



International Travel and
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Connections June 2025 ITHF now has 935 members

Important Notices

ITHF AGM—virtual AGM will be held on zoom on 12 June 2025 at 9am and 9pm EDT-USA . Committee Chairs, please send your reports to Madhu prior to this event.

Nominating Committee—PE Ligia is serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in assisting Ligia, please contact her. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or on a Committee, please contact her right away at email: lichalic3@me.com

Vice Presidents Needed:

1. East India/ Bangladesh
2. Great Britain and Ireland

Looking for Dedicated Members to Join Four Key Committees in ITHF

1. **Tour Committee**
 - Help guide planning of convention tours.
 - Review and approve exciting group tour ideas suggested by fellow members.
 - Help grow our community with engaging outreach strategies.
2. **Virtual Travel Committee**
 - Organize and host virtual sessions by ITHF members.
 - Provide opportunities for members to connect and share stories of their trip experiences in virtual get-togethers.
3. **Membership Committee** is planning to have two new subcommittees to Promote ITHF. If interested in volunteering contact: Membership Chair elect Andrew (Andy) Ullman. andyuco@gmail.com

If you're interested in contributing your skills, enthusiasm, and ideas, please contact Ligia Corredor at email: lichalic3@me.com for further details.

Sheraton Suites – Room Reservations

For those who have booked rooms at Sheraton Suites through ITHF (Rotary Housing Group), please contact the hotel directly for any reservation-related matters **starting 31 May 2025**.

Contact: Ryan Saretzky – rsaretzky@sheratonsuites.com

You may also contact: Sivaprasad S Pillai - ithfzoom@gmail.com Mobile:+91 96330 69336

President's Report

Greetings ITHFers

The two years that I've been President (2023-2025) passed too soon. I'm thankful to all the members for your contribution in whichever way you have done be it volunteering in the booths in Melbourne (2023), Singapore(2024) or sharing your thoughts on 'what ITHF means to you' through Mailchimp or individual emails to me or participating in Virtual Tours, going for Tours or being Board members, or Membership Chair or Advisors or Vice Presidents. Our 'Connections' newsletter is an integral part of our Fellowship and Editor Sheila Hart had been doing such a wonderful job with so much of hard work. Every single contribution has been invaluable. A Fellowship is successful only with a great TEAM and I did have that from the very beginning. THANK YOU!



I look forward to a reunion with some of you in Calgary, meeting new members or introducing Rotarians to the Fellowship in booth # 828 in HoF (House of Friendship) in Calgary

Best wishes with good health and spirits

Madu Bishnu, President 2023-2025



Join the ITHF Membership Committee!

We are currently in the process of assembling a Membership Committee composed of our ITHF colleagues from around the world. The goal is to leverage our diverse cultural and regional expertise to grow our membership in all corners of the globe, and to increase the engagement of our current members. At present, our Membership Committee consists of highly capable ITHF members from the US, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Nigeria, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, and Japan. **If you would like to join our team and help expand ITHF, contact me by e-mail at andyuco@gmail.com.**

Current Membership Committee Members

Andy Ullman-RC River Cities, Illinois, USA (near Chicago) Incoming Membership Chair

Oluotimi (Sam) Adeleye-RC Omole-Golden, Nigeria

Maria Matos-Rotary Club OF Montes Claros Oeste, Brazil

James Mwere-RC Mukono, Uganda

Rosette Nabuuma-RC Kampala, Nsambya (Vancouver, Canada/Uganda)

Varghese Samuel- Rotary E-Club of Kerala (United Arab Emirates/India)

Miyoko Hashimoto-RC Tosu, Japan

Arturo Vargas- RC Tehuacan Manantiales, Mexico

ITHF President's Celebration Dinner at RICON Calgary

2 or 3 seats may be available

Friday June 20, 2025—Drinks and Social at 5 and Dinner at 6 p.m.

Venue: Toto Room at Villa Firenze, 610 First Street NE Calgary T2E 0B6.

Last date for cancellations is June 7th

THANK YOU ITHF Members for Volunteering for the ITHF Booth in Calgary

We did it !! The slots for volunteers are now filled for RICON Calgary. Orientation will be held via zoom on June 1 at 9am Eastern Daylight time.

