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TEFL World Factbook 2025



Welcome

Welcome to the 2025 TEFL World Factbook, written by our team of expert TEFL trainers here at The TEFL Academy.

At The TEFL Academy, teaching English as a foreign language is the name of the game. Not to toot our own horn, but we know what's what when it comes to TEFL.

And we wanted to share our love, knowledge and experience of teaching English abroad with you!

We have created this Factbook to provide you with up-to-date profiles of the many different TEFL markets around the world.

Whether you're keen on sipping cocktails on Copacabana Beach after class, trekking the jungles of Chiang Mai on the weekend, or jogging along La Rambla first thing in the morning, our TEFL Factbook can help you decide what is the perfect TEFL destination for you.

From Albania to Zambia, TEFL opens up a world of opportunities. In this Factbook we have created a unique profile for over 100 countries outlining everything a TEFL teacher needs to know about teaching opportunities and travel information in the country of your choice.

Our team of expert researchers have utilised a variety of authoritative sources to take the guesswork out of TEFL and create the definitive guide to teaching English around the world.

But I have no teaching experience!

I don't have a degree!

I'm not a native English speaker!

Yes, there are a lot of questions surrounding teaching English abroad. Don't worry - we've got you covered! Our TEFL Factbook answers any and every question you might have about TEFL, no matter who you are or where you want to go.

We hope you find this guide useful in your TEFL journey, wherever it may take you.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and adventurous 2025!

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Teaching English in Albania

Majestic snow-capped peaks, unspoiled rugged coastline



Country Summary

Albania lies in the south east of Europe, surrounded by Montenegro, Kosovo, the Republic of Macedonia and Greece. The Albanian Alps provide a picturesque backdrop to Northern Albania, while numerous other mountain ranges across the country make for spectacular viewing. While the main language of Albania is unsurprisingly Albanian, English, French and Italian are routinely spoken across the country.

“Teaching in Albania is a highly respected profession.”

Albania is a particularly safe country with crime rates remaining low. It is expected that Albania will become an EU member in the next few years. Albania remains a relatively undiscovered jewel in the European crown. Whether you want to relax on a secluded beach, float in the crystal clear waters of the ‘blue eye’ or visit a UNESCO World Heritage site, Albania has much to offer.

Teaching Opportunities

An ever-growing number of private language schools in the country have increased demand for native English-speaking teachers. The Albanian capital, Tirana, is also home to numerous international schools for qualified teaching candidates.

As teaching is a desired profession in Albania there are strict requirements in order to enter the field. A university degree is required to teach, with most candidates also requiring a TEFL certification. Citizens from EU member states are more likely to be granted a visa to teach in Albania; however it is not unheard of for working visas to be granted to non-EU citizens, though the process can be more time-consuming.

Albania provides excellent opportunities for newly qualified and experienced teachers alike. Most teaching jobs in Albania will require teachers to secure their own accommodation. However, the cost of living in the country is low. Some international schools will offer a generous accommodation allowance, making these posts highly lucrative for the right candidate.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	July/August	Work visa	Business professionals, children	70,000 - 99,000 LEK (500 - 720 GBP) \$630-\$900 €560-€800
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
57,000 - 212,000 LEK (410 - 1,540 GBP)	English language schools, private tutoring, international schools, Montessori schools	6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week (Monday to Friday). Private tutoring and English language schools hours will vary	Application, Skype interview, visa applications & checks	Benefits will vary greatly depending on the school/position applied for; international schools are more likely to provide financial incentives such as flight reimbursement or accommodation allowances.	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Influenza.

WEATHER:

Albania has a Mediterranean climate, with hot summers and mild winters. In January, the average temperature is around 1.6°C. This is the average low temperature but the average high is 11°C while in July the temperatures can reach 32°C. It is usually dry from June to September, with the wet season from October to May.

TRANSPORTATION:

Public transport runs in more densely populated areas. However, no timetable exists for buses. Roads can be treacherous so it is advisable to live near workplaces.

CURRENCY:

Albanian LEK

FOOD TO TRY:

Byrek - a salty pie made with filo pastry.
Tave Kosi - quiche-like dish made with lamb, eggs and yoghurt.
Baklava - local cake made with nuts.
Trilece - fresh cake made with milk.
Qofte - seasoned grilled meatballs.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.05
A litre of milk: 85p
A loaf of bread: 47p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £7
Public transport (one-way) fare: 28p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £438

Teaching English in Algeria

A Mediterranean coastline and a Saharan desert interior



Country Summary

The largest country in Africa, Algeria is a country of UNESCO heritage sites, beautiful colonial architecture, ancient Roman ruins, gorgeous beaches and the Sahara Desert. The sheer size of the country means that there are various geographical regions in the country, from the coast to the mountains to the desert.

“The higher your level of education, the higher your salary will be.”

There are a range of activities that can be done to suit every traveller's tastes: spend time in the capital city of Algiers, a quaint town with a touch of French colonialism; or visit the city of Ouargla in the south of the desert, an ochre-coloured town known as ‘the golden key to the desert.’ You can also hike around the vast volcanic plateau of Tassili n'Ajjer; soak up the sun on the Turquoise Coast; tour the Sahara by camel; or visit the historic and holy town of Beni-Isguen.

Teaching Opportunities

There are teaching opportunities in Algeria, but salaries are quite low and resources minimal. There are positions in state schools, language centres, universities and international schools, with state schools offering the lowest salaries and international schools the highest. There are also a growing number of in-company language training positions aimed at the employees of various foreign companies. You need a degree for any paid positions and the higher your level of education, the better your salary will be.

A work visa must be organised before arrival in the country and you will need your employer to help you apply for employment authorisation issued by the Algerian Ministry of Labour.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6-12 Months	Year round	Tourist visa converted to work visa	Business professionals, children	DA46,164 - DA61,526 £285 - £380 \$360-\$475 €315-€420
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
DA38,453 - DA76,907 £250 - £500	State schools, language schools, universities, in-house teaching for large companies, volunteering	20+	Face-to-face in Algeria apart from volunteer organisations who can be contacted in advance	Generally, none financial; volunteer organisations - minor incentives.	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Tetanus. Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies and Typhoid.

WEATHER:

On the coast, summer temperatures average 30°C and in winter 7°C; in the Saharan Desert it averages 35°C in the summer and 6°C in the winter, but below freezing at night.

TRANSPORTATION:

There are several high-speed train services in the north. There are extensive bus services in the north with efficient and cheap urban services. There are several modern metro and tramways in the north.

CURRENCY:

Algerian Dinar

FOOD TO TRY:

Couscous - considered a national dish; often served with spiced meat and vegetables.

Chakchouka - a popular Algerian breakfast consisting mainly of onion, tomato and spices topped with eggs.

Harira - a lamb and chickpea stew.

Makroud El Louse - a flourless almond cookie.

Lham Lahlou - a lamb and dried fruit tagine.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 90p

A litre of milk: 29p

A loaf of bread: 12p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £2.50

Public transport (one-way) fare: 13p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £95

Teaching English in Angola

Friendly locals and diverse tribal identities



Country Summary

Angola lies on the southwestern coast of Africa to the north of Namibia. Historically a Portuguese colony, Angola gained independence in 1975. Portuguese remains the official language of Angola; however, Bantu influences can be seen across the country. Civil unrest plagued the country until 2002 as the ramifications of achieving independence could be felt. Angola is well-known for its oil and diamond reserves, often being hailed as the 'Kuwait of Africa'. Angola has the potential to be a very rich nation but it currently remains a developing country.

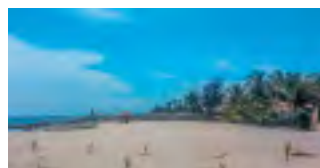
"Without teachers of quality, there is no quality of education."

The Angolan culture is heavily indicative of Portuguese influences to this day, with friendly locals and diverse tribal identities. Angola enjoys a laid-back culture and lifestyle; greetings should never be rushed when meeting Angolan natives. Angola offers a laid-back approach to African life, with diverse cultural identities. It is the perfect base to experience a taste of Africa.

Teaching Opportunities

There are many different teaching opportunities in Angola, depending on what you are hoping to gain from the experience. English language schools and private tuition are available. There are some international schools, predominantly in the capital of Luanda, which offer excellent salaries and benefits packages. Schools across Angola also benefit from native English teachers. Bear in mind Angola remains a developing nation and as such remuneration packages for local schools are likely to be considerably lower, but considerably more rewarding in terms of professional satisfaction.

There is a distinct shortage of qualified teachers in Angola, and so you may find that a position can be secured without extensive qualifications, providing you can demonstrate a level of experience in a relevant field. Teaching adults in Angola is a priority for the current government, as literacy rates among Angolan adults remain low.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	Year round	Work visa	Business professionals, children	555,270 - 600,000 AOA (760 -820 GBP) \$950-\$1025 €840-€900
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
436,500 - 600,000 AOA (600 -820 GBP)	English language schools, private tutoring, international schools	32.5	Application, Skype interview, visa applications & checks	International schools are more likely to provide financial incentives such as flight reimbursement or accommodation allowances.	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Hepatitis A, Diphtheria, Yellow Fever, Tetanus, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Influenza.

WEATHER:

Angola has two distinct seasons; the dry season from May to October when the average temperature is 16°C and the hot rainy season from November to April when temperatures reach 21°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

The road infrastructure in Angola is poor, meaning buses are not overly reliable. There are three separate railway lines across the country and taxis can be accessed, though most are privately owned and uncommon.

CURRENCY:

Angolan Kwanza

FOOD TO TRY:

Doce de Ginguba - peanut candy.
Farofa - rice and beans with toasted manioc.
Cocada Amarela - yellow coconut pudding.
Chikuanga - manioc flour bread wrapped in banana leaves.
Catatos - caterpillar fried in garlic and served with rice.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £3.24
A litre of milk: £2.30
A loaf of bread: 90p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £15
Public transport (one-way) fare: 96p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £1,500

Teaching English in Argentina

Influences from Europe and Latin America



Country Summary

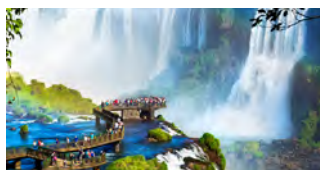
The word Argentina conjures up images of colour, music and passion, and this is certainly true in every area of the country. Buenos Aires is not only alive through its famous dance, the tango, but through its inhabitants, in their stylish clothes, enjoying Argentinean cafe life against the exquisite back drop of coloured houses. Outside of Buenos Aires, Mendoza, famous for wines and the high peaks of the Andes, provides a stunning vista to while away your time. Patagonia also offers outdoor adventures on its wild plains.

“The demand to learn English, especially in the Business English sector, is huge.”

Teaching Opportunities

This demand is largest in the Business English sector, with many business professionals and executives looking for classes. This is particularly true in Buenos Aires and Cordoba. If you are not interested in teaching Business English, then there are more touristy areas where it is possible to find teaching opportunities. These include Bariloche, Mendoza, Mar de Plata and Salta.

Although a level 5 TEFL certificate is not a mandatory requirement, having this qualification will help you to secure higher paid work. This becomes important for teachers when considering the cost of living. Many schools do not offer benefits packages as in the Middle East or Asia. The biggest expense that teachers face is accommodation. This question can be solved through shared living arrangements with other teachers. Despite the accommodation expense, teachers are able to have a good standard of living. The other issue is finding full-time work. Many teachers do not come to Argentina to make a fortune, as in some Asian or Middle Eastern countries. Instead, the draw for a TEFL teacher is to live and work here, in order to experience Argentina's vibrant and colourful way of life.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 - 12 months	January - September	Tourist visa converted to work visa	Business professionals, children	420 USD (340 GBP) €370
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
3700 USD (2960 GBP)	International language schools, private tuition for students, private tuition for business professionals	20+; high demand for hourly private lessons	Usually face-to-face in Argentina	No financial benefits but advice on housing may be given by prospective employer	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Tetanus. Recommended: Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

Buenos Aires and the Pampas are temperate with maximum temperatures of 30°C and minimum temperatures of 8°C. Patagonia is cold and windy in the winter with temperatures between 2°C and 12°C and in the summer rising to between 26°C and 28°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Argentina's urban and county-wide long-distance bus networks are some of the best in South America. Fast, efficient and reasonably priced makes it the most popular form of transport.

The oldest metro system in Latin America is in Buenos Aires. This city-wide underground system combines the ultra-modern with old-world charm.

Taxis are abundant and well regulated in most Argentinian towns and cities.

CURRENCY:

Argentine Peso

FOOD TO TRY:

Asados - the national dish; various meats prepared on a barbecue.

Dulce de Leche - a rich desert made from condensed milk.

Empanadas - small deep fried or baked pasties.

Choripan - pork and beef chorizo topped with chimichurri salsa.

Carbonada - a brothy stew.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 67p

A litre of milk: 57p

A loaf of bread: 63p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £6.85

Public transport (one-way) fare: 23p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £300

Teaching English in Australia

Australia, Oz, Down Under



Country Summary

What an intriguing country! From kangaroos to koalas, Bondi to barbecue, surfing to Sydney, Australia is a country of great beauty, interesting culture and fantastic opportunities.

“Sydney is a glamorous collision of beaches, boutiques and bars.”

Australia is a surfer's paradise, a heaven for the adventurous and a haven for culture lovers. One day you could be soaking up the sun on one of the many gorgeous beaches on the Gold Coast or the Sunshine Coast, the next you could be enjoying a tour of the Sydney Opera House. You could go road tripping to Margaret River to enjoy one of Australia's best food and wine destinations or you could be scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef. And let's not forget the breathtaking sight of Uluru at sunset.

The history of the aboriginal people is an important part of this culture and is apparent in its traditional food, music and festivals.

Teaching Opportunities

The TEFL sector is strong in Australia and there are plenty of job opportunities for teachers, especially in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. However, rules and regulations are strict here, so you'll need to be qualified and preferably experienced. There are loads of private language schools and, due to visa restrictions for many nationalities, a constant flow of teachers, so there are always vacancies. However, the very nature of language schools means that you are paid an hourly rate and your hours may vary month to month.

The state runs the Adult Migrant Education Program and the Department of Technical and Further Education runs English courses for permanent Australian residents with non-English-speaking backgrounds. You might find yourself teaching children, adult migrants, indigenous people or international students from all over the world.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 months	July	Work permit	Students, professionals	AUSD 1,500 – AUSD 2,000 (£835 – £1,110) \$1040-\$1400 €925-€1230
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
AUS 2,500 – AUSD 4,000 (£1,400 – £2,200)	Language schools, government programs, further education, state and private schools, private tuition	25 – 30	Face-to-face in Australia, online applications and video/telephone interviews	None financial	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

None specifically recommended. To consider: Diphtheria, Japanese Encephalitis and Tetanus.

WEATHER:

Summers are warm to hot and winters are mild, with rainfall spread fairly evenly throughout the year. In summer (December – February), average maximum temperatures are around 26°C. It can also be humid at this time with an average humidity of 65 per cent.

TRANSPORTATION:

Trains and buses are frequently used. There are many International airports in Australia offering worldwide connections and literally hundreds of domestic airports.

