



# The Insider's Guide to the Peace Corps

**what to know before you go**

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In this Era of Responsibility, Americans have been called to service and, with jobs hard to come by, volunteer work can be a great way to boost a résumé. Increasingly popular (and every bit as competitive as the job market), the Peace Corps receives 12,000 applications a year for 4,000 volunteer positions, attracting people of all ages for what can be the most rewarding experience of a lifetime.

For those hoping to seize the adventure of the “toughest job you’ll ever love,” *The Insider's Guide to the Peace Corps* is an essential reference. Pulling from his own experiences, and those of hundreds of recently returned volunteers who served in a variety of program areas across the globe, Dillon Banerjee's definitive guide provides candid answers to more than 70 frequently asked questions, covering everything from the highly competitive application process (and what Peace Corps recruiters look for in an application) to living like a local and current Peace Corps policies and procedures. Newly revised, it provides the “inside scoop” — both good and bad — on topics such as packing, training, safety, illness, dating, traveling, housing, money, and more. It also includes answers to several new questions on technology overseas. Appendices, such as a Vegetarian Questionnaire, Joining the Peace Corp as a Couple, and Volunteering at Age 50+, help make this the *only* guide that tells potential Peace Corps volunteers what to expect. With first-hand advice from those in the know, *The Insider's Guide to the Peace Corps* is essential reading for real answers that can help the adventurous decide if this unique and rewarding volunteer experience is right for them.

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