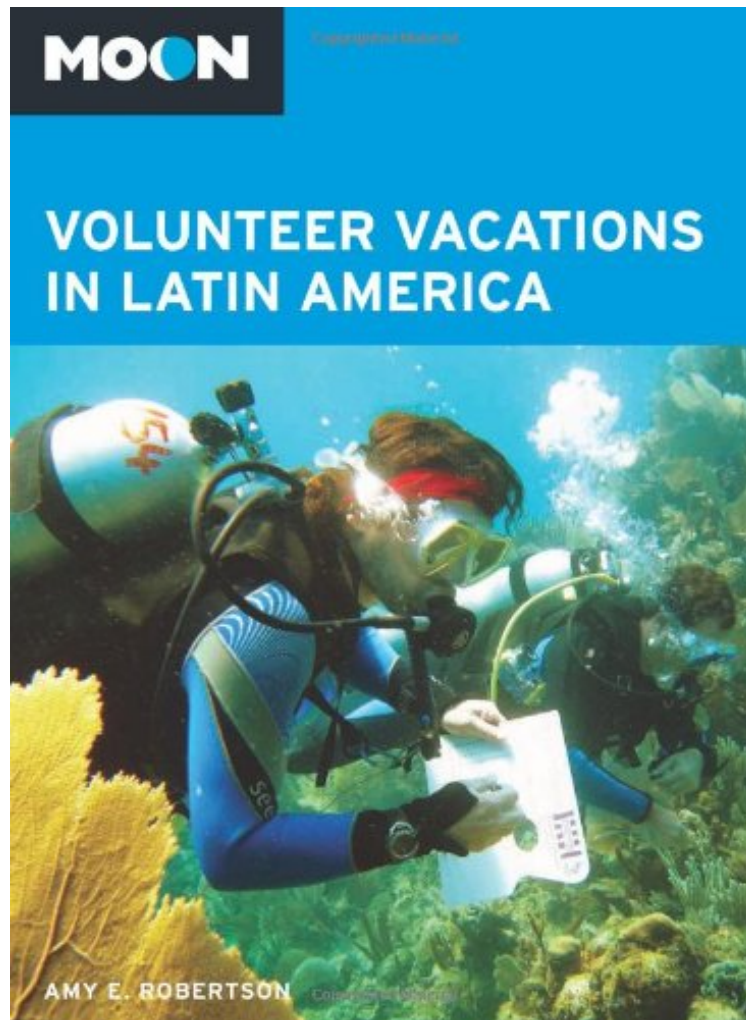


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Amy E. Robertson : Moon Volunteer Vacations in Latin America (Moon Handbooks) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moon Volunteer Vacations in Latin America (Moon Handbooks):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Best book ever on Volunteer Vacations By Judith Amy Robertson's book on volunteering vacations in Latin America is spot on!! She writes with correctness and one wonders how she got all the information of all the different groups who do good things for those less fortunate. Her descriptions of two Roatan Honduras non-profit groups, Roatan Daycare Learning Center and Island Friends Roatan Inc. were so clearly written, and so exact in the details. She even included a photo on Page 59 and a volunteer's perspective of their experience there. I have worked for these two groups and know first hand that these descriptions are so accurate. Another group mentioned, PIER is also correctly described. I hope all who read this book will be inspired to go and

volunteer if that is what they would like to include on their vacation. You couldn't find a better overview, in fact there may not be one, of volunteering in this part of the world!!! Well worth buying this book you can't go wrong!!! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Valuable Resource for Would-Be Volunteers By Ruth Halcomb Why volunteer abroad? Some want to save the world. Plenty of others will admit they want to save themselves, have an adventure or prepare for an international career. You could also be investigating a country with an eye toward retiring there. It's okay to have selfish motivations and maybe it's preferable because if saving the world is your goal, you'll probably be disappointed. If you know how you can benefit from such an experience, *Volunteer Vacations in Latin America* will help you investigate the possibilities that abound in that part of the world. The author, Amy E. Robertson, has experience volunteering in Ecuador, Bolivia and Honduras, and the book is sprinkled with first person accounts from others. Like other volumes from Moon, it is organized for easy reference. In this case, listings are country by country, with a brief overview of each, including facts on climate, culture and a brief history, followed by listings of organizations offering volunteer possibilities. In this book, you'll find out who sponsors each organization, what type of expertise is needed, how long the program lasts, what sort of housing you can expect. Volunteering in a Spanish speaking country can be a good way to learn or improve your Spanish, but in some volunteer assignments, you'd be mainly with speakers of English and in others, you might hear an indigenous language. Do you want to work with local children, the elderly or individuals of all ages? Perhaps your interest is ecology and you'd prefer a job with plants or animals? Many choices await you! You can also choose to volunteer alongside college students or senior or in groups consisting of different ages. Some volunteers stay in homes of local people, while some organizations offer dormitories. Included, too, are many interesting tidbits. Did you know that Mexico City is just south of the Tropic of Cancer, and Brazil has over 4600 miles of sandy beaches? Because of my own interest in Brazil, I was struck by the fact that it offers fewer volunteer openings for people from other countries than many of its smaller neighbors. While some organizations there require a rudimentary knowledge of Portuguese, at least one provides intensive language training before putting you to work.

Moon Volunteer Vacations in Latin America is the ultimate guide to the best volunteer experiences available in Latin America. Seasoned volunteer Amy E. Robertson shares her own expertise while inspiring readers to choose the right volunteer placement for their specific interests. Broken into chapters based on destination, the book gives a comprehensive overview of the best programs offered in each country and includes helpful information about housing, program costs, placement length, and much more. The countries covered include Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina, and Chile. Robertson also shares ideas for fundraising, as well as additional sources of information on volunteering, travel, and the various destinations. From discovering the best times to go to navigating the application process to figuring out what to take, this guidebook prepares readers for all aspects of their volunteer experience, whether they're preparing a turtle hatchery in Costa Rica, teaching English in Mexico, or building a home in Brazil. *Moon Volunteer Vacations in Latin America* is a must-have for anyone looking to get involved abroad.

About the Author Amy E. Robertson has been passionate about volunteer vacations since she was 13, when she took her first service trip with Habitat for Humanity. Since then, she's traveled far and wide, visiting more than 60 countries and living in six. She has lived in Ecuador and Honduras and traveled in 12 other mainland Latin American countries (plus four in the Caribbean). In that time, Amy explored the snow-capped mountains, animal-packed jungles, sandy beaches, and temples of the Maya that make up this diverse area. She fell in love with the rich culture of the modern Quechua and the ancient Incas and found passion for salsa dancing. The volunteer experiences she had from building homes in Honduras, to monitoring presidential elections in Ecuador, to working with youth in Bolivia on the creation of social documentaries helped her to better understand the people she met and enriched her as much as it did those she supported. Amy has a background in international development and nonprofit management, and has worked in both private and nonprofit sectors. She applied that expertise, as well as the advice and experiences of her extensive network of passionate voluntourist friends and colleagues, to her evaluation of volunteer programs for this book. Amy is a Seattle native who has long been obsessed with travel. She studied in Boston and Madrid for her bachelor's degree and London for her master's degree in development studies (where she also met her husband, who hails from Italy). In 2012, after eight years living in Latin America, Amy moved with her husband and two children to Beirut, Lebanon. She spends three months a year divided between her family's hometowns: Seattle, Rome, and Messina, Sicily. She is the author of *Moon Honduras the Bay Islands*, and her writing has been published in *National Geographic Traveler*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and *Travel + Leisure*, among others.