CURRENCY:

Australian Dollar

FOOD TO TRY:

Kangaroo – very low fat content and low in cholesterol.
Barramundi – great tasting fish.
Salt and Pepper Calamari – a popular bar snack throughout Australia.
Lamingtons – a square-shaped sponge cake.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2.21
A litre of milk: 55p
A loaf of bread: 55p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £6.64
Public transport (one-way) fare: 55p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £830

Teaching English in Austria

The land in the mountains



Country Summary

Austria is a country with a richly woven landscape of nature and culture. Well-known around the world from the epic film *The Sound of Music*, Austria conjures up the beauty of the Alps, alpine valleys and stunning lakes. This terrain is ideal for skiing, hiking, mountain biking and relaxing picnics. This is also a country steeped in culture. Vienna, the centre of classical music and opera, has witnessed – in past generations – composers such as Beethoven, Mozart and Brahms, as well as being home to Klimt and Sigmund Freud.

“Students learning English in Austria are generally good-humoured and engaged.”

In the present day, you can spend time in coffee houses and wine taverns, soaking up the magnificent architecture. Vienna is also home to an active contemporary art scene. Salzburg, on the other hand, boasts the world-renowned Altstadt complex, littered with domes and spires. Ancient castles are found throughout the country.

Teaching Opportunities

Austria offers good salaries, but these jobs are often of a temporary nature. Many teachers coming from within the EU actually become self-employed so that they can tutor privately. However, a licence is required for classes of 5 or more students together. For salaried employment, teachers also need a degree and a level 5 TEFL certificate to have a chance of finding work here. Those who are non-EU residents will find it very difficult to obtain a work visa, as is the case in most of Europe.

Salaried opportunities often offer a 20–25-hour teaching contract, but other benefits such as flights and accommodation are generally not included. The cost of living is high, but so are the salaries. This means that teachers can enjoy a good standard of living.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 months	October – June	EU citizenship or work visa	Business professionals, children	1,200 – 1,800 EUR (1,083 – 1,620 GBP) \$1350–\$2030
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
800 – 3,000 EUR (720 – 2,700 GBP)	Private language schools, private tuition for students and professionals	20 – 25	Usually face-to-face in Austria, sometimes face-to-face in your own country and also video/telephone interviews in advance	No extra financial benefits usually offered; advice on housing often given; short-term contracts may include flights and accommodation.	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

None specifically advised. To consider: Tick-borne Encephalitis, Tetanus.

WEATHER:

The sunshine during June to September has temperatures reaching a high of 24°C and a low of 19°C. November to March is cold with an average temperature of around 4°C during the day and -3°C at night.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are very useful for reaching smaller villages not served by rail links. The train network is home to the OBB Railjet high-speed train. The U-Bahn is the city-wide metro system in Vienna. Tram and trolleybuses are also common. Taxis are abundant in all towns and cities but can be quite expensive. There are both international and domestic airports.

CURRENCY:

Euro

FOOD TO TRY:

Wiener Schnitzel – the national dish; breaded veal.
Tafelspitz – boiled beef and root vegetables in a vegetable broth.
Spargel – spring asparagus.
Apfeistrudel – apple strudel.
Sachertorte – a rich chocolate sponge cake with layers of apricot jam, topped with chocolate icing.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.50
A litre of milk: £1
A loaf of bread: £1.51
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £8
Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.75
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £534

Teaching English in Azerbaijan

Triumphant architecture, breath-taking landscapes



Country Summary

Azerbaijan lies in the Caucasus region, on the border of Europe and Asia, with parts in both continents. Its unique geography is only one of the interesting things the country has to offer. Home to the Caucasus Mountains, Azerbaijan offers dramatic landscapes and an unparalleled variety of local wildlife. The main languages spoken are Azerbaijani and Russian; however English is widely spoken and understood.

“Significant opportunities exist for teachers of varying levels of experience.”

Azerbaijan boasts an impressive history, with settlements dating back to the Stone Age. This is a country steeped in rich historical importance. This is truly the place where East meets West, with a multicultural populace influencing the stunning architecture and culture. Azerbaijan is an affluent country with scores of oil and gas revenue and a vast ex-patriate culture, making it the ideal base for foreign language teachers.

Teaching Opportunities

There are many different teaching opportunities in Azerbaijan, depending on what you are hoping to gain from the experience. The country requires teachers of all levels in their international schools, private schools and higher education establishments. Opportunities are also available for native English speakers to teach English in private tutoring sessions, foreign language schools and international schools.

Azerbaijan is a multicultural metropolis, opening up teaching opportunities across a range of disciplines. Teachers of English are required for children, students and for adult learners who are looking to develop their skills, particularly for use in the international business market. Azerbaijan can be difficult to obtain working visas for, with potential employees requiring a letter of invitation from a company or contact in the country. Those wishing to remain in the country for over 30 days must register with the local police within three days of arriving in the country.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	July/August	Work visa	Business professionals, children	870 AZN (410 GBP) \$510 €450
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
3,560 - 5,800 AZN (1,670 - 2,700 GBP)	English language schools, private tutoring, international schools	35	Application, Skype interview, visa applications & checks	Typical remuneration packages for foreign teachers include accommodation, health insurance, flights and meals on working days.	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Diphtheria, Typhoid Fever, Tetanus.

WEATHER:

Azerbaijan is subject to 9 distinct and varying climate zones, meaning temperatures vary considerably across the country. Lows in some areas reach -33°C, while highs in alternate climate zones can reach 46°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Public transport is widely available in Azerbaijan, with road and rail networks across the country. Taxis are commonplace and regulated by specialised companies, providing a cheap and reliable way to get around the city.

CURRENCY:

Azerbaijani Manat

FOOD TO TRY:

Halva - a sugary confection produced only in the mountains of Sheki.

Piti - lamb and vegetable stew.

Dushbara - small, meat filled dumplings.

Dovga - yoghurt soup with rice, chickpeas and herbs.

Pakhlava - sweet pastry stuffed with nuts and syrup.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 81p

A litre of milk: 78p

A loaf of bread: 21p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5.30

Public transport (one-way) fare: 20p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £155

Teaching English in Bahrain

An oasis in a dry and hot region



Country Summary

Bahrain is a small country in the Middle East, situated between Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Bahrain is a multicultural country with quite a liberal culture, compared to its neighbour Saudi Arabia. Alcohol is prohibited for Muslims, and women, even foreign women, need to dress modestly. This means no shoulders, knees or cleavage on display in public. Homosexuality is also illegal and carries severe punishments. Those expats who respect the local customs are welcomed by Bahrainis.

“The learners are open, welcoming and eager to learn.”

Although small in size, Bahrain's fortune has been linked to its relationship with water. The pearls along its coast helped to make the country's original fortunes. The name Bahrain means 'two seas' and the sea on its shores makes this country an attractive oasis in a dry and hot region.

Teaching Opportunities

There is a demand for native speakers. The learners are open, welcoming and eager to learn. The main areas in which to find TEFL opportunities are in Manama, the capital city, and Riffa, the tourist area of the country. There are good opportunities for those who have a level 5 TEFL certificate and a degree. Most jobs can be found in private language schools and there are also good opportunities for those who wish to give private tuition.

It is important that you apply for a job beforehand due to the strict immigration laws. You will need a work visa to pass through immigration. Contracts are usually for 20–25 hours of teaching per week. Jobs can be found online or are sometimes advertised in the Guardian in the UK. The advantage of working in Bahrain is the high tax-free salary and the benefits packages that come with the job. These include reimbursed airfares, furnished accommodation and health insurance.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 - 24 months	May - August, all year round	Work visa in advance	Business professionals, children	500 - 800 BHD (1,060 - 1,700 GBP) \$1300-\$2100 €1170-€1885
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
902 - 1,800 BHD (1,842 - 3,677 GBP)	Private language schools, private lessons for students and professionals	20 - 25	Often in advance from your own country or face-to-face in Bahrain	Reimbursed airfare, subsidised accommodation, health insurance and a tax-free salary.	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Tetanus. Recommended: Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

June to October can reach temperatures of around 32°C with high humidity. December to April is cooler with temperatures between 15°C and 25°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bus services serve most of the country. Taxis are reasonably priced and plentiful. For flights you need to go to Bahrain International Airport. There was a massive investment in rail travel, which is still in the planning and construction stages.

CURRENCY:

Bahraini Dinar

FOOD TO TRY:

Machboos - a fragrant rice dish.

Khuboos - a very light almost fluffy flatbread.

Fresh Fish - grouper and Safi (rabbit fish) are the two most popular.

Luqaimat - small deep fried dough balls drizzled in a saffron and cardamom syrup.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £7

A litre of milk: £1.22

A loaf of bread: 82p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4

Public transport (one-way) fare: 61p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £613

Teaching English in Bangladesh

Waterways like superhighways



Country Summary

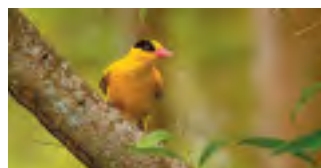
Bangladesh is not the most obvious destination for TEFL teachers in comparison to its neighbours in South East Asia because the majority of its teachers speak fluent English, but there are still opportunities in this interesting country.

“Bangladesh is south Asia’s greenest jewel.”

Bangladesh is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. At first glance it is poor and dirty, but you will find some hidden surprises if you stay long enough. The capital city of Dhaka showcases events of historical significance of the country with its forts, palaces and monuments, while Chittagong is the place to go to experience the ethnic diversity of the country, not to mention its beautiful coastline. You can hang out at the longest beach in the world (125 km), catch up with the emerging surf scene in Sonadia Island, wander around the world’s largest mangrove forest, visit tea estates or go on a boat tour in the hopes of seeing one of the world’s few remaining Royal Bengal tigers.

Teaching Opportunities

In Bangladesh, there are international schools which offer paid or volunteer positions and a few language schools like the British Council where you could try find a teaching job. Most teaching opportunities are in the big cities of Dhaka and Chittagong.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS degree required for international schools, none for volunteer programmes	10 - 12 months	Year round	Employment visa	Children, adults	32,646 - 48,962 BDT (305 - 460 GBP) \$390-\$575 €340-€510
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
108,783 - 217,566 (1,025 - 2,050 GBP)	State schools, international schools, private language schools, volunteering	30 - 40	Usually face-to-face in Bangladesh, sometimes video/telephone calls in advance	Sometimes air fare reimbursement, accommodation subsidy and health care.	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Typhoid, Hepatitis A, Tetanus, Diphtheria.
Recommended: Rabies, Hepatitis B, Japanese Encephalitis.

WEATHER:

Bangladesh has a sub-tropical climate with monsoons from June to October and high temperatures which average at around 35°C in summer months.

TRANSPORTATION:

There is a large network of buses among the cheapest in the world.

There is a vast and efficient train service.

There is a large network of inland waterways.

Taxis are available in most towns and cities.

Tuk-tuks are a popular and efficient way to travel.

There are both international and domestic airports.

CURRENCY:

Bangladeshi / Bengali Taka

FOOD TO TRY:

Ilish Macher Paturi - hilsa fish steaks with a mixture of spices wrapped in banana leaves.

Dhokor Dalna - spiced lentil cakes simmered in a tomato gravy.

Shami Kabab - a beef or lamb burger-like patty made with crushed chickpeas and spices.

Maghaz - cow, goat or sheep's brain prepared in a masala sauce.

Biryani - a curry dish.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 15p

A litre of milk: 60p

A loaf of bread: 37p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £1.49

Public transport (one-way) fare: 23p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £93

Teaching English in Belgium

A food lover's dream – a beer lover's heaven



Country Summary

Officially known as the Kingdom of Belgium (due to its constitutional monarchy), this small country borders France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Belgium is divided into two halves: the northern part, influenced by the Dutch, speaks Flemish; the southern part predominantly speaks French, and the people in this region are often referred to as Walloons. When deciding on where you want to live and work in Belgium, you will have to choose which culture interests you the most, and which language you would most like to learn.

“The students are eager to learn, which makes Belgium a comfortable place to teach.”

The capital, Brussels, is home to many international organisations. European Parliament, the European Union, and other multinational institutions such as NATO are all situated here. Bruges, another World Heritage site, is a splendid example of Gothic architecture. Apart from architecture, Belgium would be incomplete without mentioning the many varieties of Belgian beer and chocolate, waiting to be savoured by those who come to live here.

Teaching Opportunities

The TEFL scene, as in many European countries, is competitive. EFL jobs start mainly in September or October and again in January. Many schools in Belgium prefer that you interview in person for any vacant position. Once again, it is very difficult to find a job if you are a non-EU citizen. This means that teachers who wish to be considered for jobs in this country need to be EU citizens.

The main places to find work in Belgium are Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges. There are opportunities in language schools as well as universities. To obtain a job, a degree and a level 5 TEFL certificate are essential. The cost of living is also high, and flights and accommodation are generally not included in your contract.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	September/October and January	EU citizenship or work visa	Business professionals, children	1,480 – 1,822 EUR (1,300 – 1,600 GBP) \$1670–\$2000
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1500 – 2000 EUR (1,316 – 1,755 GBP)	Private companies, private schools, international schools, language schools	20 – 25	Usually face-to-face in Belgium	None	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Tetanus.

WEATHER:

Belgium has comfortable warm summers and cold winters.

TRANSPORTATION:

Trains are reasonably priced and efficient, with international high speed services that link Belgium with other European cities including Paris, London and Amsterdam.

Several Belgium cities have large metro systems. Trams can be found throughout major urban areas in Belgium.

A modern bus network runs throughout the country.

Taxis are abundant and well-regulated.

Five international airports offer worldwide connections.

CURRENCY:

Euro

FOOD TO TRY:

Waterzooi – a cream stew made from either meat or fish with egg and vegetables.

Tomatoes aux Crevettes Griess – tomatoes stuffed with shrimp.

Carbonnades Flamandes – a rich beef casserole.

Waffles

Chocolates

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £3

A litre of milk: £1.39

A loaf of bread: £1.10

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £8

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.31

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £500

Teaching English in Belize

A tiny country in Central America with a population of just 300,000



Country Summary

Belize is situated between Mexico and Guatemala, but it was a British colony until 1981 and so maintains a feel for its colonial past. The Belize people are warm and welcoming, and you will feel at home here. There is a large community of expats here who come to Belize from Canada, the US and Europe to retire.

Belize is different in that it has a rich cultural heritage while also providing visitors with many different activities to keep busy. One of the most popular activities in Belize is to visit the many Mayan ruins and ancient temples. Horse riding, snorkelling and cave exploring can also be done, as well as ziplining over the rainforest. Belize has over 400 tropical islands with gorgeous white sand beaches and turquoise waters where you can go if you are looking to lose yourself for a while. Especially if you're interested in fishing, Belize is the place to be, with some of the best places for saltwater fly-fishing in the world.

In terms of history, Belize has a lot to offer: many archaeological Mayan ruins, stone temples, excavated tombs and natural caves. One of the most famous sights in Belize is the Lamanai ruins, where you can hike to the tallest Mayan pyramids, surrounded by monkeys and birds.

"With one foot planted in the Central American jungles and the other dipped in the Caribbean Sea"

Teaching Opportunities

The official language of Belize is English but Spanish and Creole are also spoken. You should be able to find work in public or private schools or language schools. Education in Belize is undertaken in English, so this is a good location for teachers to develop their skills. You need to have a degree to teach in Belize as the government is trying to make teaching a priority. Teachers are also expected to participate in extracurricular activities, as well as the usual teaching hours.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	May, June	Work visa	Students	BZD 2,800 – BZD 3,600 (£1100 – £1,430) \$1400 – \$1800 €1200 – €1580
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
BZD 3,600 BZD 4,400 (£1,430 – £1,750)	English teacher, private tutor	20 – 30	May and June for the following academic year	Assistance in finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Yellow Fever, Rabies, Meningitis, and Typhoid.