Please bring some candy or cookies that are special in your part of the world. These tasty treats are a drawing card for the ITHF booth. Did you know that peanut butter was first made commercially in Canada? That is the reason Sheila will tempt you with Peanut Butter Balls. Yummy, yummy, yummy.

Tours Currently Being Offered By the Tour Committee

Several of these tours will have registration forms available in Calgary

Galapagos & Peru with Alonso—October 2025—see flyer below for the combined Galapagos/Peru Tour or a tour only to the Galapagos or to Peru

Kerela and Southern India with Siva—January 19-30, 2026 - see flyer below

Hiroshima Peace Tour—May 11-21, 2026—registration is now open; see flyer below

Post RICON Taipei Tour of Taiwan—June 18-22, 2026. RICON TAIPEI will be held June 13-17.

These Free ITHF Posters will be available at the ITHF Booth in Calgary



Virtual Tour Committee Update

Anyone who would like to volunteer to be on this Committee should contact Chair Ligia Corredor at lichalic3@me.com and Co-Chair Simmy Ahluwalia at simmy.ithf@gmail.com.

July 25 and 26 - Newcomer orientation post convention

Sep 26 and 27 - Cambodia (to be confirmed)

Oct 24 and 25 - Coffee/ Connections

Dec 5 and 6 - Holiday session

New Members in May 2025

Gabriela Peterson Rosas, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, Rotary Club of Hermosillo del Sol

Naveen Jindal, Bhiwani, Haryana, India, Rotary Club of Bhiwani

Bridget Idelji, Warri, Delta, Nigeria, Rotary Club of Warri

Michal Skup, Warszawa, Warszawa, Poland, R/C Warszawa Fryderyk Chopin

Aaron Frank, Madison Wisconsin USA, Rotary Club of Madison South

Mary Preston, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA, Rotary Club of Blue Ridge Mountains

David Hoffman, Anchorage, Alaska, USA, Rotary Club of Anchorage East

Richard Shiflett, Spokane, WA, USA, Rotary Club of Greater Spokane Valley

Michael Birnbaum, Spokane, WA, USA, Rotary Club of Colfax

Amy Bean, Sandpoint, Idaho, USA, Rotary Club of Sandpoint

A Bit About the Galapagos

So, you've chosen the next destination to cross off that ever growing bucket List—The Galapagos! The Galapagos Islands are considered one of the world's foremost destinations for wildlife-viewing and each of the islands is as diverse as the wildlife you will find there.

You may have decided on the Galapagos with hopes of seeing the hatching of the giant tortoise's eggs, or you want to be able to boast that you snorkeled with the penguins or were able to observe the awesome display of the blue-footed boobies beginning their courtship rituals. These all happen at different times of the year. With this in mind Celebrity Cruises developed their Wildlife Calendar to make sure you don't miss out on the wildlife experience you dreamed of. In October, when the ITHF Tour provided by Brazilian Travel participants should be able to see:

- ♦ Lava Herons start nesting until March
- ♦ The Galapagos Fur Seals (subspecies of Sea Lions) begin their mating period
- ♦ Blue Footed Boobies raise chicks all over Española and Punta Vicente Roca (Isabela)
- ♦ Giant Tortoises are still laying eggs
- ♦ Sunrises in the west can be quite beautiful after the Garúa covers only certain locations of the western volcanoes.



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Group limited in
25 participants

A STUNNING JOURNEY TO PERU + GALAPAGOS 2025

Experience the Majesty of the Andes & the Wildlife in Galapagos

Starting: October 6th, 2025 (in Quito Airport - UIO)

Finish: October 27th, 2025 (from Lima Airport)

Duration: 22 Days / 21 Nights

Itinerary Overview:

