

Santiago, Atitlan, Guatemala

Global Health Rotation



GENERAL INFORMATION

Guatemala is the home of Maya civilization. For six centuries, the Maya built vast cities and looming pyramids. The history of this great society lives in the Guatemalan rainforests, a UNESCO World Cultural Site. Its culture lives in its descendants, who make up a majority of Guatemala's citizens.

Lake Atitlán offers a microcosm of Guatemala's natural and cultural legacy. Nestled between three volcanoes, the scenery is breathtaking, and 98% indigenous cities Maya culture is evident in language, clothing, cuisine and customs. Local indigenous languages spoken in the area are K'iche, Tz'utujil, and Kaqchikel. While many locals additionally speak Spanish, some do not and translators will be required. Guatemala hosts incredible physical beauty and one of the largest biological diversities in the world. It includes 18 ecosystems, over 300 microclimates, and more than 37 volcanoes, several of which are still active.

Hospitalito Atitlan- Santiago, Atitlan- <https://hospitalitoatitlan.org/our-story/>

- *Hospitalito Atitlán* has outpatient clinic weekdays from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm as well as ER and inpatient services.
- *Outpatient medical staff* see patients in three examining rooms, providing acute/urgent care, plus follow up and preventive care for a wide range of chronic ailments.
- *Inpatient services* as well as 24-hour emergency services are offered, as well as both natural and c-section deliveries and immediate newborn care, as well as operative suites.
- *Common outpatient pediatric ailments treated* :
 - Acute diarrhea with/without dehydration • Asthma • Bronchiolitis • Colds • Dermatological conditions • Intestinal Parasites (Ascaris, giardia, and entamoeba histolytica are endemic) • Lumps and bumps • Malnutrition • Otitis Media
- All medical volunteers at this site must speak at least intermediate level Spanish.

Who should apply?

- Residents with solid Spanish base strong interest in furthering their Spanish Global Health skills