WEATHER:

The climate is tropical, and the temperature ranges from 88°F (20°C) to 77°F (32°C) throughout the year.

TRANSPORTATION:

Renting a car is popular.

Water taxis will transport you to nearby offshore islands.

Retired American school buses line the routes between major towns and cities.

Belize has two local airlines.

CURRENCY:

Belize Dollar

FOOD TO TRY:

Rice and Beans – a staple dish.

Stew Chicken

Cochinita Pibil – pork marinated and slow roasted.

Tamale – a cornmeal roll wrapped in corn husks.

Ceviche – seafood marinated in lime juice alongside onions, garlic, habanero peppers.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.53

A litre of milk: £1.74

A loaf of bread: 87p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £3.84

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.53

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £181

Teaching English in Bhutan

Mountains, monasteries and magic



Country Summary

Can you imagine a country which bases its success on happiness rather than economic indicators? Bhutan is that country. A simple, peaceful country nestled between India and China, Bhutan has Gross National Happiness as its central governing principle, meaning that more emphasis is placed on happiness than economic prosperity.

“Virtually untouched by the modern world, Bhutan has many natural sights to offer.”

Virtually untouched by the modern world, Bhutan has many natural sights to offer, with very little pollution and very few tourists. In fact, it costs tourists \$250 a day for a visa to visit the country, so it's not surprising that not many people are willing to pay the price and cross the border.

Bhutan is a country of dramatic landscapes. Magnificent monasteries hug the edges of cliffs, beautiful palaces line riverbanks and breath-taking hikes will give you extraordinary views of mountain ranges and valleys.

Teaching Opportunities

There has been a recent movement to educate the population in Bhutan with new schools being developed and a national plan of educational reform being put forward. For this reason, there are English teaching positions available in Bhutan, though not as many as in neighbouring countries.

You could find a position in a government school, a monastic school or an adult literacy school. Some of these are paid positions but the majority are volunteer positions. It is necessary to get a job offer before arrival in the country in order to get the appropriate visa and avoid paying the exorbitant tourist visa fee.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS/BEd degree preferred but not required	12 months	December, January and May, June	Work visa	Children, adults, monks	15,000 – 25,000 BTN (160 – 265 GBP) \$200–\$350 €180–€300
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
28,975 – 37,727 BTN (307 – 400 GBP)	State schools, adult literacy schools, monastic schools, private tuition, volunteering	25+	By written application, video/telephone in advance or through charitable organisations	None for government schools; some for NGOs	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Hepatitis A, Tetanus and Typhoid.

Recommended: Hepatitis B, Japanese Encephalitis and Rabies.

WEATHER:

This mountainous region reaches temperatures of around 22°C in the months of June, July and August. During the winter months between December and March the average temperature is 6°C during the day and falls to -1°C at night.

TRANSPORTATION:

Urban bus networks exist in cities and larger towns. One international airport is located in Paro, with a few domestic airports offering a limited amount of internal flights.

CURRENCY:

Bhutanese Ngultrum

FOOD TO TRY:

Ema Datshi – a chilli and cheese stew.

Asha Maroo – a juicy stew.

Red Rice – a Bhutanese staple food.

Momos – a steamed bun stuffed with minced pork or beef, vegetables or a spicy cheese mix.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 63p

A litre of milk: 69p

A loaf of bread: 31p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £2.10

Public transport (one-way) fare: 21p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £210

Teaching English in Bolivia

Rugged and remote beauty



Country Summary

Bolivia boasts amazing natural wonders, such as the Andes, the Amazon, and the stark salt lakes set against the rich blue sky. For those who love outside adventure and exploration, you will feel at home in this country. Bolivia boasts one of the most diverse populations in the Latin American region, due to the sheer number of indigenous groups. The capital city La Paz, situated at approximately 4,050m above sea level, combines this diversity with a combination of modern, Spanish and indigenous architecture. This is also reflected in their language.

“The country boasts amazing natural wonders, such as the Andes, the Amazon.”

In the same way as other countries in Latin America, football is an all-consuming passion, as is the Bolivians' love for animals. This is reflected in the nature reserves and zoos found throughout the country.

Teaching Opportunities

Bolivia is still a relatively poor country, which means that it is similar to the way Cambodia was about 10 years ago. This means that the number of volunteer opportunities seems to outweigh paid work. For those interested in teaching as a volunteer, it is important to remember that even though accommodation might be provided, your airfare and daily spending money will not be paid for by your organisation. You will, therefore, need to have savings in order to come to the country. Volunteer job opportunities can be found through NGO organisations that are based in Bolivia. Despite the number of volunteer opportunities, recently there has started to be more opportunity for paid work. These opportunities can be found in La Paz, Cochabamba, El Alto and Santa Cruz. The salaries are not huge, but the cost of living is low, so you should be able to cover your expenses while living there.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	1 – 12 months	January – February and June – July	Tourist visa	Business professionals, children	3,598 – 4,497 BOB (415 – 520 GBP) \$520–\$650 €460–€570
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
3,598 – 5,397 BOB (415 – 600 GBP)	Private schools, language schools, private universities, volunteering	20 – 25	Face-to-face in Bolivia; some NGOs may be contacted in advance	Some volunteer organisations supply accommodation.	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Hepatitis A and Tetanus. Recommended: Diphtheria, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Typhoid and Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

The weather year round is cool to mild, with the average temperature in summer being 22°C and in winter 15°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bolivia has a lot of buses.

The urban cable car system above the city of La Paz links to neighbouring El Alto.

Two train systems exist, one in the east and one in the west of the country.

Taxis are plentiful in most towns and cities and relatively inexpensive.

Bolivia has several international as well as many domestic airports.

CURRENCY:

Bolivian Boliviano

FOOD TO TRY:

Saltanes – a traditional savoury baked pastry.

Picante de Pollo – fried chicken covered in thick spicy sauce.

Pastel de Tres Leches – three milk cake.

Charque de Llama – llama jerky.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.34

A litre of milk: 67p

A loaf of bread: 78p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £2.80

Public transport (one-way) fare: 22p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £202

Teaching English in Botswana

Enigmatic landscapes



Country Summary

A landlocked country with a population of just over 2 million people, Botswana is one of Africa's most stable countries and one of the fastest growing economies in the world. In terms of big cities, Botswana does not have much to offer but you don't come to Botswana to experience city life. In the south is the capital of Gaborone, which offers museums, diamond mines and nightlife, but that's about all the country has for city-dwellers.

"These jobs are usually well-paid and include end-of-contract bonuses."

One of the best safari destinations in the world, Botswana boasts the Okavango Delta – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – the Chobe National Park and the Kalahari Desert on its list of must-visit attractions. Botswana can offer you all the animal experiences you could ever dream of. Chobe National Park has one of the largest game concentrations in Africa. It is especially well known for its huge elephant population but it is also possible to see lions, zebra, wild dogs, cheetahs, leopards and hyena. A visit to the Central Kalahari Game Reserve might give you a glimpse of the famous black-maned lions.

Teaching Opportunities

The majority of teaching positions in Botswana are volunteer positions, but it is possible to find a job in one of the universities. These jobs are usually well-paid and include end-of-contract bonuses, medical insurance and several weeks of holidays.

Volunteer opportunities are available all year round in Botswana but for positions in schools the main hiring season is November and December for a January start to the academic year. Volunteer positions are flexible on your qualifications but working in a school may require a bachelor's degree and working in a university will require a master's degree.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS degree preferred, master's degree for university positions	1 month – 12 months	November – December, year round for volunteer positions	Work permit	All ages	6,924 – 9,696 BWP (470 – 660 GBP) \$590-\$820 €520-€730
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
8,309 – 16, 619 BWP (565 – 1200 GBP)	Language schools, universities, volunteering	25 – 30	Usually face-to-face in Botswana apart from volunteer organisations who can be contacted in advance over the internet	End of contract bonus, accommodation for volunteer posts, possible medical insurance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Hepatitis A, Tetanus. Recommended: Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Rabies.

WEATHER:

Botswana's climate is semi-arid. Though it is hot and dry for much of the year, there is a rainy season, which runs through the summer months. Daytime temperatures are around 32°C/90°F, and the humidity is between 50-80%. In March & April rainfall decreases and it steadily cools.

TRANSPORTATION:

Local buses run that link main towns. The only public train service runs between Francistown and Lobatse. There are international & domestic connections from several airports.

CURRENCY:

Botswana Pula

FOOD TO TRY:

Seswaa – a traditional meat stew.
Chicken in a Hole – whole roast chicken rubbed in a local spice mix.
Mopane Worms – multi-coloured wild caterpillars are considered a delicacy.
Goat Stew
Pap – porridge made from local maize.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 92p
A litre of milk: 86p
A loaf of bread: 57p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4.64
Public transport (one-way) fare: 21p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £250

Teaching English in Brazil

Booming and developing economy



Country Summary

Brazil is by far the largest country in the Latin American block. With its booming and developing economy, Brazil is tipped to be one of the main world leaders in the future. Brazil is a country of multicultural fusion, emanating from its mixed history. This country combines European, African, Native American, as well as Japanese and Arabic influences in its food, architecture, music and culture. This creates a rich and colourful landscape for the visitor to explore. The people are stylish, friendly and charming. Portuguese is the language of Brazil and one worth learning during your stay.

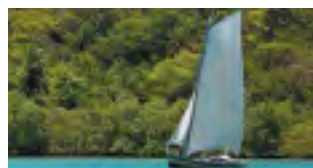
"Brazil is tipped to be one of the main world leaders in the future."

The natural landscape of the country is just as rich as its cultural heritage. From spectacular beaches to the Amazon rainforest, to the largest waterfall in the world, Iguaza Falls, right to the wetlands in Pantanal, and the Mata Atlantica (Atlantic forest), there is always something to see and explore.

Teaching Opportunities

The demand for Business English is huge, but there are also opportunities to teach in language schools and state institutions. For state institutions, you need to have qualifications to teach. In other sectors this is not a prerequisite. In some cases, prior experience and a level 5 TEFL certificate can increase the amount of salary you receive. Benefits packages, such as accommodation and flights, are rarely offered.

It is possible to find jobs for Brazil online, but many companies prefer that you are in the country for interviews. Work visas are also difficult and lengthy to obtain. Many teachers work on a 6-month tourist visa and then leave the country for a day in order to renew it. The students in Brazil are one of the highlights of teaching here. With their enthusiastic, energetic and motivated demeanour, they are a delight to teach.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	1 - 6 months	March - August	Tourist visa	Business professionals, children	2,397 - 4,795 BRL (360 - 720 GBP) \$450-\$900 €410-€800
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
2,397 - 3,836 BRL (360 - 720 GBP)	State schools, international language schools, private tuition	25 - 30	Mostly face-to-face in Brazil, or a phone/video call in advance	Housing advice often given by employer	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Tetanus, Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

Brazil has a tropical climate with a dry season from August to January and a wet season from February to July. Temperatures during the summer reach around 30°C and in the winter, they average between 20°C and 24°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Most towns and cities have comprehensive urban bus networks. Metered taxis are relatively inexpensive. There are several citywide metro systems. There are multiple international airports and a vast network of domestic flights.

CURRENCY:

Brazilian Real

FOOD TO TRY:

Feijoada - a hearty stew of black beans, beef and pork.
Pastel de Queijo - a crispy deep-fried pastry.
Bacalhau - deep-fried fritters made of salted cod and potato.
Moqueca de Camarao - a rich shrimp stew.
Churrasco - Brazilian BBQ.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.46
A litre of milk: 64p
A loaf of bread: £1.16
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £8
Public transport (one-way) fare: 83p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £312

Teaching English in Bulgaria

Soul-stirring mountains rival golden beaches



Country Summary

Bulgaria is an up and coming Eastern European country, which shares southern borders with Greece and Turkey. Bulgaria is a Balkan nation with diverse terrain, from the ski resorts of western Bulgaria to the sun-drenched beaches of the east. Bulgaria benefits from coastal access to the Black Sea to the east, with resorts such as Sunny Beach and Bourgas seeing a recent rise in popularity with tourists. Due to the rise in tourism, English is routinely spoken in Bulgaria, particularly in larger towns and cities. There is demand for English teachers from all walks of life, as tourism brings much needed income and the ability to converse with English speaking tourists is advantageous.

“There is demand for English teachers from all walks of life.”

Teaching Opportunities

The ever-growing number of private language schools in the country has increased demand for native English-speaking teachers. The Bulgarian capital, Sofia, is also home to numerous international schools for qualified teaching candidates.

Positions in international schools in Bulgaria are highly sought after and as such entry requirements are strict. A University degree is required to teach, with most positions also requiring a TEFL certification. Citizens from EU member states are more likely to be granted a visa to teach in Bulgaria; however it is not unheard of for working visas to be granted to non-EU citizens, though the process can be more time-consuming.

Bulgaria provides excellent opportunities for newly qualified and experienced teachers alike. Most teaching jobs in Bulgaria will require teachers to secure their own accommodation, though the cost of living in the country is low. Some international schools will offer a generous accommodation allowance, making these posts highly lucrative for the right candidate.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 10 months	September/January	Work visa	Business professionals, children	550 - 1,000 BGN (250 - 460 GBP) \$320-\$570 €280-€510
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
550 - 1,000 BGN (250 - 460 GBP)	English language schools, private tutoring, international schools	20 - 30 hours of classroom contact. Private tutoring and English language school hours will vary	Application, Skype interview, visa applications & checks	International schools are more likely to provide financial incentives such as flight reimbursement or accommodation allowances.	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Influenza.

WEATHER:

Bulgaria experiences distinct seasons, with warm summers averaging 22°C and colder winters averaging 3°C. The wettest month is usually November.

TRANSPORTATION:

Public transport is frequent and diverse in Bulgaria, with road and rail links providing passage across the country. Taxis can be found in larger towns and cities and are regulated by specialist firms.

CURRENCY:

Bulgarian Lev

FOOD TO TRY:

Musaka - potato, egg and pork mince dish.

Banitzia - buttery, cheesy pastry.

Tikvenik - pumpkin-filled spiced pastry.

Kebapche - minced meat, spices and herbs rolled into a long sausage.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 90p

A litre of milk: 89p

A loaf of bread: 43p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £9

Public transport (one-way) fare: 54p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £215

Teaching English in Cambodia

The kingdom of wonder



Country Summary

Sandwiched between Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, Cambodia is a place to visit for those who want to experience a slower pace of life. Home to the centre of the ancient Khmer empire, which ruled these four neighbours, the ancient city Angkor Wat is a reminder of Cambodia's former importance in the region. Phnom Penh is the capital city, and indigenous and French architectural influences can still be seen throughout the city. Over two million people live here.

"Cambodia is a place to visit for those who want to experience a slower pace of life."

The country's recent economic boom is largely responsible for this. Emerging from great hardship, the people of Cambodia will amaze you with their determination, optimism and friendliness, as well as their work ethic.

Teaching Opportunities

This new emerging economy means that there is a demand and need for English. Cambodia in the last couple of years has also attracted attention from some of the larger EFL publishers, who are now sponsoring conferences in the country and investing in the EFL market. In the past, TEFL was a volunteer industry. However, the current investment climate highlights a more commercial turn in EFL provision. This means that while volunteer positions still exist, it is also possible to find paid work.