Language: English

1	06-Oct	Mon		arriving in Quito	Quito	La Casona
2	07-Oct	Tue	B	Quito tour	Quito	La Casona
3	08-Oct	Wed	B	Flying to Baltra LA 1411 08:44 11:15	Puerto Ayora	Hotel La Isla
4	09-Oct	Thu	B	Santa Cruz Island tour	Puerto Ayora	Hotel La Isla
5	10-Oct	Fri	B	morning boat to Isabela and tour Island	Isabela Island	La Casita de la Playa
6	11-Oct	Sat	B	boat tour to Santa Cruz, Darwin Center	Puerto Ayora	Hotel La Isla
7	12-Oct	Sun	B	boat tour to Española and San Cristóbal	San Cristobal	Galapagos Sunset
8	13-Oct	Mon	B	San Cristóbal tour	San Cristobal	Galapagos Sunset
9	14-Oct	Tue	B	fly to Lima LA1418 - 12:08 22:35	Lima Airport	Wyndham C. del Sol
10	15-Oct	Wed	B, L	fly to Juliaca LA 2147 - 08:55 10:30	Puno	Titicaca Lodge Peru
11	16-Oct	Thu	B, L	Titicaca Lake tour	Puno	Titicaca Lodge Peru
12	17-Oct	Fri	B, L	driving to Ollantaytambo, tour in Pisaq	Ollanta	Sol Natura Hotel
13	18-Oct	Sat	B, D	Ollanta tour + train to Aguascalientes	A.Calientes	Taypikala Boutique
14	19-Oct	Sun	B	hiking Machu Picchu and explore the	A.Calientes	Taypikala Boutique
15	20-Oct	Mon	B	train to Ollanta + Chinchero tour	Cusco	Wyndham C. del Sol
16	21-Oct	Tue	B, D	tour in the city of Cusco	Cusco	Wyndham C. del Sol
17	22-Oct	Wed	B	tour in the city of Cusco	Cusco	Wyndham C. del Sol
18	23-Oct	Thu	B	fly to Lima LA 2237 - 14:40 16:10	Lima	Javier Prado
19	24-Oct	Fri	B	driving to Paracas, boat tour Ballestas	Nasca	San Isidro G Hotel
20	25-Oct	Sat	B, L	fly over Nasca Lines	Lima	Best Western Plus
21	26-Oct	Sun	B	Miraflores Tour & Lima city tour	Lima	Best Western Plus
22	27-Oct	Mon	B	fly back home LA8040 09:30 16:20		



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Program:

21 nights in Ecuador and Peru, visiting Titicaca Lake, Cusco, Machu Picchu, Nasca and much more.

Hotel program with personal assistance:

- 2 nights in Quito
- 6 nights Galapagos
- 1 night Lima Airport
- 2 nights in Puno at Titicaca Lake
- 6 nights at Sacred Valley, including Cusco and Machu Picchu
- 3 nights in Lima
- 1 Night in Nasca

Transfers by plane included:

- Flight ticket Quito/Isla Santa Cruz and return from Isla San Cristobal/Quito
- Flight Quito/Lima, next day Lima/Juliaca
- Flight Cusco/Lima

What's included:

- Boat – inside Galapagos (boat taxis aren't included)
- Transfers to attractions. Tickets to all mentioned attractions in the program.
- Local guide in Galapagos and Peru, speaking English.
- Hotel nights in Ecuador, Galapagos and Peru – 21 nights in total
- Flights Quito, Galapagos, Lima, Juliaca returning to Lima. Flight over Nasca lines.
- Tickets to all geological sites in Peru
- Train to Machu Picchu and Boat tour in Ballestas Islands (giant chandelier)

What's not included:

- food and beverages outside program
- anything not specified.

Price per person in a double or triple room:

Galapagos + Peru Program: starting from **US\$7.260,00** * (single supplement: 2,080.00)

* Ask for payment plans and method



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AN AMAZING JOURNEY TO GALAPAGOS 2025

Discover the Enchanted Galápagos Islands, a Journey like no other

Imagine a place where nature reigns supreme, where wildlife approaches without fear, and each day feels like a new chapter of a living documentary. Welcome to the Galápagos Islands — one of the most extraordinary destinations on Earth!

Program:

8 nights in Equator, visiting Galapagos Archipelago.

