

# Wheeled Adventures

Creating Friendships & Providing Mobility to People in Need

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Monterrey, Mexico  
January 13-17, 2010



*"You will never be the same after you have looked into the appreciative eyes of someone whose life you have changed."*

Since 2004, Rotarians, Rotarians from California and Texas, have worked with Rotarians in Monterrey, Mexico to create something special - a lifetime of friendships, an opportunity to serve to those in need, and the ability to personally deliver wheelchairs to those who lack mobility. This year's trip will provide enduring memories and emotions, but that will be just the beginning of the experience. In addition to delivering wheelchairs to those in need, who join us will:

- Explore the sights, sounds, history and cultures of the country visited.
- Visit additional humanitarian sites and projects.
- Build friendships with the people Mexico.



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## **Rotarians Return to Monterrey**

In 2004 and 2006, Rotarians from California and Texas, traveled to Monterrey, Mexico to deliver wheelchairs and create new friendships. We saw the work of Rotary in the communities and visited the homes of local Rotarians, which led to more than 30 completed matching grants. In 2008, we returned to Monterrey to continue our humanitarian endeavors and rekindle our friendships, the highlights of which was the opening of the Santa Catarina Red Cross facility created from the partnerships created from these trips.



In 2010 we return to deliver wheelchairs and further our international service. Whether you were a part of the previous trips, or are interested in going for the first time, you are invited to join us to share an extraordinary friendship and sense of purpose with the Rotarians of Monterrey.

## **Service in Comfort**

This program will combine the purpose of a humanitarian mission with the enjoyment of leisure travel.

While we will bring relief and assistance to those who lack mobility, the trip is designed to provide comfortable travel and accommodations to the traveler.



The primary purposes of these trips has been to deliver wheelchairs, perform humanitarian service, and to build strong friendships with the people of Monterrey. Although we will be on the frontier of humanitarian service, we will travel in great comfort and convenience. We will stay in some of the first-class hotel, and will visit many of the most popular and enjoyable areas and sights.

## **Howard Tours**

Howard Tours has worked with the Rotary Club of Danville/Sycamore Valley, CA, the Wheelchair Foundation and the Monterrey Rotarians to design this trip. Founded in 1948, and owned and operated by Rotarians, Howard Tours has conducted tours worldwide to eradicate polio, deliver wheelchairs, and provide humanitarian relief for more than three decades.

Howard Tours is a tour company, and not a travel agency; we do not sell to the general public. Instead, we select and purchase the travel services directly from the airlines, hotels, sightseeing companies, etc., and then sell directly to the travelers. As a result, the traveler is ensured the greatest travel value.

**Airfare:** The tour price does not include roundtrip airfare between the US and Monterrey, Mexico. Howard Tours can quote airfare from throughout the U.S. Indicate your originating airport on the application for a quotation.

**5 Days \$939, Land Only**  
**For Single Room, Add \$285**

**Wed., Jan. 13** – Accommodations in the deluxe **Sheraton Ambassador Hotel**. Daily breakfasts are included. This evening, we will join the Monterrey Rotarians in a welcome dinner event in a venue within walking distance of the hotel.

**Thu., Jan. 14 - Partners In Friendship and Service:** After enjoying breakfast at our hotel, this morning, we will visit the University Hospital to see some of the matching grants our groups have helped to fund. The hospital is the home to Past Rotary International President, the late Dr. Carlos Canseco. Following this visit, we will travel to the facilities Santa Catarina Red Cross facilities to view the matching grant that was created by Californian and Monterrey Rotarians. After these visits, we will join with the Monterrey Rotarians in an multi-club Rotary lunch.



After lunch, our group will be divided into smaller groups and partnered with Monterrey Rotary clubs, who will be our hosts for the next couple of days. Your group will be taken to the local communities of your Rotarian hosts to explore Monterrey on a very personal level. They will share their lives, communities, Rotary clubs and families. You will visit their homes, neighborhood, and the humanitarian efforts.

Tonight, we enjoy Home Hospitality, which is dinner in the home of the local Rotarians. This type of event is a highlight of any trip! Following dinner, your host will transfer you back to our hotel.

**Fri., Jan. 15 – Matamoros:** Today, we get a chance to explore a new part of Rotary District 4170, meet new Rotarians and explore new opportunities for service. This morning, we will drive to the Gulf Coast, near the U.S. boarder city of Brownsville, Texas, to Matamoros in the state of Tamaulipas. Upon our arrival, we will visit humanitarian projects before enjoying a multi-club lunch event. After lunch, we will continue our visit of Matamoros before beginning our journey home. Dinner will be provided en route, as a tour service.

**Sat., Jan. 16 – Delivery of Wheelchairs:** This morning, we participate in a large-scale distribution of wheel chairs in a Monterrey gymnasium. This will be an unforgettable day of humanity, human endeavor and emotion. We will share in that special moment when a person's life is changed – by the giving and receiving of the ability to become self-reliant, mobile and filled with hope. You should expect to work hard, side-by-side with our Mexican friends, sharing in the joy that comes a meaningful job, well done. Following the distribution, we will enjoy the traditional lunch at El Gran Pastor restaurant, which will be provided as a tour service.

This evening, we will join our Mexican friends for *A Celebration Dinner* that will toast today's accomplishments and our continued friendship with the people of Monterrey. This event will be at a private home of one of the Monterrey Rotarians and promises to be one of the many highlights of our trip.



**Sun., Jan. 17 – Depart for Home.** Depart from the hotel for your return trip home.

**PAYMENTS: Send \$400 per person deposit, payable by check, with application.**  
Assign check to: Howard Tours, Trustee Account. Specify **Monterrey 2010** on the lower left corner of the check.  
**After making initial deposit by check, travelers may pay the account balance by Visa or MasterCard.**

**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. Subsequent to initial deposit, all travelers may pay the balance on account via Visa or MasterCard.

**Per Person Tour Prices Include:** (1) Double occupancy hotel accommodations; (2) Meals/events specified in the itinerary; (3) Private, motorcoach with English speaking guide; (4) Entrance fees; (5) Special events as identified in the itinerary; (6) Tips to local guides, drivers; ; (7) Wheelchair distribution activities; (8) Tour materials; (9) Other values detailed in the itinerary.

**Prices do NOT include:** (1) Airfares; (2) Passport and visa fees, if any; (3) Airport departure taxes not included in the airline tickets; (4) All insurance; (5) All personal expenses, (e.g., phone, laundry, etc.); (6) All health, medical services and related expenses; (7) Refunds for missed or unused services; (8) Accommodations in excess of the itinerary; (9) Delivery fees for clients outside the continental U.S.; (10) Meals not specified in the tour itinerary.

**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 the tours are priced. If the exchange rates, taxes, or other travel costs change, the traveler may be assessed any extra charges or refunds.

**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, etc.) If changes are necessary, the traveler may be assessed extra charges or refunds.

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**Application—Please Print**

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

**Accommodations Desired:      Single      Double      Triple**

**I have read and accept all conditions stated above.** \_\_\_\_\_