In Cambodia, having a degree is not a requirement to secure employment, but a level 5 TEFL certificate is becoming more of a necessity for the good jobs both in state and private institutions. Teaching hours, generally, range from approximately 25 to 35 hours per week depending on the institution. You are usually only paid for teaching hours and not for preparation time. The majority of TEFL jobs are still in Phnom Penh, where a large expat community resides. It is also possible to find work in the surrounding areas.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 - 12 months	All year round	Tourist visa converted to work visa	Business professionals, children	1,836,854 - 3,673,709 KHR (360 - 720 GBP) \$450-\$900 €400-€800
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,572,431 - 5,253,642 KHR (300 - 1000 GBP)	Language schools, international schools, state schools, volunteering	25 - 35	Usually face-to-face in Cambodia; some Cambodian employment agencies that will accept an application online	None financial; possible advice on housing	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Hepatitis A and Tetanus. Recommended: Hepatitis B, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies and Typhoid.

WEATHER:

A tropical climate with a wet season and a dry season. The southwest monsoon brings heavy rain between May and October and an average temperature of around 25°C. At the end of October to April, the northeast monsoon brings heat and humidity. The hottest months are March and April when temperatures are 40°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses, tuk-tuks and trains.
Boats are not the cheapest or safest option but very scenic.
There are international flights from several airports and a limited amount of domestic flights.

CURRENCY:

Cambodian Riel

FOOD TO TRY:

Fish Amok - fish curry.
Lap Kher - a spicy beef dish.
Nom Bang Chok - rice noodles and bean sprouts in a fish gravy.
Bai Sach Chrouk - pork marinated in coconut milk, grilled and served with rice and vegetables.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 47p
A litre of milk: £1.40
A loaf of bread: £1.28
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £1.95
Public transport (one-way) fare: 31p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £233

Teaching English in Cameroon

Rolling plantations, mountainside majesty



Country Summary

Known as 'Africa in miniature', Cameroon has varied geography and wildlife – in Cameroon you can find just about anything you would in all other African countries combined. The scenery includes savannah, rainforest, black- and white-sand beaches and even volcanoes, while in terms of wildlife there are gorillas, monkeys, rhinos, elephants, cheetahs and whales. In fact, Cameroon boasts more than 400 species of mammals, 165 species of birds and over 8,000 species of plants.

"Students have a reputation for being highly motivated."

Cameroon has been a German colony and a French and British mandate but has been independent since 1972. Both French and English are the official languages but almost 250 indigenous languages are also spoken, making Cameroon the most linguistically diverse country in the world. Culturally Cameroon is a melting pot, too, being home to both Muslims and Christians while the Baka pygmies have been living undisturbed in the Cameroonian rainforests since paleolithic times.

Teaching Opportunities

The majority of teaching positions in Cameroon are volunteer positions but if you have a teaching qualification you can teach in one of the private international schools. Students have a reputation for being highly motivated and dedicated to learning English.

In order to be granted a work permit from the Minister for Labour and Social Security, you need a contract with your employer, so your job needs to be organised before entering the country.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BEd unless volunteering	Variable	June, July, year round for EFL positions	Work permit	Children	373,357 – 522,610 XAF (515 – 720 GBP) \$640-\$900 €570-€800
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,120,000 – 1,642,000 XAF (1,500 – 2,200 GBP)	International schools, private schools, universities, volunteering	25 – 30	Usually face-to-face in Cameroon	None financial	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Poliomyelitis, Tetanus and Yellow Fever. Recommended: Hepatitis B, Meningococcal Meningitis, Rabies, and Typhoid.

WEATHER:

Cameroon is a tropical country, with the temperatures during the hottest months reaching 35°C or more during February and March. The south is wetter than the north and there's year-round rainfall in the west.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are a popular mode of transport. Trains link up many parts of the country. Traditional taxis are normally yellow and are plentiful. Most have set fares.

CURRENCY:

Central African Franc

FOOD TO TRY:

Roasted Fish
Jollof Rice – fragrant colourful rice dish using ingredients such as tomatoes, garlic, onion, chillies and a multitude of spices.
Ndole – a casserole-type dish of ground nuts, herbs and spices and bittersweet leaves.
Soya – skewered marinated meats, then barbecued.
Groundnut Sweet – sugared nuts.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £4
A litre of milk: £1.34
A loaf of bread: 40p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £2.41
Public transport (one-way) fare: 27p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £134

Teaching English in Canada

A truly staggering land of vast plains, huge lakes, iconic mountain ranges & big cities



Country Summary

Canada is a country that offers everything: big cities, the great outdoors, international culture. There are not many countries which can boast such a vast, untouched landscape – Canada is the second-largest country in the world and a lot of it is undeveloped.

“Canada is more than its hulking-mountain, craggy-coast good looks.”

Though there are so many places to visit in Canada, there are a few that stand out. Halifax is known for its historic beauty with beautiful architecture. Prince Edward Island is a quaint little town made famous by Anne of Green Gables. Toronto is Canada's biggest city and is a good cosmopolitan city for tourists to enjoy. Vancouver is a vibrant, modern city where you can spend the day on the beach or on the ski slopes. Finally, Montreal in the east is uniquely francophone and known for its maple syrup.

For the outdoorsy types, there are opportunities for whale and bear watching in the nature reserves. A visit to Niagara Falls is a must for everyone, but especially honeymooners! Culturally speaking, there are many different music, theatre, literature and film festivals throughout the year.

Canadians are warm, friendly and generous and testament to this is the number of foreigners living in their cities. So, if you're looking for a safe, clean country to live in that offers outdoor as well as cultural activities, consider teaching in Canada.

Teaching Opportunities

English and French are the two official languages in Canada, but only about a quarter of the population are fully bilingual. Subsequently there are many language schools around the country offering both English and French lessons to Canadians and immigrants, but teaching opportunities are better in Vancouver and Montreal. As is the case with all language schools, teachers are paid an hourly wage and hours may vary. As with the US, getting a work visa is not easy and there is competition for positions from Canadian teachers.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	March, April	Work permit	Students, professionals	CAD 1,600 - CAD 2,300 (£945 - £1,355) \$1180-\$1700 €1045-€1500
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
CAD 1,800 - CAD 3,000 (£1065 - £1,770)	English teacher, private tutor, online English teacher	20 - 30	Schools and organisations in Canada typically start hiring in March or April for the next academic year or for Canadian summer schools	Accommodation and return flights	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies.

WEATHER:

Summertime temperatures during the day can rise to around 35°C or higher, while lows of -25°C are not uncommon in the winter months. It really depends on where you are - summers are hot and dry on the prairies, but milder on the coast whereas central Canada can be humid in summer, and mild in the winter.

TRANSPORTATION:

Canada is a modern and well-developed country with airports, trains, buses, and taxis.

CURRENCY:

Canadian Dollar

FOOD TO TRY:

Poutine - a dish filled with crispy fries, cheese, and rich gravy.

Saskatoon Berry Pie - a mouth-watering dessert with a hint of almond.

Split Pea Soup - with peas, herbs, and pork.

Tourtière - a hearty meat pie.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £3.45

A litre of milk: £1.29

A loaf of bread: £1.60

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £8.62

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.72

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £679

Teaching English in Chile

Soaring peaks meets rushing rivers



Country Summary

Although Chile geographically has a small width, this long, narrow strip of land stretches from the snowy heights of the Andes mountain peaks right down to the Pacific Ocean. Despite the distances involved, Chile is easy to get around and explore. Chile is a hiker's-paradise.

"Many varied teaching options available"

The country's geographical landscape contains mountains, the arid Atacama Desert, volcanoes, fertile valleys and lush forests, as well as glacial fields. Basing yourself in Chile means that if you want to travel to its neighbouring countries, you can easily cross its 300 km width and visit Peru, Bolivia and Argentina. The official language of Chile is Spanish. It is highly recommended that you learn some basic Spanish before arriving in the country, so that you can get around and communicate. The people of Chile are easy to get along with. In this country, it is essential to go with the flow and enjoy the slow pace. A favourite Chilean pastime is to have long lingering meals and table conversation. Chilean wine is worth savouring and exploring, as Chile has one of the largest wine productions in the world. There are many large and small vineyards to visit. Chile has had a long and distinguished association with the FIFA World Cup. This sport brings out Chileans' passion. It permeates everyday life, with Chileans practising the sport all over the country.

Teaching Opportunities

There are many varied teaching options available. These include language institutes, high schools and colleges. Business English is also in high demand, with company employees taking private or group classes. The capital city, Santiago, is the political, economic and cultural hub of the country, so many of the opportunities are situated here. There are, however, some opportunities in the Patagonian south. Many adults are learning English for their careers or for travel. A level 5 TEFL certificate is highly recommended if you are considering working here. Jobs can be found through agents when searching from abroad or within the country for those wishing to work in high schools and colleges. When finding a contracted job, although there are few benefits attached to it, under Chilean law you are entitled to 3 weeks' paid holiday. The cost of living is high here and your salary will allow you to live, but not to save. To combat this situation many teachers give private classes.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 - 12 months	March - August	Tourist visa converted to work visa	Business professionals, children	450,000 - 550,000 CLP (450 - 550 GBP) \$560-\$680 €500-€600
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
400,000 - 800,000 CLP (400 - 800 GBP)	International language schools, state schools, private schools, universities, volunteer programs	25 hours + for most schools	Usually face-to-face in Chile, sometimes video/telephone interviews are possible beforehand	Paid holidays after minimum service requirements have been met	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies and Tetanus.

WEATHER:

Temperatures in the north reach a high of 32°C and a low of -2°C. In the centre of Chile the weather is more like the Mediterranean with hot summers and cool winters. The south is usually cool and damp with plenty of rain during winter months.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are modern and inexpensive.
A limited amount of train services are available.
The capital Santiago has a large modern metro system that serves the city.
Most taxis have meters.
There are international airports and good domestic air travel.

CURRENCY:

Chilean Peso

FOOD TO TRY:

Pastel de Jaiba - a classic crab dish.
Empanada de Pino - a Chilean pastry pie.
Sopaipillas - a flat deep-fried dough made from a pumpkin base.
Cazuelas - slow-cooked meat and vegetables.
Porotos Granados - a seasonal summer stew.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1
A litre of milk: 84p
A loaf of bread: 90p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4.46
Public transport (one-way) fare: 55p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £307

Teaching English in China

Metropolis meets ancient empire



Country Summary

Sitting on an enormous land mass, China is home to a vast array of cultures and ethnic groups, all united by the main languages of Mandarin Chinese and Cantonese. The ultra-modern eastern side of the country, symbolised by Beijing and Shanghai, is not the only part to explore. The striking hills of Gualin, the archaeological discoveries of such sites as the Terracotta Warriors in Xian, and the snaking structure of the Great Wall of China are bound to take your breath away. China is at the original heart of the ancient Silk Road. There is so much to see and experience of this culture, that after a year in China you will only have just begun to scratch the surface.

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China is an interesting blend of Confucianism mixed with the ideas of modern communism, which is driving the country to its superpower status. Daily life is rich in colour, with parks full of people practising the waltz or tango under the trees, while others practise Tai Chi or sing in the open spaces. On the streets old men sit and play Chinese chess, while others have their hair cut. Kites fly high above the rivers and restaurants are full of customers enjoying the varied dishes that Chinese cuisine brings. The Chinese language is also fascinating. Each character carries with it a story and the history of this ancient culture.

Teaching Opportunities

Although there has been a recent move by the Chinese government to reduce the significance of the weight of English in university entrance exams there is still a high demand for English within the country. There are many wealthy families who wish to send their children abroad to an English-speaking destination for their university education. English teaching jobs are plentiful in the private and public sector, but teachers must research each job carefully as there are many agents operating from China who try to use foreigners in scams or are not paying what has been initially advertised. Chinese students are interested in learning English for business, and Academic and General English classes are also in demand. Such a large population also brings with it large class sizes. These can range from 30 in private language schools to 65 or 70 students per class in state schools. While the high figures can seem daunting, China still is a traditional culture, and students are often highly disciplined and respectful of their teachers.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	March and September	Z visa in advance (see the Chinese Embassy site at www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng)	Business professionals, children	8,937 – 13,404 CNY (1,000 – 1,500 GBP) \$1200-\$1870 €1110-€1560
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
8,937 – 20,553 CNY (1,000– 2,300 GBP)	State schools, private schools, international schools, language schools, private tuition	20 – 30	Face-to-face in China, internet applications and video/telephone in advance	Flight reimbursement and accommodation subsidy	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies, Tetanus, Tick-borne Encephalitis and Typhoid.

WEATHER:

The Chinese climate varies from region to region since the country is massive! In the northeast the summers are hot and dry and the winters are freezing cold. The north and central regions have frequent bouts of rain coupled with hot summers and cold winters.

TRANSPORTATION:

Pretty much every type of transport you can think of is available somewhere in this vast country. From slow and humble to ultra-modern and super-fast, China has it all.

CURRENCY:

Chinese Yuan

FOOD TO TRY:

Kung Pao Chicken – diced chicken cooked with chilli.

Peking Duck – sliced or shredded duck eaten with pancakes and dipping sauces.

Dim Sum – bite size portions of many different types of food.

Chinese Dumplings – fillings can include diced shrimp, fish, ground meat or vegetables.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 55p

A litre of milk: £1

A loaf of bread: 66p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £2.22

Public transport (one-way) fare: 11p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £560

Teaching English in Colombia

Stunning scenery and a slow pace of life



Country Summary

For every TEFL teacher considering living and working in Colombia, there is one extremely important word that comes to mind: safety. Colombia has been known as one of the most violent and unsafe areas to live and work in the world, due to civil war, drug wars and open armed conflict in the streets of Bogota. The UK Foreign Office still has some recommendations in place about where residents of the UK should and should not travel. This is mainly in rural areas, particularly bordering Panama, Venezuela and Ecuador, where armed groups are still active. Therefore, if you are considering Colombia, it is important that you regularly keep up with the UK Foreign Office's advice.

"Colombia has become one of the newest tourist destinations in the last couple of years."

Colombia, acting as a bridge between Central and South America, experiences extremely different climates. Bogota is cold in the north, but Colombia also has beautiful warm Caribbean beaches, where the scenery is stunning, and the pace of life is slow. The people of Colombia are warm and friendly. They enjoy socialising and drinking and are generally laid-back in their attitude to life. Culturally, Colombia also boasts the award-winning writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez, who is known all over the world. The language of Colombia is Spanish.

Teaching Opportunities

With the country's tourism industry opening to the outside world, there are more and more opportunities for native English teachers. Although there are private institutions employing teachers, one popular option is the bilingual high schools found in the capital. Often wealthy families send their children to these schools. Medellin, famous for fashion and architecture, is also becoming a popular TEFL destination. Teachers are generally required to have a degree, but for better positions a level 5 TEFL certificate is highly recommended. The working week in Colombia generally consists of 6 days, from Monday to Sunday. The cost of living is low, so working in Colombia will provide you with a comfortable lifestyle, but no major savings to take back home to your country. To boost their income, many teachers in Colombia give private lessons. Finding job opportunities in online forums is possible, but the better positions can be found by looking within the country. The best times to look for jobs are from November for the new academic term.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 - 12 months	March - August	Work visa	Business professionals, children	1,859,000 - 2,685,000 COP (405 - 590 GBP) \$510-\$735 €450-€650
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
2,493,925 - 3,534,860 COP (550 - 750 GBP)	State schools, private schools, language schools, universities	30 - 35	Face-to-face in Colombia	Air fare reimbursement and/or visa sponsorship	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Hepatitis A, Tetanus. Recommended: Diphtheria, Rabies, Typhoid and Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

The climate is very warm and tropical on the coast and in the north, with a rainy season from May to November. Bogotá, the capital, has spring-like conditions year round.