Hotel program with personal assistance:

- 2 nights in Quito
- 6 nights Galapagos

Transfers by plane included:

- Flight ticket Quito/Isla Santa Cruz and return from Isla San Cristobal/Guayaquil

What's included:

- Boat – inside Galapagos (boat taxis aren't included)
- Transfers to attractions. Tickets to all mentioned attractions in the program.
- Local guide in Galapagos

Dates:

Starting: October 6th, 2025 (in Quito UIO Airport)

Finish: October 14th, 2025 (from Guayaquil GYE Airport)

Duration: 9 Days / 8 Nights

Language: English



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Program Overview:

1	06-Oct	Mon		arriving in Quito	Quito	La Casona
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8	13-Oct	Mon	B	San Cristóbal tour	San Cristobal	Galapagos Sunset
9	14-Oct	Tue	B	fly to Lima LA1418 - 12:08 14:54		

Our service: complete assistance guide speaking Spanish and English

Price per person in a double room:

Whole Program: starting from US\$2.980,00* (only Equator trip)

Single supplement: USD1,050.00

* Ask for payment plans and method



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AN AMAZING JOURNEY TO PERU 2025

Experience the Majesty of the Andes & the Mystique of the Incas

Brought to you with the soul and flair of Brazil, and designed for discerning travelers seeking cultural depth, comfort, and unforgettable memories.

Dates:

Starting: October 14th, 2025 (in São Paulo GRU Airport)

Finish: October 27th, 2025 (from Lima, last stop GRU Airport)

Duration: 14 Days / 13 Nights

Language: English

Program:

13 nights in Perú, visiting Titicaca Lake, Cusco, Machu Picchu, Nasca and much more.

Itinerary Overview:

1	14-Oct	Tue	-	Leaving from São Paulo	Lima	Wyndham C. del Sol
2	15-Oct	Wed	B, L	fly to Juliaca LA 2147 - 08:55 10:30	Puno	Titicaca Lodge Peru
3	16-Oct	Thu	B, L	Titicaca Lake tour	Puno	Titicaca Lodge Peru
4	17-Oct	Fri	B, L	driving to Ollantaytambo, tour in Pisaq	Ollanta	Sol Natura Hotel
5	18-Oct	Sat	B, D	Ollanta tour + train to Aguascalientes	A. Calientes	Taaypikala Boutique
6	19-Oct	Sun	B	hiking Machu Picchu and explore the	A. Calientes	Taaypikala Boutique
7	20-Oct	Mon	B	train to Ollanta + Chinchero tour	Cusco	Wyndham C. del Sol
8	21-Oct	Tue	B, D	tour in the city of Cusco	Cusco	Wyndham C. del Sol
9	22-Oct	Wed	B	tour in the city of Cusco	Cusco	Wyndham C. del Sol
10	23-Oct	Thu	B	fly to Lima LA 2237 - 14:40 16:10	Lima	Javier Prado
11	24-Oct	Fri	B	driving to Paracas, boat tour Ballestas	Nasca	San Isidro G Hotel
12	25-Oct	Sat	B, L	fly over Nasca Lines	Lima	Best Western Plus
13	26-Oct	Sun	B	Miraflores Tour & Lima city tour	Lima	Best Western Plus
14	27-Oct	Mon	B	fly back home LA8040 09:30 16:20		



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What's included:

- Flights from Lima to Juliaca and Cusco to Lima.
- Flight over Nasca lines.
- Tickets to archaeological sites surround Cuzco e Sacred valley
- Train to Machu Picchu
- Van making all transportation to attractions
- Boat tour in Ballestas Islands (giant chandelier)

Our service: complete assistance guide speaking Spanish and English

Price per person in a double or triple room:

Whole Program: starting from US\$3.540,00* (only Peru trip)

Single supplement: USD1,290.00

* Ask for payment plans and method

What's not included: food and beverages; tickets to the attractions, when not nominated; anything not specified



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KERALA - KANYAKUMARI SOUTH INDIA TOUR

A JOURNEY THROUGH 'GOD'S OWN COUNTRY'

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Cultural Immersion:

Visit iconic landmarks including Meenakshi Temple, Vivekananda Rock Memorial, and ancient churches of Kochi.

