and Xi'an to Beijing are included in the land only price. However, the flight from Bangkok and Hong Kong must be purchased as part of your trans-pacific ticket.

**Airfare taxes, government charges and fuel surcharges:** Please note that all airfares quoted do not include the associated and required government security/tourism/airport/ international transportation taxes and fees taxes and the fuel surcharges dictated by the airlines. Howard Tours does not and cannot control any changes to these charges; therefore, we have NOT included them in the airfares quoted. We have, however, provided you the charges as they were 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.

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. Airport Transfers in Bangkok are NOT included in the above or in our tour prices.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Eve: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Member, Rotary Club of: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations Desired (please circle):      Single      Double      Triple

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- Grand Vietnam/Angkor Wat
- Explore Singapore/Malaysia

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I want a hotel in Bangkok during the Rotary Convention

- Baiyoke Sky       Grand Sukhumvit Hotel       Royal Orchid Sheraton
- JW Marriott       Conrad Bangkok

**Send application, with a \$500 per person deposit, paid only by check . I have read and accept all conditions attached.**

Signature and date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Prices do NOT include:** (1) Airfares except where noted; (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 Bangkok 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.

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