TRANSPORTATION:

Most urban areas have a bus network. There are several international airports and cheap and efficient domestic services. Taxis are easy to find in all major cities and most towns. Trains have a very limited capacity. The city of Medellín has Colombia's only metro system.

CURRENCY:

Colombian Peso

FOOD TO TRY:

Bandeja Paisa - a Colombian lunchtime fry-up.
Arepas - a type of corn flatbread.
Pescado Frito - a seafood platter with rice, beans, avocado and salad.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 59p
A litre of milk: 58p
A loaf of bread: 71p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £2.95
Public transport (one-way) fare: 25p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £196

Teaching English in Costa Rica

Tropical rainforests & active volcanoes



Country Summary

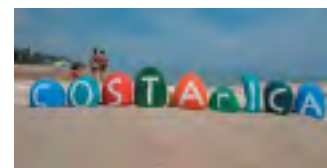
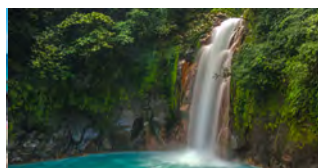
Compared with some of its neighbours in Latin America, Costa Rica is a relatively small country. However, this does not mean that the EFL teacher should overlook some of the country's main highlights. As with its neighbours, Costa Rica boasts beautiful nature and a wide variety of geographical features. The visitor to Costa Rica can easily cross the country to experience the Pacific or the beaches of the Caribbean. It has tropical rainforests, active volcanoes and is home to some of the most beautiful and colourful animals on Earth; the toucan is a native to Costa Rica. Interestingly, Costa Rica, despite its size, holds claim to 6% of the Earth's biodiversity.

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On another note, Costa Rica also should not be overlooked due to the fact that it is the most peaceful and stable of all Central American countries, both in terms of politics and economy. It has an impressive and efficient infrastructure, which makes it a great place to live as well as a great base to explore other corners of Central and Latin America. Costa Rica neighbours Nicaragua in the north, and Panama in the south east. Coupled with the friendly and laid-back attitude of its residents, Costa Rica is well worth considering as a job option. The official language of Costa Rica is Spanish.

Teaching Opportunities

The stability of Costa Rica also means that it has an impressive educational system. The population has a high educational level and seeks English as a way to improve their career opportunities. In order to teach in Costa Rica, applicants generally need to have a 4-year bachelor's degree in any subject. If you are applying directly from the UK or for private language institutes, then you will also need to have a level 5 TEFL certificate. Having said this, many companies prefer to hire people who are in the country. It seems that if you are willing to make the flight to Costa Rica, you will be rewarded with a job. Teachers can show up on the doorstep of prospective schools and request a face-to-face interview. If you are planning to work in the private sector, then hiring happens all year round. However, if you are considering applying for schools or universities, the recruitment season is slightly different. The main school changeover is in December, when the school year is finishing and again in January when the school year begins. This means that schools begin looking for teachers from October to December for January hiring. Most employers are reluctant to pay for a work visa until you have completed a year with them.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 - 12 months	October - December	Tourist visa	Business professionals, children	440,000 - 640,000 CRC (605 - 880 GBP) \$800-\$1100 €670-€970
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
480,000 - 800,259 CRC (660 - 1,000 GBP)	State schools, international schools, language schools, universities, private tuition for students and professionals, volunteering	20 - 30	Usually face-to-face in Costa Rica but sometimes video/telephone calls in advance	None financial; some volunteer organisations may offer some minor benefits	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Hepatitis A. Recommended: Diphtheria, Rabies and Tetanus.

WEATHER:

Costa Rica has a tropical climate with hot summers and warm winters. Maximum temperatures all year round are between 26°C and 28°C which falls to between 17°C and 18°C in the evenings.

TRANSPORTATION:

There is a good bus service.

There is a small railway network which is relatively cheap and efficient.

There are some boat services with a good safety record.

The legal taxis, red in colour with an official plate, are plentiful, cheap, clean and safe.

Both international and domestic flights are available.

CURRENCY:

Costa Rican Colón

FOOD TO TRY:

Gallo Pinto - a combination of rice and red beans with onion, peppers and coriander.

Ceviche - raw fish marinated in lime juice.

Trits - vanilla ice cream and chocolate sauce, sandwiched between a thin biscuit.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.19

A litre of milk: 93p

A loaf of bread: £1.46

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5.20

Public transport (one-way) fare: 52p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £301

Teaching English in Croatia

Sapphire waters in the shade of ancient walled towns



Country Summary

It is no secret that tourism is booming in Croatia, but just because all your friends and family have been here and got the t-shirts doesn't mean you shouldn't experience this amazing country yourself – there are many reasons why Croatia is so popular.

Croatia is a country of more than a thousand islands and plenty of sunshine, making this a holiday destination of choice for many travellers. Then, many people come here to see the Roman ruins and the historic architecture such as the Diocletian Palace in Split and the walled city of Dubrovnik. In fact, Croatia has seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites for you to enjoy, all within close distance of one another.

But of course, no visit to Croatia would be complete without a visit to the stunning white sand beaches of the Dalmatian coast or island hopping in the summer, including a stop off at the island of Pag, which is one of the biggest party areas in Europe with bars and discos operating 24 hours a day during the summer. So, whether it's history and architecture or sun and summer fun you are looking for, Croatia is where you will find it.

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Teaching Opportunities

TEFL jobs can be found in private language schools and, if you have a teaching qualification, international schools. The majority of these positions will be found in Zagreb; however, many of the jobs available will be for part-time work.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 - 24 months	Year round	Work visa unless EU national	Children, adults	3,500 - 5,000 HKR (115 - 170 GBP) \$145-\$210 €130-€185
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
8,000 - 10,000 HKR (270 - 335 GBP)	Language school teacher, private tutor, summer camp coordinator/teacher	20 - 30	In-person in Croatia	No specific benefits	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Meningitis, Polio, MMR, Tdap, Chickenpox, Shingles, Pneumonia, Influenza.

WEATHER:

The climate is Mediterranean along the coast and continental in the interior of the country. July is the hottest month in Dubrovnik with an average temperature of 25°C and the coldest is January at 9°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bus and ferry services are good.

Train services are limited.

It's easy to get around by car, so hiring a car is a good option.

CURRENCY:

Croatian Kuna

FOOD TO TRY:

Black Risotto - made with cuttlefish or squid, mixed with olive oil, red wine, and squid ink.

Brodetto - a seafood stew with a tomato soup base.

Buzara - mussels in a wine broth, sprinkled with garlic and breadcrumbs.

Fritule - doughnut-like pastries.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.77

A litre of milk: 69p

A loaf of bread: 67p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5.90

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.18

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £291

Teaching English in Czech Republic

Home to one of the world's most beautiful and cultured cities



Country Summary

The Czech Republic (formerly Czechoslovakia) is a small country in the heart of Europe. It's a country of castles, picturesque villages and beer. Since the fall of communism in 1989, the Czech Republic has grown into a top European tourist destination. People from all over the world come here to discover the home of beer, visit beer gardens and, of course, drink beer.

"For a country that's only been around since 1993, the Czech Republic does a fine job of showcasing its history."

The Czech Republic has a fascinating history, which can still be experienced. Prague is the capital and is well known for its historical centre where you can see the Astronomical Clock and walk across Charles Bridge. Bohemian Paradise is an area known for its rock formations and castles. Twelve UNESCO Heritage Sites have been recognised in the Czech Republic, so you can imagine that there are many cultural attractions to explore. North of the city of Brno you can spend some time in nature and explore the Macocha Caves. For such a historical country it is interesting that the nightlife in the Czech Republic is world-famous, especially in Prague and the student town of Brno. Socialising over a beer is, of course, popular but there are many bars and clubs where you can dance the night away. On a quieter note, there are many music events and art galleries to satisfy your cultural cravings.

Teaching Opportunities

With the development of the economy has come a need and a demand for English so teaching opportunities are plenty. Aside from finding work in the state schools, there are numerous language schools, or you could come over for a quick summer camp. Teaching freelance is also an option in order to teach Business English in-house for a company. Degrees are generally preferred but you could possibly find a job without one in the smaller towns in the provinces. EU passport holders are preferred to avoid the process of obtaining a work permit.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 - 12 months	August, September and January, February	Work permit or EU passport	Students, professionals	16,000- 21,000 CZK (550 - 710 GBP) \$675-\$885 €600-€790
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
20,000 - 30,000 CZK (675 - £1,015 GBP)	State schools, language schools, universities, in-house teaching for companies, summer camps, private tuition	20 hours for state schools, 25-30 hours for language schools / universities	Generally face-to-face, sometimes phone/ video call in advance is possible	None financial; housing advice is often given from potential employers.	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Tetanus, Tick-borne Encephalitis.

WEATHER:

During the summer the temperature reaches a comfortable 25°C. The winter can be very cold especially during December and January when the temperatures hardly rise above freezing.

TRANSPORTATION:

There is good network of both urban and long-distance buses.

A train network runs country-wide, efficient and reasonably priced.

Taxis are generally available in all towns and cities.

Trams and trolley buses are available in several Czech towns and cities.

Prague has a large, clean, efficient and cheap metro system.

There are both international and domestic airports.

CURRENCY:

Czech Crown

FOOD TO TRY:

Vepřo Knedlo Zelo - a very traditional roasted pork dish served with pickled cabbage and dumplings.

Goulash - a pork stew served with bread dumplings.

Cesnečka - a garlic, egg and crouton soup.

Chlebický - a traditional open sandwich.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 48p

A litre of milk: 58p

A loaf of bread: 72p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4.80

Public transport (one-way) fare: 83p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £327

Teaching English in Dominican Republic

Stunning natural scenery with a dash of colonial architecture



Country Summary

The Dominican Republic is the most visited destination in the Caribbean, boasting gorgeous beaches, lush green forests and colourful colonial cities. It is a great destination for adventure lovers with swamps, mountain ranges, tropical rainforests, sugar plantations and even deserts to explore. It's the top golf destination in the Caribbean. From above-ground adventures, underwater activities or safari trips, the Dominican Republic has a lot to offer.

"The Dominican Republic is one of the Caribbean's most geographically diverse countries."

For the more culturally-minded, colonial architecture can be found in the capital of Santo Domingo, while there are numerous small villages to walk around. The people of the Dominican Republic know how to enjoy themselves and there are many celebrations and festivals to enjoy throughout the year. If you can dance (or enjoy trying), you should take some time to learn the merengue.

Teaching Opportunities

Tourism is a growing industry and there is a growing demand for English – with tourism comes a need for English. You can look for opportunities in schools, language schools and universities with English programmes. Most positions will be located in Santo Domingo and Santiago. A degree is required, and a level of Spanish and teaching experience is not essential but would be beneficial. The salaries are not particularly high, but they are more than adequate to live comfortably. Schools may also provide accommodation or reimburse you for your flights, so while salaries may not be much more than the cost of living, it is much more manageable if you do not have to pay for accommodation. Having said that, the Dominican Republic is not a place to go to save money but rather to enjoy the interesting culture and great location.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 -12 months	Year round	Work visa	Students, university students	19,418 – 32,363 DOP (265 – 440 GBP) \$330-\$550 €295-€490
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
24,913 – 39,831 DOP (385 – 616 GBP)	International language schools, schools and universities, private tuition for students and professionals, volunteering	25 – 35	Usually face-to-face in the Dominican Republic, sometimes video/telephone calls in advance	Sometimes flight reimbursement and/or accommodation subsidy is offered	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Tetanus. Recommended: Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies and Typhoid.

WEATHER:

An average temperature of 26°C all year round. The hottest months are June and July at 28°C and the lowest temperature is 25°C in January and February. It rains throughout the year, with the most rainfall in September, October and November.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are modern and inexpensive in city centres. The capital city Santo Domingo has a modern, cheap and reliable metro. There are 8 international airports and several more domestic ones.

CURRENCY:

Dominican Peso

FOOD TO TRY:

Sancocho de Siete – a rich stew with root vegetables and 7 cuts of meat.

La Bandera – red kidney beans cooked in a tomato sauce with various herbs and spices.

Quipe – deep fried beef and bulgur wheat with mint.

Coconetes – coconut cookies.

Morir Sonando – a milk-and orange-based drink.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.45

A litre of milk: 93p

A loaf of bread: 93p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4.60

Public transport (one-way) fare: 30p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £185

Teaching English in Ecuador

Home to the world heritage sites of Quito (the capital) and Cuenca



Country Summary

Despite being small, Ecuador sits on the Equator and has a heritage that is hard to rival. Home to the World Heritage Sites of Quito (the capital) and Cuenca, along with the interwoven Spanish colonial heritage, Ecuador is a rich mixture of indigenous and European cultures. The indigenous textiles and the colour of the Andean villages permeate Ecuadorian society.

“For people who love hiking and the great outdoors, Ecuador is for you.”

Apart from its heritage, this country also comprises places of extreme natural beauty. Part of the Amazon rainforest can be found in the country. The Galapagos Islands, the place that inspired Darwin's Theory of Evolution, is also located here. Wonders such as the giant tortoises and the world's only marine iguanas await those who make the short plane ride to the islands. For people who love hiking and the great outdoors, Ecuador is for you. The language spoken in Ecuador is Spanish, and Quichua and Shuar are also officially used, along with a few other indigenous languages.

Teaching Opportunities

The TEFL sector in Ecuador is a steady market, with a level 5 TEFL certificate being seen as the most basic requirement. The main hiring times are in February and March, and July and August. There are opportunities in both private and state institutions. There are also job possibilities in universities in Quito, Cuenca and Guayaquil. For private language schools the majority of the work can be found in the capital, Quito. Teachers are generally required to teach 25–30 hours a week. The remuneration is not generally high. This means that this is not a place to earn lucrative contracts, but the price of living is relatively low. Very few positions offer benefits, meaning that you will be responsible for your own accommodation, flight and health insurance. Many teachers also supplement their salaries by giving private lessons to children and adults. Most of the prospective employers do not generally accept teachers who are coming from abroad, unless they are in the country for face-to-face interviews. This means that you will need to supply the money for your own airfare and have savings for the first few months while you look for a job. Many employers, some unscrupulous, will try not to sign a contract with you or provide a work visa. This will leave you in a very precarious position. It is recommended you try to hold out for a job that is prepared to sign a contract with you.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	February - March and July - August	Tourist visa	Business professionals, children	400 - 700 USD (320 - 560 GBP) €355-€620
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
400 - 800 USD (320 - 640 GBP)	Universities, state schools, international language schools, private tuition	25 - 30	Almost always in Ecuador face-to-face	Some government-run programs offer minor incentives	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Hepatitis A. Recommended: Diphtheria, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Tetanus, Typhoid and Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

This ranges from warm, sunny days to cold or windy temperatures mixed with rain. The average yearly temperature in Quito is 18°C during the day and 12°C at night, with a daily high around 25°C at noon.

TRANSPORTATION:

Transport in Ecuador is regarded as pretty good. The only real downside can be the state of the roads once you leave the main routes and at certain times of the year the weather can play its part.