Backwater Bliss:

Experience a traditional houseboat cruise through the tranquil backwaters of Alleppey.

Hill Stations & Tea Estates:

Breathe in the fresh mountain air of Munnar and explore its lush green tea plantations.

Wildlife Adventure:

Boat safari at Periyar National Park with a chance to spot elephants and more.

Art & Performance:

Witness Kerala's classical arts like Kathakali and Kalaripayattu in their traditional setting.

Spiritual Serenity:

Enjoy sunrise and sunset at Kanyakumari – the confluence of three seas.

Rotary Fellowship:

Interact with local Rotary Clubs and participate in service project visits.

Local Flavours:

Relish traditional Kerala cuisine, including banana leaf meals and a curated cooking session.

Comfortable Stays:

Stay in premium resorts and hotels offering comfort, hospitality, and stunning views.

Comfortable Travel:

Private A/C coach with professional escort from arrival to departure.



Tour Dates: January 19 to January 30, 2026



Minimum Participants: 20 | Maximum Participants: 30



Registration Deadline: October 15, 2025



Accessibility: Transport for disabled individuals available with separate vehicles at extra cost.



Day	Date & Weekday	Meals	Daytime Activities	Night Stay/(Hotel)
1	19-Jan-2026 (Monday)	Nan	Arriving Trivandrum/ Transfer to Hotel Trivandrum,	Meet and Greet (Vivantha)
2	20-Jan-2026 (Tuesday)	B, L, D	Exploring Thiruvananthapuram (Trivandrum): Discover the highlights of the capital city, including visits related to Rotary projects, showcasing their community impact.	Trivandrum South Rotary club (Vivantha)
3	21-Jan-2026 (Wednesday)	B, L	Engaging Experiences: Participate in a special Ministers' visit (subject to confirmation) and immerse yourself in the captivating illusions and entertainment at Magic Planet.	Trivandrum (Vivanta)
4	22-Jan-2026 (Thursday)	B, L	Journey to the Misty Hills of Ponmudi: Embark on a scenic day trip to Ponmudi, a charming hill station known for its winding roads and breathtaking views that truly capture your heart.	Trivandrum (Vivanta)
5	23-Jan-2026 (Friday)	B, L	Art, History, and Compassion: Experience the awe-inspiring Jadayu Earth Center, home to the world's largest bird sculpture, and visit Gandhi Bhavan, a sanctuary where over 1,200 individuals have found rehabilitation and hope.	Alleppy (Sterling Lake Palace, Alleppy)
6	24-Jan-2026 (Saturday)	B, L	Enchanting Backwater Cruise in Alapppy: Glide along the serene backwaters of Alapppy on a traditional houseboat. Witness the unique lifestyle of the region and enjoy views of lush paddy fields stretching along the waterways.	Kochi (Radisson Blu)
7	25-Jan-2026 (Sunday)	B, L	Exploring the Historic Charm of Kochi: Discover the cultural tapestry of Kochi with visits to the historic Mattancherry Palace (Dutch Palace), the ancient Jewish Synagogue, the iconic St. Francis Church, and conclude your day with a captivating Kathakali performance at a local theatre, showcasing Kerala's vibrant classical dance form.	Kochi (Radisson Blu)
8	26-Jan-2026 (Monday)	B, L	Scenic Drive to Munnar's Tea Hills: Enjoy a picturesque drive from Kochi to Munnar, passing through stunning landscapes, cascading waterfalls at Cheeyapara and Valara, and the scenic beauty of Neriamangalam.	Munnar (Nature Zone Jungle Resort)
9	27-Jan-2026 (Tuesday)	B, L	Immersed in Munnar's Greenery: Explore the sprawling tea plantations that carpet the hills of Munnar. Visit the Eravikulam National Park, home to the Nilgiri Tahr, and experience the scenic beauty of Mattupetty Dam and its surroundings.	Munnar (Nature Zone Jungle Resort)
10	28-Jan-2026 (Wednesday)	B, L	Adventure and Culinary Delights in Munnar: Embark on a refreshing trekking experience through the hills. Later, delve into the art of tea making with a visit to a Tea Museum and participate in an engaging cooking demonstration showcasing local flavors.	Munnar (Nature Zone Jungle Resort)
11	29-Jan-2026 (Thursday)	B, L	Journey to Thekkady's Wildlife Haven: Travel from Munnar to Thekkady via the scenic Gap Road, stopping at viewpoints to capture the beauty of the region, including glimpses of dams and plantations.	Thekkady (Green Woods)
12	30-Jan-2026 (Friday)	B, L	Wildlife Encounters in Thekkady: Experience the renowned Periyar National Park with a boat safari (subject to availability). Enjoy an opportunity to witness elephants in their natural habitat (if available), followed by a visit to a spice plantation and a captivating Kalarippayattu (traditional martial art) performance.	Thekkady (Green Woods)
13	31-Jan-2026 (Saturday)	B, L	Transition to Kanyakumari via Madurai: Begin your journey towards Kanyakumari, with a stop in Madurai to meet local Rotarians and visit the magnificent Meenakshi Temple, a vibrant example of Dravidian architecture.	Kanyakumari (Sparsa)
14	01-Feb-2026 (Sunday) B, L		Witnessing the Confluence in Kanyakumari: Experience the breathtaking sunrise at Kanyakumari Beach, visit the Vivekananda Rock Memorial and the Thiruvalluvar Statue by boat, reflect at the Our Lady of Ransom Church, enjoy a leisurely beach walk, and witness the mesmerizing sunset at the confluence of three seas.	Kanyakumari (Sparsa)
15	02-Feb-2026 (Monday)	B, L, D	Cultural Exchange and Farewell in Kovalam: Travel back towards Trivandrum, with a meaningful interaction with students at the NVKS School in Attor. Enjoy a traditional lunch served on banana leaves, followed by a relaxing evening and a farewell dinner at the exquisite Taj Green Cove Resort Trivandrum.	(Taj Green Cove Resort Kovalam)
16	03-Feb-2026 (Tuesday)	B	Departure: After breakfast, you will be transferred to Trivandrum International Airport for your onward journey, filled with cherished memories of your Kerala and Kanyakumari exploration.	

