



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 60,000. Native languages on the island are English, Spanish, and Garifuna. 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 Colón, a neighboring underserved community.
Must have completed 2 years of residency Some Spanish-language skill required Minimum one month rotation Housing and travel medical insurance provided More scheduling flexibility earlier in academic year	Clinical volunteers should have completed 2 1/2 years of residency; nonclinical projects also available with some limited, supervised patient care Spanish language skills helpful Rotation lengths are variable
Founded by a US nonprofit, Global Healing. Staffed by a full-time local general practitioner, a rotating US pediatrician, and rotating US residents. Affiliated program places US undergraduate and medical students in clinic as volunteers.	Founded by a US nurse currently living on Roatán. Staffed full-time by a local general practitioner and part-time by a US attending EM physician. Staff also includes local nurses. Rotating US volunteers with varying roles, depending on their background.