Buses are the most widespread form of transport.

Taxis are abundant in major cities.

Trains are used almost exclusively for tourist tours.

There are both international and domestic air services.

CURRENCY:

US Dollar

FOOD TO TRY:

Ceviche - raw fish marinated in lime juice.

Llapingachos - fried potato patties filled with cheese.

Hornado - whole roasted pig, sliced and often eaten with Llapingachos.

Locro de Papa - a traditional potato-based soup.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.08

A litre of milk: 70p

A loaf of bread: £1.08

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £3.10

Public transport (one-way) fare: 77p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £232

Teaching English in Egypt

No place has the magic, mystery and pleasures of Egypt



Country Summary

Egypt is a fusion of the Middle East, Europe and Africa. Many visitors are drawn to this country, due to the history of the pharaohs and the pyramids of ancient Egypt. No visit is complete without taking in the sites of the Valley of the Kings or visiting the impressive collections in the Museum of Cairo. Egypt boasts the Nile River as well as the Nile valley region and the Red Sea. It is home to the ancient city of Alexandria, and incredibly is almost 90% covered by the sands of the Sahara Desert that is located right in the middle of the country. The rich cultural environment of this country will delight anyone who decides to live here.

“Egypt is an ideal location for those who wish to travel.”

The people of Egypt are friendly and helpful, as long as you show respect to their customs. Egypt is a Muslim country and visitors need to act more conservatively in their behaviour and dress. Women need to avoid showing their knees, shoulders and cleavage in public. Egypt has since 2011 gone through a dramatic political change, particularly in Cairo where many people took to the streets to demand change. Egypt saw its long-term president overthrown and is now heading into uncharted waters. It is important to keep up with these changes by reading the advice from the Foreign Office.

Teaching Opportunities

EFL students in Egypt are motivated and energetic. There are many opportunities to teach English. These range from private language institutions to elementary, middle and high schools in the state system. Business English is also an in-demand EFL sector. To work in Egypt teachers generally need a level 5 TEFL certificate. Teachers are expected to teach 20-25 hours per week. If applying outside of the country, contracts often come with benefits packages. These can include your flight, accommodation, visa assistance and health insurance. It is possible to find jobs on online forums or in the Guardian and the Times Educational Supplement in the UK. It is extremely important that when applying for a job with an Egyptian employer you check out their credentials, as some schools do not provide the conditions they have promised. If you are able to secure a job with benefits, then you will live comfortably in Egypt because the cost of living is low.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	3 – 24 months	May – August, all year round	Tourist visa converted to work visa or work visa in advance	Business professionals, children	3,370 – 7,860 EGP (165 – 390 GBP) \$205–\$490 €185–€430
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
5,500 – 12,350 EGP (270 – 610 GBP)	International schools, private language schools / academies, private one-to-one tuition	20 – 30	Face-to-face interviews	Accommodation and help with visa applications	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Tetanus, Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Typhoid.

WEATHER:

A desert climate with extremes of hot and cold with temperatures sometimes reaching over 40°C. Spring and autumn are the most temperate seasons.

TRANSPORTATION:

In Cairo itself, the subway is the best form of transport, especially for commuting and is a cheap, reliable choice. Taxis are another option but be prepared to haggle with the driver over the price of your journey!

CURRENCY:

Egyptian Pound

FOOD TO TRY:

Koshari – Egyptian rice, lentils, macaroni and chickpeas with a spicy tomato sauce.

Baba Ghanouj – dipping sauce made from aubergines/eggplants, lemon juice.

Basbousa – a delicious cake made of semolina flour infused with a sweet syrup, topped with almonds.

Zalabya – small balls of deep-fried dough doused in honey and dipped in chocolate.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.50

A litre of milk: 51p

A loaf of bread: 43p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £9.37

Public transport (one-way) fare: 13p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £1,065

Teaching English in El Salvador

Serene waters and remarkable colonial architecture



Country Summary

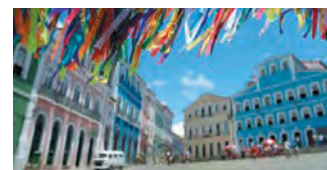
El Salvador is a small Central American country, between Guatemala and Honduras. It has a long and turbulent history in its relations with its neighbouring countries and the US, but after 12 years of armed conflict a peace treaty was signed in 1992 and the country is finally at peace. It has a tropical climate and though it experiences hurricanes and earthquakes, these have left the country with a certain untouched feel and a very dramatic landscape.

"Here you'll find a glorious coastline with world-class waves."

El Salvador is known for its seafood and surfing, but let's not forget the quirky little fishing villages, colonial towns, historical Mayan sites or the unspoilt beaches. Water sports are the norm – paddle boating, water-skiing, wakeboarding – as is soaking in hot springs. It's even possible to go volcano hiking. After a day spent outdoors, what better way to spend an evening than enjoying the local nightlife?

Teaching Opportunities

Spanish is the official language of El Salvador, though many people speak English and a small percentage of the population speak Izalco. El Salvador is undergoing serious development with increasing industrialisation and has a resulting booming tourism industry. Consequently, with this development comes a need for English. If you have a teaching degree it'll be possible for you to find employment at a private or international school, otherwise there are numerous language schools where you can find teaching positions; most of these can be found in San Salvador. Another interesting employment opportunity lies in the numerous US call centres which can be found here, and which are often looking for teachers to teach their employees English. El Salvador is known for its ecotourism and there are numerous volunteering opportunities in this sector. Volunteers can look after dogs, care for turtles or teach local farmers about organic farming.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 - 12 months	Year round	Work visa	Students, professionals	900 - 1,100 USD (720 - 880 GBP) €800-€980
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,000 - 1,500 USD (800 - 1,200 GBP)	Private language schools, volunteering, private tutoring	30 - 35	Face-to-face interviews	Many teaching positions in private language schools come with accommodation, in the form of on-campus lodgings or housing elsewhere; help with visa applications	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Recommended: Hepatitis B, Malaria, Rabies.

WEATHER:

A tropical climate with a cool, dry season from November to April and a hot, wet season from May until October. April is the hottest month with average temperatures of 26°C and December is the coolest month with temperatures of 23°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are the preferred method of transport. Taxis are numerous. Be sure to take licensed cabs. Trains run in the main town but there are safety concerns especially during the wet season and at night.

CURRENCY:

US Dollar

FOOD TO TRY:

Pupusa - a thick tortilla, stuffed with fillings such as pork, vegetables, beans and cheese.

Tamales - dough wraps cooked inside plantain leaves and filled with a selection of cheese, meats and dried fruits.

Yuca Frita - deep-fried thick wedges of cassava root.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.14

A litre of milk: 99p

A loaf of bread: £1.50

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4

Public transport (one-way) fare: 19p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £300

Teaching English in Ethiopia

A beautiful country blessed with a unique history and fabulous wildlife



Country Summary

One of the oldest countries in the world, Ethiopia is the only African country to have never been colonised. Ethiopia is a nature-lover's paradise, with numerous opportunities for trekking, hiking in the mountains and watching wildlife on the lakes – including pelicans, hippos and crocodiles.

“Besides nature and wildlife, Ethiopia is known for its dramatic landscapes.”

Besides nature and wildlife, Ethiopia is known for its dramatic landscapes. The Danakil Depression is one of the harshest and hottest landscapes on Earth, complete with volcanic craters and lava lakes. If you'd prefer somewhere a bit cooler, you can take a hike in the Simen Mountains, go white-water rafting on the Omo River or visit waterfalls on the Blue Nile.

Ethiopia is culturally interesting too with many festivals throughout the year, involving music, dancing and, of course, food. Many of these festivals relate to the major religion of the country: Christianity. In fact, the oldest Christian church in the world can be found in the northern town of Lalibela, where churches were carved out of rock. And let's not forget that Ethiopia gave the greatest gift to mankind: coffee – so why not take a tour of the coffee forests and learn how to drink it in the traditional Ethiopian way?

Teaching Opportunities

There are many teaching opportunities for EFL teachers in Ethiopia, both voluntary and paid. You are more likely to find a volunteer position in a small town or village than an urban area as the majority of the population is located in rural areas, but the paid positions are likely to be in the cities, such as Addis Ababa. The school year starts in September, so vacancies will be advertised in the months preceding then. You will need to apply for a job before you enter Ethiopia as you will need your employer to assist in getting a visa before arrival. The average salary may not seem like much, but it is more than enough relative to the cost of living.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
None	Variable	July – September	Work visa	Children	3,000 – 4,000 ETB (65 – 90 GBP) \$85–\$115 €75–€100
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
5,000 – 7,000 ETB (115 – 160 GBP)	Paid positions with private language schools can mostly be found in the large cities; volunteer English teachers can find positions in more rural locations	15 – 25 plus planning time	Face-to-face interviews in Ethiopia	Many private schools will offer to pay for accommodation and utility bills	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Hepatitis A, Typhoid. Recommended: Cholera, Hepatitis B, Malaria, Meningitis, Polio, Rabies.

WEATHER:

The best time to visit Ethiopia would be between January and March when average daily temperatures reach 25°C. The dry season runs from September through to March and the rainy season starts in July and continues until the end of September.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses and taxis are your best option in terms of transport as train services ceased to operate in Ethiopia several years ago. Many of the larger towns operate minibus services for shared transport and taxi prices are cheap.

CURRENCY:

Ethiopian Birr

FOOD TO TRY:

Injera – the national dish; a soft, sourdough flatbread.
Gomen – dishes made from collard greens, fried with butter and can be vegetarian or meat-lovers can add beef or chicken.
Coffee – Ethiopia is the birthplace of coffee which is served in a special clay pot called a Jebena.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 64p
A litre of milk: 60p
A loaf of bread: 60p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £3.50
Public transport (one-way) fare: 20p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £355

Teaching English in Finland

Clean, modern and safe



Country Summary

Finland is a small country in Northern Europe, with borders with Russia, Norway and Sweden. It's clean, modern and safe and the standard of living is high. Finland actually has one of the highest per capita income rates in the world, so you can begin to imagine the kind of lifestyle you will lead here.

"With vast horizons of forests and lakes with revitalising crisp air plus cutting-edge urbanity"

Finland has almost 200,000 lakes! The outdoor lifestyle is popular here, with locals enjoying a wide variety of winter sports and in summer heading out to their holiday cottages on one of the many lakes. The weather seems to be the biggest issue for visitors, particularly the long winters, but if you enjoy a bit of snow, then maybe Finland is for you. Don't forget, long winters mean ice skating, skiing, ice fishing and, more importantly, hot, steamy saunas. It's also claimed to be the home of Santa Claus, so a reindeer sleigh ride is never far away. Besides, even though being so far north means that you experience the Arctic night (when the sun never comes up), it also means you can experience the midnight sun (when the sun never sets).

Teaching Opportunities

Finland has an excellent education system and consistently ranks at the top in world rankings. Teaching is no laughing matter here so it's helpful if you have a little experience. Officially, Finland is bilingual in Finnish and Swedish but only a small percentage of the population can speak Swedish. Most of the population can speak English to a certain level. There are quite a few language schools in Finland where you will be able to find work. Most of the time you will work as a freelance teacher rather than on a contract, so you will work shifts and your days might be a little disjointed. On the plus side, English is currently in high demand in the business community, so you can expect to be teaching a few suits, which is usually good for your pocket. If you are looking for a short-term opportunity, there is a demand for teachers in December and January for winter language camps.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 - 12 months	August, December	Residence permit based on employment or EU passport	Students, professionals	1,200 - 1,350 EUR (1080 - 1,000 GBP) \$1350-\$1680
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,200 - 2,500 EUR (1080 - 1,800 GBP)	Private schools, international schools, private language tutors	20 - 25	Interviews via Skype and face-to-face interviews	Airfare and initial accommodation costs, private health insurance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B.

WEATHER:

The weather is generally quite cold year round, though in the summer temperatures can reach 20°C, but this is usually only June to August.

TRANSPORTATION:

Train operators run between major cities and rural areas and are well-developed and reliable. There are tram and bus services in the three major cities of Finland - Helsinki, Viipuri and Turku.

CURRENCY:

Euro

FOOD TO TRY:

Karjalanpiirakka - a small pie-like dish that is filled with potatoes, rice and carrots.

Ruisleipä - a doughnut-shaped bread that is the cornerstone of the Finnish diet.

Lohikeitto - traditional salmon soup with potatoes, vegetables and cream.

Mustikkapiirakka - sweet pie with blueberries or bilberries with cream.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £5.10

A litre of milk: 95p

A loaf of bread: £1.50

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £9.30

Public transport (one-way) fare: £3

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £650

Teaching English in France

Exquisite wines and vineyards, great cuisine and stunning nature



Country Summary

France is a popular destination for those wishing to live and work abroad. With exquisite wines and vineyards, over 400 official cheeses, beautiful architecture and stunning nature, France has everything. From the peaks of the Alps and Mont Blanc, to the Spanish border of the Pyrenees, down to the Mediterranean and the delight of St Tropez, over to the west coast of Brittany and to the vineyards of Bordeaux, there is something to suit everyone's taste. Exquisite skiing, hiking, biking and swimming, make this an ideal location for those who love the great outdoors. If all of this is not enough, France has Paris, the capital of romance. Paris boasts such sites as the Eiffel Tower, Bastille, Notre Dame, Champs Elysee, as well as many cultural figures who are known throughout the world: Balzac, Sartre, Camus, and Simone de Beauvoir to name just a few.

"The EFL Business English sector has many opportunities."

The healthy love for life among the French means that there is time to travel, to while away time at a cafe drinking espresso, or to spend long hours conversing over a delicious meal. The people are intellectually engaged and philosophical, regardless of the job that they do. If you spend time with French people you will be sure to have deep and meaningful discussions.

Teaching Opportunities

It has taken the French government and the people time to warm up to the idea of English as the language of global communication. There are sometimes new laws against the use of English words. Due to a change in the law where businesses are now required to provide Business English classes, the EFL Business English sector has many opportunities, as does the General English market. The main centres to find jobs in France are Lyon, Marseilles, Montpellier and Paris. Smaller cities will also have opportunities, if you look for them. The cost of living in Paris is high, so this must be considered. The French expect high quality and will not settle for less. This means that you will need to have a level 5 TEFL certificate alongside your degree. French employers do not seem to post so frequently online. The best course of action is to research various language schools in your home country and show up with your CV in France. The peak time to find work in France is in September and January. It is possible to find fixed contracts for 9-12 months with paid vacation. Those on 9-month contracts can supplement their income through summer camp teaching programmes.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	9- 12 months	September and January	EU citizenship or work visa	Business professionals, children	1,000 – 1,700 EUR (900 – 1,530 GBP) \$1250-\$1910
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,295 – 2,000 EUR (1,100 – 1,675 GBP)	Private language schools, private tuition, summer camp tuition, public schools	20 – 30	Interviews via Skype and face-to-face interviews	Healthcare sometimes	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies.

WEATHER:

France's climate is temperate, but divided into four distinct climatic areas. The Mediterranean climate of south-eastern France is responsible for hot, dry summers, with rainfall from October to April (when the weather is damp but mild) and ample sunshine all year round (Provence, Côte d'Azur and Corsica).