Tour Package Rate:

USD 2,997 per participant sharing a double room.
USD 3,988 per person, based on single occupancy.

Contact for Registration and Queries

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Notes:

1.Meals:B- Breakfast, L,-Lunch, D-Dinner

2 Inclusions:

- Accommodation for 15 nights
- Daily Breakfasts on Day 02 to Day 16
- Lunch on Day 02 to 15(Lunch on Day 06 will be in the Houseboat).
- Dinner on Day 02 and Day 09. Farewell Dinner on day 15 at Taj Green Cove Resort, Kovalam
- An enchanting Day Cruise with Lunch aboard a traditional Houseboat in Alleppey.
- Services of a professional English-speaking Escort throughout your journey, from arrival to departure.
- All transportation and sightseeing as per this itinerary in a comfortable AC 35-seater Coach.
- All applicable toll charges, parking fees, driver's allowance (bata), fuel costs etc..

3 Exclusions:

- Any meals not explicitly mentioned in the inclusions.
- International or domestic airfare.
- Any items or services not specifically listed under "Inclusions."
- Porterage at hotels and airports, personal tips, insurance, laundry services, alcoholic beverages..
- All expenses of a personal nature.
- Any additional costs incurred due to unforeseen natural calamities or events beyond our control.
- Any increase in government taxes/fuel costs that may lead to a rise in surface transportation costs.

4. Other guidelines

- Airport pick-up and drop-off services during non-standard hours may attract additional charges.
- Sightseeing schedules are subject to adjustments based on time constraints and weather conditions.
- The content of this plan is subject to change, if unforeseen circumstances demand adjustments

Steve and Noko Yoshida's 10 Day Hiroshima Peace Tours May 11-21, 2026

Please view this lovely video about the forthcoming tour https://youtube/ErR_XTLVLDOQ



“OHO” ITHF Japan tour, 11-21 May 2026 with Noko and Steve Yoshida.

