



Do-Gooder Getaways: Build good karma by taking a "volunteer vacation"

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Ever wish you could contribute more to society than one hell of a spreadsheet? You don't have to join the Peace Corps. Instead, take a "volunteer vacation" where you can help others and work on a tan. The beauty part: The entire trip is tax deductible. (Not that it matters, of course.) Some choices:

American Hiking Society

Trail maintenance and shelter building on federal land in a choice of 29 states. Example: Restore an eroding trail in the Mount Massive Wilderness Area in Colorado. 1 week; \$80.
americanhiking.org

Earth Watch Institute

Research and conservation of natural resources and cultural heritage; 149 projects in 48 countries. Examples: Study Tasmanian lizards, or help Russian folk musicians. 1 to 3 weeks;

\$800 to \$2,500.
earthwatch.org

Globe Aware

Public-health and cultural-immersion adventures. Examples: Give basic English instruction in Costa Rica or Thailand, or help a poor community in Rio prepare for Carnival. 1 to 6 weeks; \$600 to \$1,800. globeaware.com

Global Service Corps

Health and agricultural services. Examples: Teach Tanzanians sustainable agriculture, or teach English and HIV education to students and novice monks in Thailand. 2 weeks to 6 months; \$2,700 and up. www.globalservicescorps.org

Passport in Time

Archaeology and historic preservation through the Department of Agriculture Forest Service. Examples: Help archaeologists in rock-art preservation, or search for prehistoric pit-house and pueblo sites in New Mexico. Most, 5 days minimum; no fee. passportintime.com

Sierra Club

Conservation trips throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Examples: Do trail restoration, invasive-plant removal, bear-habitat preservation, or whale monitoring. 7 to 10 days; \$235 to \$1,500; membership required, \$35.
sierraclub.org/outings/national