



Roatán, Honduras

International Rotation Site: Roatán, Honduras

Availability: Year-round

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General Location Details: Roatán is the largest of the Bay Islands, situated in the Caribbean Sea about 30 miles off the northern coast of Honduras. The island is about 30 miles long and 3 miles wide, with a population about 80,000. Native languages on the island are English, Spanish, and Garífuna. The island economy is dependent on international and domestic tourism. The hospital is located in Coxen Hole, the largest town on the island (population 5,000). Medical resources are limited on the island, with no mechanical ventilation, CT or MRI technology, and limited laboratory availability. Diagnoses and management rely heavily on history and exam. Surgical and orthopedic care are available, but no subspecialty care. The climate is tropical and endemic diseases include malaria, dengue, and gastrointestinal parasites. Chronic illnesses include asthma, cerebral palsy, congenital & developmental abnormalities, seizure disorders, and HIV.

Rotation Details:

Roatán Volunteer Pediatric Clinic http://www.roatanclinic.org/	Clínica Esperanza http://www.clinicaesperanza.com/
Outpatient pediatric clinic in the municipal hospital, serving the entire island. The clinic is operated by Global Healing but works within the Honduran public hospital system. Some exposure to newborn care and inpatient pediatrics, and some opportunity to interact with local physicians-in-training.	Private nonprofit outpatient clinic serving adults and children. Located in Sandy Bay, it provides primary care to many residents of La Colónia, a neighboring underserved community. There is a small inpatient pediatric ward, an obstetric service and some newborn nursery care.
Preference for volunteers who have completed 2 years of residency Some Spanish-language skill required May require one month rotation Housing and evacuation insurance provided	Clinical volunteers should have completed at least 1 year of residency; nonclinical projects also available Spanish language skills helpful Rotation lengths are variable
Operated by a US nonprofit, Global Healing, and UCSF. Staffed by a full-time Honduran general practitioner, a rotating US pediatrician, and rotating US residents. Affiliated program places US undergraduate students in clinic as volunteers.	Founded by a US nurse currently living on Roatán. Staffed full-time by a Honduran general practitioner and a Honduran pediatrician, and part-time by a US EM physician. Staff also includes local nurses and rotating US volunteers.