We call this our “OHO” (pleasant surprise) tour, ie., Oishi (delicious), Heiwa (peace) and Onsen (Japanese hot springs). In other words, you will delight in Japanese cuisine, relax at Japanese hot springs, and be inspired by the message of peace in Hiroshima and sustainable living on Osakikamijima Island. And there is more.

Steve Yoshida states “Hiroshima is the home of my ancestors. So it was natural that I would visit. But what I found changed my life. Such a beautiful city, lots of trees and greenery, the inspiring peace museum, 7 rivers flowing through it, friendly and kind people, we decided to spend time in Hiroshima every year. Then we made a discovery. An island called Osakikamijima nearby in Japan’s Inland Sea. It is one the most beautiful spots in Japan.

We met many interesting people on the island, who taught us about sustainable living from the land and sea. About working and sharing together in harmony with nature.

We want to share what we learned with our ITHF friends. So this is not just a sightseeing tour, although we will visit temples, historical sights and stay at Japanese inns with onsen (spa). It is engaging a peaceful, happy way of life that is unique and inspiring.”

Tour dates: 11-21 May 2026

1. 11-15 May 2026. Four nights. Hiroshima City. Visit Peace Museum. Be inspired by A-bomb survivor. Tour the Miyajima Shrine. Bus and ferry to Osakikamijima.
2. 15-20 May. Five nights Seifukan Onsen. Culture and people tours of Osakikamijima.
3. 20-21 May. One night. Hiroshima Airport Hotel. Beautiful Japanese garden and Koi fish lake. Farewell dinner.

Price: US\$4,450 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement, add \$1,200. US\$500 per person to reserve your space. \$500 refund deadline and full price due February 1, 2026. Space priority in order of deposit received. Group limited to 12 persons.

Included: Accommodations, breakfast and dinner, transportation, English speaking guide, all taxes and fees.

For more information and to reserve your space contact: Carol Cartier, cartierca@hotmail.com 1-613-453-8884

Carol states: I participated in the October 2024 tour and found it to be educational, inspiring and lifechanging. I am happy to answer any questions you might have and give you advice on how to prepare for the tour.

The 2024 Nobel Peace Prize went to the organization of Hiroshima A-bomb survivors. You will meet one of them.

Embark on an Unforgettable Journey and Experience the Heartbeat of Taiwan June 18-22, 2026

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After the 2026 Rotary International Convention, we sincerely invite you to join this five-day cultural immersion tour.

Wander through the historic alleys and temples of Tainan, where the rich heritage of Taiwan comes to life. Witness the breathtaking sunrise over the rolling sea of clouds at Alishan. Cruise across the serene waters of Sun Moon Lake, embracing the harmony of nature. Stroll through the charming Hakka Mountain town of Miaoli, where nostalgia and warm hospitality create a truly unique experience.

This is more than just a trip—it's a cherished memory in the making, shared with ITHF friends from around the world.

Seats are limited, so reserve your place early and be part of this extraordinary journey!

Registration will be available at the ITHF Booth at RICON Calgary

Rotary International Convention Taiwan Cultural Discovery Tour Description :

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wkedooHvV7B9wiALkeXNDJQeEO76lg2x/view?usp=sharing>

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Important Profile Updates

Dear Members, Greetings! We kindly request all members to review their profiles and ensure the following details are updated:

Profile & Gallery Photos:

Please check if your profile picture and gallery photos (if uploaded) are displaying correctly.

If any updates are needed, follow these steps:

Log in and navigate to **Profile > My Profile > Edit Profile > Profile Picture** to update your profile photo.

Log in and go to **Profile > My Profile > Edit Profile > Gallery** to update or add photos to your gallery.

Membership Expiry Date:

Ensure that your membership expiry date is correctly updated after renewal. If you notice any discrepancies, please contact me at **ithfzoo@gmail.com**.

We also extend our gratitude to all members who have recently renewed their membership.

A special thank you to those who have volunteered at our booth in Calgary! However, we still need more volunteers to make this event a success. As we did last year, we will be organizing an **orientation session in early June** for all volunteers.

We look forward to seeing you in Calgary—let's make it a grand event! Thank you for your support.

Best regards, **Sivaprasad S Pillai**, Administrator