TRANSPORTATION:

The Paris Metro system is efficient. Trains are reliable between major cities and rural areas. Buses, trams and taxis are available in most cities. Eurostar takes 2 hours from London. There are both international and domestic air services

CURRENCY:

Euro

FOOD TO TRY:

French food is known the world over for its spectacular flavours and sophistication.

Pot au Feu – the national dish; a beef stew made with cuts of stewing steak, carrots, celery, cabbage and potatoes.

Soupe à l'oignon – caramelised onions and beef stock, served with large croutons laden with melted cheese.

Cassoulet – white beans slowly cooked with pork, mutton, sausages.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £4.60

A litre of milk: £1

A loaf of bread: £1.10

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £11

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.35

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £555

Teaching English in Georgia

The capital is still redolent of an age-old Eurasian crossroads



Country Summary

Georgia is an Eastern European country situated between Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Russia. It's a country with a rich and fascinating history. It's a country of cathedrals, historic buildings and quaint villages and it even claims to be the birthplace of wine.

"A deeply complicated history has given Georgia a wonderful heritage of architecture and art."

The capital city Tbilisi is a beautiful, old but cosmopolitan city, where you can spend many hours drinking coffee in sidewalk cafes. If you're interested in the wine industry, head to Kakheti, from where you can explore the winelands and numerous castles and monasteries. If you take a hike up Mount Kazberg you will find a spectacular monastery at the top; you won't find a monastery with a better view! If you're a fan of winter sports, head to the ski slopes of Bakuriani. Georgian people are famous for their kindness and hospitality to visitors and guests. Friendship is important, and guests are considered to be gifts from God. Rest assured, you will never be lonely in Georgia.

Teaching Opportunities

Georgian is a fascinating language which has no similarities to other languages. Russian is also widely spoken here but English is becoming more popular, especially with the younger generations, and there are now numerous initiatives by the Georgian government to extend English teaching. Teaching jobs can be found in private language schools and government schools. Teaching contracts may include reimbursement for flights and accommodation. There is a volunteer programme organised by the government to place foreign teachers with local teachers in schools and the two teachers will work together in planning and delivering lessons, which can be a great help when starting out teaching. A number of jobs are considered volunteer placements and so salaries will be very low, but there are other paid opportunities available, especially in private language schools. If you're looking for a friendly country with a warm and supportive teaching environment, come to Georgia and gain some experience and enjoy this fascinating country.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	August, January	Tourist visa	Children, adults	450 - 1,800 GEL (115 - 470 GBP) \$150-\$590 €130-€525
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
670 - 4,500 GEL (200 - 1,400 GBP)	Private language schools, private one-to-one tuition	20 - 30	Skype or phone	Some schools offer accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies.

WEATHER:

The summers are warm and mostly clear; the winters are long, very cold, and partly cloudy; and it is dry year round. Over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from -2°C to 31°C and is rarely below -6°C or above 36°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Taxis are reasonably priced and reliable. Buses are reliable in main urban areas. Minibuses are common in Tbilisi.

CURRENCY:

Georgian lari

FOOD TO TRY:

Khachapuri - the most popular Georgian dish; cheese-filled bread with egg or butter on top.

Khinkali - a small dumpling filled with spiced lamb or pork.

Churchkhela - brightly-coloured, sausage-shaped sweets, great with coffee.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 85p

A litre of milk: 85p

A loaf of bread: 26p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4.50

Public transport (one-way) fare: 14p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £220

Teaching English in Germany

Strive for perfection



Country Summary

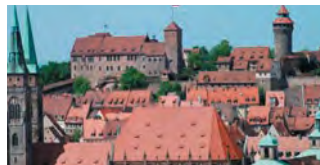
This country is filled with 400-year-old villages, castles and cobblestones, as well as spectacular nature. Exploring the Black Forest or venturing into the Alps will remind you of the beauty of this country. Since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of its Eastern and Western parts, Germany is by far one of the main players in the EU. The Cold War tension has disappeared, and instead an era of tolerance and experimentation can be found in its place. Berlin is a direct example of this spirit, as well as being the cultural epicentre of Germany. Berlin's arty, vibrant energy, glamour and its down-to-earth attitude endears it to those who visit it. It also contains examples of stunning German architecture. Food also has a central place in this culture. The winter fairs serving hot wine, schnitzel, sausages, black forest cake and frothy beer are all there for the traveller to savour.

"The Business English market is a large sector in which to look for job opportunities."

Teaching Opportunities

Education, knowledge, and the pursuit of perfection mean that education providers need to meet the high expectations that Germans have of their learning experiences. As a result of this, the EFL market is open to those candidates that have a degree, a level 5 TEFL certificate and are native speakers. The Business English market is a large sector in which to look for job opportunities, as is the adult General English sector. Many business clients are seeking to push their language skills to an advanced level and beyond.

There are fewer opportunities in Berlin and other major cities, due to the competition and expense, with more options in smaller cities or large towns. When considering a position in Germany, it is important that you factor in the high tax rate before you accept. If your job is not a full-time position, you will be hit with heavy taxes. That is why it is important to try to secure a full-time contract in order to ease your tax bill. Freelancers are particularly hard hit in this way. Most contracts offer approximately 25 hours of teaching.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	January - December	EU citizenship or work visa	Business professionals, children	1,100 - 2,500 EUR (990 - 2,225 GBP) \$1230-\$2810
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,100 - 2,800 EUR (990 - 2,520 GBP)	International schools, private language schools, private one-to-one tuition, summer camps for Young Learners, Business English	20 - 30	Face-to-face interviews year round	Assistance with visa applications and help finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies.

WEATHER:

Rain falls throughout the year, with much of Germany experiencing its maximum rainfall over the high summer months. Berlin's summer is warm with average high temperatures of 23°C (73°F). The average monthly January daytime temperature is 3°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Extensive buses, trams and metro integrated networks are efficient and reliable in large towns. Cycling is a popular way to travel in Germany with dedicated cycle lanes.

CURRENCY:

Euro

FOOD TO TRY:

Schnitzel – tenderised meat, usually pork, mutton, chicken or beef, coated in breadcrumbs, deep-fried and served with potatoes.

Spätzle – soft egg noodles.

Sausages or 'Wurst' – from bratwurst to currywurst.

Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte or Black Forest Gateau – made from layers of chocolate cake, cherries, cream, more cherries and chocolate shavings.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £3

A litre of milk: 60p

A loaf of bread: £1.10

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £9

Public transport (one-way) fare: £2.30

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £595

Teaching English in Ghana

Hailed as West Africa's golden child, Ghana deserves its place in the sun



Country Summary

Ghana is a warm, friendly country in West Africa, neighbouring Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso and Togo. It is not the most popular area with tourists but as its reputation is growing, so too is the tourism industry. Known as the 'Land of Gold' due to it having large gold deposits, Ghana has a turbulent history. The slave trade was especially harsh to the people of Ghana and at different times in its history it was colonised by the Portuguese, the Dutch and the British. It gained independence in 1957. The remnants of its history can be seen by visitors to the numerous old forts and slave buildings. While it may not be an easy aspect of the country to experience, the beauty of the monuments shines through and it is an interesting look into the past.

"Travel north and you'll feel like you've arrived in a different country, with a different religion."

Ghana is an unconventionally beautiful country with an abundance of natural beauty. You can sip cocktails on the beach, watching the local fishermen as they work, or you can visit the Kakum National Park, a rainforest with a long canopy walk. You can visit Nzulezo, a village on stilts, or you can go on a walking or driving safari in Mole National Park; no trip to Ghana would be complete without an encounter with elephants, baboons, warthog or antelope.

Teaching Opportunities

Ghana is a linguistically diverse area where more than 40 distinct languages are spoken. English is the official language and though it is not spoken fluently by everyone, it is used as a lingua franca to communicate between the different communities. As is the case with many African countries, there are numerous volunteer positions and organisations that bring in volunteers to teach English, among other things. In terms of paid positions, it's possible to find positions at international schools, most of which are in the nation's capital, Accra. Employers usually provide accommodation, though this may be in a shared house or with a host family. There are also a few language schools providing English lessons for adult learners. The salaries for teachers are not very high so you won't be able to save very much, but you will be able to live comfortably and enjoy what Ghana has to offer.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	9 - 12 months	January, May	Work visa	Students, adults	950 - 1,675 GHS (130 - 230 GBP) \$160-\$290 €145-€260
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,800 - 2,000 GHS (260 - 289 GBP)	International schools in the capital, Accra, volunteering	20-25	Interviews via Skype	Help with visa applications and finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Yellow Fever, Tetanus, Diptheria, Polio, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Typhoid.

WEATHER:

In Accra, the wet season is mostly cloudy, the dry season is partly cloudy, and it is hot and oppressive year round. The average temperature typically varies from 23°C to 32°C and is rarely below 22°C or above 33°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Taxis and buses are the most reliable form of transport.

CURRENCY:

Ghanaian Cedi

FOOD TO TRY:

Jollof Rice - stewed tomatoes, stock, spices, meat and rice.
Kelewele - marinated cubes of plantain in a rich mixture of garlic and spices.

Omo Tuo - grains/sticky rice, rolled into balls and served with soup.

Nkate - a crunchy, crisp peanut brittle.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 73p

A litre of milk: £1.31

A loaf of bread: 65p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £2.62

Public transport (one-way) fare: 39p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £400

Teaching English in Greece

Beautiful beaches, hills and panoramic landscapes



Country Summary

Greece has influenced generations of European countries for thousands of years. The civilisation of ancient Greece and its presence can be found in our modern-day Olympics and the very notion of democracy, which emanated from its first experiments in Athens. Greek philosophy permeates Western culture, with the sayings and thoughts of Socrates and Plato still resounding with modern generations. Pythagoras and Euclid's influence can be found in the reaches of modern mathematics, music and science, and Greek theatre and fables are still performed today. For those wishing to visit the ruins of some of the most important sites in antiquity, then Greece is the place for you. Despite the chaotic bustle of Athens, the Acropolis still remains its crowning glory. Ancient Olympus awaits those who wish to explore its archaeological splendour.

"Greece is not just about the past, but also has many areas to explore."

With a large coastline on the mainland, Greece boasts beautiful beaches, hills and panoramic landscapes. However, the jewel in Greece's crown is its islands. From Rhodes to Lesbos, the islands can be easily accessed from an impressive array of ferries. Small white houses, decorated with blue shutters and bright pink flowers greet the visitor, while small elegant back streets, as well as beautiful coves, wait to be discovered and explored. The people here are friendly, hospitable, and despite recent hardships, find a way to enjoy life.

Teaching Opportunities

Due to the economic crisis that has hit Greece in recent years, there are fewer opportunities than there were before in the EFL job market. People have less money to spend on luxuries. This means that there are now larger classes in private language schools with shorter lesson times, to make them more economical. Positions to teach can be found in Athens, Crete, Corfu, Thessaloniki and Larissa. Most jobs start at the beginning of the academic calendar, in September, and again in January. Therefore, it is important to apply at least 2 months before these start dates. Greece also favours teachers who originate from the EU. In order to teach in Greece, it is now generally necessary to have a level 5 TEFL certificate. Classes in Greece are mainly focused on exams, particularly Cambridge English exams, and the national English proficiency exam, Kratiko. In order to be competitive, you need to research these exams, so that you can talk about them during your job interview. The salary in Greece is low, but this can be increased through private lessons.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6- 12 months	September & January	EU citizenship or work visa	Business professionals, children	1,000 – 5,000 EUR (900 – 4,500 GBP) \$1250-\$5620
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,000 – 5,000 EUR (900 – 4,500 GBP)	Private language schools, private tuition	20 – 30	Interviews in person	Subsidies for accommodation, health insurance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies.

WEATHER:

The climate is Mediterranean with hot and dry summers and cold and wet winters. August is the hottest month in Athens with an average temperature of 29°C and the coldest is January at 10°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses and trains are reliable options within cities and the suburbs.

Athens is the only city to have a metro system.

Ferries are used for transportation between the islands.

CURRENCY:

Euro

FOOD TO TRY:

Moussaka – layers of fried aubergines, spiced minced lamb, onions, tomatoes and melted cheese.

Souvlaki – catch-all term for any kind of meat or fish grilled on a skewer, marinated in a mixture of herbs and spices, oil and lemon juice.

Taramasalata – a dip made from pureed fish roe, either breadcrumbs or potatoes, olive oil and lemon juice.

Baklava – pastry filled with honey and ground nuts.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £3.50

A litre of milk: £1

A loaf of bread: 75p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £13.50

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.20

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £700

Teaching English in Greenland

Vast swaths of beautiful, unfenced wilderness



Country Summary

Greenland is a land like no other. It smells of fish, but this should come as no surprise and apparently this is something you can get used to! Greenland literally means 'Land of the People', which is apt considering the environmentally conscious mindset of its people and their close relationship to the natural environment. In Greenland, hunting is popular but necessary, and animals are only used when needed. With the lifestyle of the Inuits still a reality today, ice fishing and dog sledding are regular pastimes.

"Greenland is not a cheap destination, but few places combine such magnificent scenery, such clarity."

Probably the biggest draw to Greenland is the unspoilt landscapes and the natural environment. This includes vast expanses of ice and numerous icebergs and glaciers. A must-see is the (unpronounceable) Ilulissat: a massive collection of icebergs. You can take a helicopter flight or a boat ride to the glaciers to try and wrap your head around this breath-taking phenomenon. Or better yet, wait for April to August and you can take a night-time cruise under the midnight sun. Not to worry, while Greenland may not be particularly green in winter, it's not cold all the time and experiences temperatures of 10°C to 15°C in June, July and August. If you plan on coming here, though, you should probably be a fan of the snow, as temperatures can drop to -20°C during the winter. However, if you enjoy hunting, snow sports and socialising over a good cup of coffee, Greenland is the choice for you.

Teaching Opportunities

There are not many schools in Greenland (as there are not many people), but there is a shortage of teachers. The schools are generally small and so are the class sizes. Linguistically, students here can usually speak Danish and Greenlandic, so English can be quite a challenge and they may be generally quieter than students of other nationalities. Teaching opportunities are hard to find since preference is given to bilingual teachers, but you can try the towns of Qaanaaq, Upernavik or Uummannaq. Opportunities are not always advertised so it is recommended to contact the local schools to find out about vacancies and speak to your local Danish embassy to find out visa requirements.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	1 year	August	Work permit (for more than 90 days)	Children	7,000 – 10,000 DKK (845 – 1,200 GBP) \$1055–\$1510 €940–€1340
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
7,000 – 10,000 DKK (845 – 1,200 GBP)	Local schools, private tuition	20 – 25	Contact schools directly	Support for continuing professional development	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies.

WEATHER:

Greenland has an Arctic climate with average temperatures that do not exceed 10°C in the warmest summer months. The air quality in Greenland is among the best in the world due to the country's geographical position to the high north.

TRANSPORTATION:

Greenland has no rail network and virtually no roads between towns. This means that all travel is done by air in planes or helicopters and by boat in ferries and chartered boat services.

CURRENCY:

Danish Krone

FOOD TO TRY:

Suaasat – a thick, broth-like soup made from whale, seal or reindeer meat, potatoes and grains.
Greenlandic Halibut – eaten fresh or smoked.
Greenlandic Prawns – succulent, sweet flavour.
Kalaallit Kaagiat – a traditional Greenlandic cake, a hybrid of bread and cake.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2.35
A litre of milk: £1.30
A loaf of bread: £2.28
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £14
Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.71
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £835

Teaching English in Guatemala

Stunning trekking routes through the jungles and up volcanoes



Country Summary

Guatemala is a small country situated in Central America, bordering Mexico, Honduras, Belize and El Salvador. A mixture of beautiful scenery and ancient history, it has a cultural heritage which is a blend of Spanish and native Mayan influences. Add to that a mild climate and its location as a gateway between Mexico and Central America, and you have a recipe for a relaxed but vibrant tourist destination.

