

District 2490 Rotary Friendship Exchange News:

Bon Voyage to D2440 (to western Turkey)

And on February 2013, to INDIA (D3060, D3080)

I am thrilled to announce our full District 2490 Rotary Friendship Exchange Outbound Team to District 2440 (Izmir and western Turkey).

Marilyn and I, will serve as the “advance team” arriving on Thursday November 15, and will attend the Zone Institute in Izmir. The remainder of the Team arrives on Sunday November 18:

Clo Gulersen (RC Holon), Menashe and Miri Livnat,(RC Zichron Ya'acov), Michael and Dalia Michae Kreindler,(RC Karmiel), Bassam and Samira Halabi (RC Karmiel) and Shaul and Bella Cohen (Ramla).

Following the RFE we will travel to Istanbul and spend a few days there. Menashe, Miri and Mark will go onto Berlin to attend the first of three Rotary Peace Forums (the next two are in Honolulu and Hiroshima).

Special thanks goes out to District 2440 RFE Chair, Salih Mentese who is providing wonderful planning and support).

Our next District 2490 RFE, will be to a country where I have lived and worked – a country I enjoy visiting with fabulous Rotarians – INDIA!

We are going to District 3060 (the northwestern state of Gujarat) and to District 3080 (northern India states of Punjab and Haryana)

Dates are NOT fixed yet, but tentatively we Depart February 2 for First RFE in D3060 for 10 days.

We will transition via Agra to visit the Taj Mahal, following the first RFE. We then spend 10 days in District 3080 in the Punjab. We will fly home at the end of February.

We already have 4 couples on the list. Marilyn and I will lead our District Outbound RFE Team. The Team can consist of up to 10 people including Rotarians and spouses.

Flight cost (to Turkey) estimate at \$800 USD – we will seek the cheapest desirable flight. We are also responsible for ground transportation, entry fees to sites, meals and incidentals. We will be provided home hospitality during the RFE in each District. We may need 1 or 2 nights in hotels during transition to see the Taj Mahal. Again, we will select the cheapest suitable lodging agreeable to all.

If you are interested please let me know at rotarymark@gmail.com. We will maintain a waiting list.