

Volunteer for a Sustainable Future: Guatemala

Help Install Solar Power June 29 – July 7th 2024



Solar and Natural Building Volunteers

Overview:

Come join The Appropriate Technology Collaborative for the experience of a lifetime!

Our volunteer trips are combined Solar Power installations, historic tours and cultural events in historic Guatemala. Our Summer 2024 trip will focus on upgrading solar power on a preschool in Panyebar, Guatemala and to install solar power and water filters in the homes of rural families who live without electricity. You will learn how solar power works and then immediately apply your new knowledge on homes and a school where the existing power is off for days at a time.

Recent participants report ATC volunteer projects as “life changing” and “the best vacation we ever had”. While most tourists never experience Guatemala up close, you will work hand-in-hand with local talent and gain insight into an indigenous Latin American culture.

Your personal rewards from the ATC Volunteer experience are incalculable. The Mayan way of life remains in tact here in the Guatemalan highlands, weaving and wearing traditional textiles and making tortillas from corn raised on their fields. See people planting maize and harvesting coffee on steep hillsides. Take a historic walking tour of Antigua Guatemala, a World Heritage site and former capital of Latin America, and end your trip with a tour of the ancient Mayan city Iximche. If you are game for rewarding work, hikes in the mountains and making new friends, an ATC Volunteer trip is for you. Some ATC volunteers have repeated the trip several times - there is always something new to learn! For more details contact us at: info@apptechcollaborative.org and please include the word “Volunteer” in the subject line.

Timeline: Our summer 2024 volunteer trip included the option of arriving early to enjoy Antigua Guatemala. This year the schedule is to Arrive June 29 and depart July 7th.

About Guatemala:

Guatemala is located in Central America. It borders the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea located just south of Mexico. Guatemala is rich in natural beauty and travel opportunities; it's a country that offers much to those willing to step off the beaten track for a little while.

Antigua Guatemala is often regarded as the traveler's hub, a picture-perfect Central American town ringed by volcanoes. La Antigua is a great place to learn Guatemalan history or simply sip some coffee in a street-side café.



Early Morning in la Antigua Guatemala



ATC Transportation to a Project Site

June 29 – July 7 Itinerary:

June 29 - Greeted at airport by ATC staff, shuttle to your Hostel / Hotel in Antigua, a UNESCO Heritage Site

June 30 - Breakfast at 8:00a.m., then a historic walking tour of Antigua; shuttle to Santa Cruz on Lake Atitlan, lunch in transit, dinner at our hostel / hotel with ATC staff, after dinner briefing on our project schedule.

July 1 - 3 – Breakfast at our hotel 8:00a.m., then travel by water shuttle to our project sites, a preschool in Panyebar and homes without electricity; work from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. with lunch on-site; free time after work to clean up; 7:00p.m. team dinner served at our hotel or nearby restaurant.

July 4 – Breakfast at 9:00 AM, Depart Santa Cruz, travel to the Mayan ruins at Iximche, Return to Antigua.

July 5 - 6 – Breakfast at 8:30a.m., solar and water filter installations in Comalapa, a village about 60 minutes outside of Antigua; July 6 afternoon visit Antigua Artisan Market, special dinner with ATC Staff

July 7 – Breakfast in Antigua, shuttle to Airport.

Your involvement is confirmed when we receive your completed forms and:

- \$200 deposit – refundable up till June 4th,
- Final payment May 25, 2024

Make Checks Payable to: The Appropriate Technology Collaborative

3765 Plaza Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

\$1,450.00 Double Occupancy Room
\$1,550.00 Single Occupancy Room
\$1,250.00 Hostel Dorm Room
\$500.00 Additional Fee for Early Arrival

(Please note: Details are subject to change due to local conditions)

Contact: info@apptechcollaborative.org



Solar Volunteers in Quetzaltenango



Solar Volunteers at School For Street Kids

If you are interested in this volunteer trip please contact us at info@apptechcollaborative.org, please include the word Volunteer in the subject line and we will arrange a time to answer any questions you might have.