"Mysterious and often challenging, Guatemala offers beautiful scenery and ancient history."

Guatemala is a country of immense natural beauty which is surprisingly varied for such a small country. You can visit Lake Atitlan, a lake region surrounded by mountains, beautiful villages and volcanoes or the World Heritage Site of Antigua Guatemala. To explore a river cave or take a hike, go to Semuc Champey or spend a few days exploring the ancient Mayan ruins in the jungle of the Tikal National Park. But to top it all off, visit the Rio Dulce – the Sweet River. Here, you hike in the jungle, visit the Hot Springs Waterfalls, do water sports or take a tour through a canyon.

Teaching Opportunities

Spanish is the official language of Guatemala and there are over 20 indigenous languages. Guatemala is more a destination to learn Spanish than teach English but there are still opportunities available. As the tourism industry is growing, so too is the demand for English teaching and there are opportunities in language schools, English institutes and bilingual public schools. Most teaching opportunities in Guatemala are in Guatemala City (which unfortunately is not very pretty), Antigua and Quetzaltenango. Salaries have never been high in Guatemala and recently the cost of living has risen dramatically, so don't expect to save, but you can expect to live a comfortable lifestyle. There are many opportunities for teaching in return for Spanish lessons, if you can afford not to have a salary or would like to brush up on your Spanish in your free time.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	February, July	Work permit	Children, adults	3,800 - 5,700 GTQ (395 - 590 GBP) \$490-\$740 €440-€660
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
2,600 - 4,600 GTQ (230 - 400 GBP)	Private English language schools, private tuition, local schools, volunteer work	20 - 30	In-person interviews	Subsidised accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Hepatitis B, Malaria, Rabies, Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

In Guatemala City, the wet season is overcast, the dry season is mostly clear, and it is warm year round. Over the course of the year, the temperature typically varies from 13°C to 26°C and is rarely below 11°C or above 28°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are the main form of transportation within and between major towns and cities.

Taxis are a reliable choice but can be expensive.

Tuk Tuks are a cheaper option than taxis.

CURRENCY:

Guatemalan Quetzal

FOOD TO TRY:

Chiles Rellenos - chilli peppers stuffed with rice, cheese, meat, and vegetables. They are served with tortilla and tomato sauce.

Chicken Pepian - chicken in spicy pumpkin and sesame sauce.

Kak'ik - a traditional Mayan turkey soup, with spices like coriander, achiote, and chilli peppers.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.47

A litre of milk: £1.08

A loaf of bread: £1.48

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4

Public transport (one-way) fare: 20p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £358

Teaching English in Haiti

A Caribbean country which shares an island with the Dominican Republic



Country Summary

Haiti is a country that has had its fair share of disasters – both natural and man-made – yet has managed to retain a certain charm and an undeniable natural beauty. Haiti is most certainly not the most comfortable of destinations, but it can be the most worthwhile.

“The richness of the country lies in its history and culture.”

Haiti offers visitors exactly what you would expect from a tropical island: sleepy little towns, relaxing beaches, busy markets and historic forts. This tropical nation has an abundance of fruit and speciality dishes incorporating unusual meats like goat. Seafood is also an obvious choice and let's not forget the national drink: Haitian rum. On the downside, Haiti is a poor country with high illiteracy and unemployment rates and it can be difficult to experience the poverty of the country. It is not uncommon to experience flooding, earthquakes, droughts and hurricanes, with the most severe storms usually occurring in June to November. There are, of course, areas on the island which are more prosperous and often visitors won't leave the relative safety and comfort of these areas.

Teaching Opportunities

As a result of the numerous recent revolutions, crises and natural disasters, there are a lot of agencies working towards rebuilding the infrastructure of this small country. This includes education, and so teaching jobs can be found all over. While there are more opportunities in the capital of Port-Au-Prince, there are also vacancies to be found in Carrefour, Delmas and Petionville. There are very few paid positions in Haiti, but these can be found in local or mission schools. Most opportunities are volunteer positions (you usually don't need a degree for these) so you will only be paid a stipend, but it is worth it to be a part of the community and experience the true nature of its people.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	January, June	Work permit	Children, adults	95,000 - 150,000 HTG (700 - 1,100 GBP) \$870-\$1400 €770-€1220
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
16,000 - 23,000 HTG (120 - 170 GBP)	Primary and secondary education, international schools, private language schools, volunteering	30 - 40	Interviews	Sometimes airfare is paid; some accommodation costs may be covered	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Malaria, Typhoid, Cholera, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

Average daily temperatures in Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, almost always fall between 21°C and 26°C. At night, temperatures usually fall 10° from the daily average so between 11°C and 16°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

There aren't any currently-functioning rail services in Haiti. Most transport is privately-run, in the form of taxis, coach lines and buses.

CURRENCY:

Haitian Gourde

FOOD TO TRY:

Akra - fritters made from the root vegetable malanga, deep-fried in spices and seasonings.

Pate - Haitian pastries, stuffed with shredded meat or fish.

Riz Collé aux Pois - a rice dish with kidney beans, tomatoes, onions, garlic, chilli peppers and a choice of fish or meat.

Pen Patat - sweet potato pudding mixed with bananas, spices and butter.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 90p

A litre of milk: £1.24

A loaf of bread: £1.12

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £7

Public transport (one-way) fare: 80p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £700

Teaching English in Honduras

White beaches fringed by the world's second largest barrier reef



Country Summary

Honduras is a Central American country with extensive Caribbean Sea coastlines to the north. Honduras boasts acres of tropical rainforest which is home to wildlife such as jaguars and spider monkeys, alongside ancient Mayan artefacts which have to be seen to be believed. Honduras is a tropical paradise which attracts visitors from all walks of life, with the 1000km Mesoamerican Barrier Reef being a particular draw for divers. Honduras has many nature reserves aiming to protect the tropical rainforest and its inhabitants.

"The friendliness of the locals and authentic Central American lifestyle will draw you in."

The official language of Honduras is Spanish; however an English-based Creole is also widely spoken. Honduras has a population of 9 million, making it the second most densely populated country of Central America, after Guatemala. The Honduran populace is youthful, and as such there is an inherent desire to learn English in order to access opportunities and improve quality of life.

Teaching Opportunities

An ever-growing number of private language schools in the country have increased demand for language tuition for adults, students and school children alike. Positions in international schools in Honduras are highly sought after and come with a myriad of benefits. A university degree is required to teach in international schools with most candidates also requiring TEFL certification. Less formal opportunities are also available for native English speakers to teach English in language schools, through private tuition or in local schools as a voluntary or paid position. Honduras provides excellent opportunities for newly qualified and experienced teachers alike. Most teaching jobs in Honduras will require teachers to secure their own accommodation; however, the cost of living in the country is low. Some international schools will offer a generous accommodation allowance, making these posts highly lucrative for the right candidate.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 10 months	November/December	Work visa	Business professionals, students, children	7,190 - 17,000 HNL (230 - 550 GBP) \$290-\$690 €260-€610
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
12,193 - 29,700 HNL (390 - 950 GBP))	English language schools, private tutoring, international schools	35 Hours per week on average; private tutoring and English language schools hours will vary	Application, Skype interview, visa applications & checks	International schools are more likely to provide flight reimbursement or accommodation allowances	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Yellow Fever, Measles, Rubella, Typhoid.

WEATHER:

Honduras enjoys a tropical climate, with year round temperatures ranging from 28-35°C. Between June and November the country can often be struck by hurricanes; however, these are common and precautions are taken.

TRANSPORTATION:

Public transport is very cheap, but can often be cramped. There is no schedule for public transport so it is often easier and quicker to walk if distance allows. Taxis are available in larger cities; however, licensed and regulated taxis should always be used for safety and these can be expensive.

CURRENCY:

Honduran Lempira

FOOD TO TRY:

Baleadas - traditional flour tortilla filled with cheese, avocados and beans.

Horchata - a drink made from a blend of rice, water, cinnamon, sugar, vanilla and milk.

Machuca - mashed boiled plantains with jalapeno and garlic paste.

Anafres - traditional fried beans.

Licuaos - frozen fruits blended with honey and milk.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 84p

A litre of milk: 92p

A loaf of bread: £1.16

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4

Public transport (one-way) fare: 24p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £250

Teaching English in Hong Kong

An iconic skyline, lush, protected nature



Country Summary

Although a former British colony until 1997, Hong Kong is now known as the Hong Kong Special Administration of the People's Republic of China. Chinese Hong Kong is governed slightly differently from the mainland and is allowed autonomy in certain areas of its political administration. This colonial past also means that Hong Kong brings with it an interesting fusion of Chinese, British, Indian and Cantonese cultures.

"The largest film festival in Asia is hosted here annually."

This can be seen in the architecture and the cultural pastimes throughout the area. Victoria Peak, at 552m high, the highest point in Hong Kong, has old colonial gardens as well as a panoramic view of the city. This blends with Chinese street markets. Temple Street night market is the biggest of these. Western restaurant chains are found next to traditional restaurants serving jasmine tea and the famous small dishes that make up dim sum. The largest film festival in Asia is hosted here annually, and the sounds of Cantonese opera also bring a unique cultural experience for anyone staying for a while. Cantonese is mainly spoken in Hong Kong and English is also an official language.

Teaching Opportunities

With Hong Kong as a thriving business region with international trade, it would be a mistake to assume that English language courses were not needed, or that there were not many opportunities for teaching. In fact, opportunities abound in Hong Kong. Employers have come to expect very high standards. Applicants need to have a degree, a level 5 TEFL certificate and experience to gain some of the better jobs. There is also a preference to hire from within the country, selecting candidates based on their residency. This means obtaining a job from outside the country is extremely difficult. Although there are private language schools, many applicants try to obtain university positions, as they have better benefits packages and leave conditions. Obtaining a work visa is often a long and arduous process, with a lot of paperwork. If you are serious about finding work in Hong Kong, you will also need to come to the country with savings to pay for the first couple of months, but more importantly for the upfront deposits (usually two months) needed to rent somewhere. Many teachers do not generally live on Hong Kong Island due to the cost. Thankfully, transportation is cheap, which makes commuting to the centre for work more financially manageable. The advantage of Hong Kong is that once you have found your way into the work market, it offers long-term stable work opportunities.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	March - December, all year round	Work visa in advance	Business professionals, children	19,075 - 31,792 HKD (1970 - 2,300 GBP) \$2460-\$4100 €2190-€3650
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
19,075 - 50,867 HKD (1970 - 4,000 GBP)	Private language schools, private tuition, international schools	20 - 30	In-person interviews or interviews via Skype	Help with visa applications and assistance finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Hepatitis B, Rabies.

WEATHER:

July is the hottest month in Hong Kong with an average temperature of 29°C and the coldest is January at 16°C with the most daily sunshine hours at 7 in August. The wettest month is August with an average of 281mm of rain.

TRANSPORTATION:

Ferry services operate between Hong Kong Island and Kowloon.

The Mass Transit Railway or MTR is a fast, reliable option operating an underground and overground service.

Bus routes are evenly spread across the country.

CURRENCY:

Hong Kong Dollar

FOOD TO TRY:

Sweet and Sour Pork

Wind Sand Chicken - roasted chicken with garlic.

Fish Balls - rolled up fish, deep fried and served piping hot.

Mooncake - light pastries filled with red beans, ice cream, coconut paste and the yolks from duck eggs.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £4.80

A litre of milk: £2.15

A loaf of bread: £1.73

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £6

Public transport (one-way) fare: 96p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £1,440

Teaching English in Hungary

A country of architecture



Country Summary

From the medieval towns, the Baroque churches, the neoclassical public buildings and the art nouveau influences, Hungary has it all. Budapest is one of the crowning jewels of Europe, and few visitors are able to leave without feeling its magic. This country has its own unique character, which might explain why there are so many resident artists, musicians and writers. This gives the country a rich art scene. Hungarians also enjoy relaxation, generally in thermal springs. Some Hungarians visit to socialise and relax, while others partake of the waters for medicinal purposes. Hungarian food and wine are also excellent, with Badacsony and Valtány wines being worth a try.

“English is now in high demand in Hungary.”

Hungary joined the EU in 2004, which means that there has been large foreign investment and ownership in the country. This foreign investment has increased the demand for foreign languages, because many multi-nationals are relocating their companies to the country, due to the favourable business conditions and taxes. This means that English is needed to communicate. Some of the hard-economic conditions in the country are also driving young Hungarians abroad.

Teaching Opportunities

The quality expected from those teaching in EFL has risen. It is extremely difficult to find legal employment without a degree and a level 5 TEFL certificate. It is also extremely hard to find a full-time position in the country. This means that teachers are either working several part-time jobs or have self-employed status. Self-employment means that you will need to set up a company, which is quite possible to do, and then invoice your school or clients for the work you do. The main classes that are in demand are Young Learners, General English, and Business English (either one-to-ones or in-house). Finding job opportunities from outside the country also presents a challenge. Therefore, you need to come to Hungary to look for work. You can research the names and addresses of schools online, before leaving your home country. When you arrive in the country, you can then either visit these schools or call for an interview. This means that you will need to pay for your own flight or transport costs to the country and have at least 4-6 weeks' worth of savings to see you through. Hungarian students, however, are a delight to teach. They are engaged, motivated, hardworking and have engaging personalities.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	All year round	Work visa in advance	Business professionals, children	150,000 – 250,000 HUF (380 – 640 GBP) \$480-\$795 €420-€700
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
150,000 – 250,000 HUF (380 – 640 GBP)	International schools, private language schools and private tuition	20 – 30	Application, Skype interview, visa applications & checks	Assistance with finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies.

WEATHER:

July is the hottest month in Budapest with an average temperature of 21°C and the coldest is January at -1°C, with the most daily sunshine hours at 10 in July. The wettest month is May with an average of 70mm of rain.

TRANSPORTATION:

Budapest has a good network of buses, trains, trams and metro.

Buses are the best option for travelling between cities and into the suburbs and more rural areas.

If you want to use a taxi, go with a reputable taxi company that you have pre-booked with.

CURRENCY:

Hungarian Forint

FOOD TO TRY:

Goulash – traditional meat stew made from thick slices of beef, potatoes and carrots, cooked in herbs and spices with a tomato sauce.

Lángos – a deep-fried flatbread, served piping hot with cheese, garlic sauce, sour cream and meat.

The Dobos – layers of sponge and chocolate buttercream, topped with caramel and served with fresh cream.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.08

A litre of milk: 60p

A loaf of bread: 54p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £8

Public transport (one-way) fare: 95p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £335

Teaching English in India

India has a spiritual side that is not found in all countries



Country Summary

India has a vibrant, colourful culture with something to suit everybody's tastes. It has a huge geographical size, so you can expect wide variation between the different regions, resulting in different climates, customs and cuisines. It also means that there is a lot to see and do!

"India pulsates with a spectacular mix of people, traditions and landscapes."

Historically a region of trade routes, India is now a thriving economic power, though you can expect to see your fair share of poverty. Don't be surprised to see tradition and religion sitting comfortably next to technology and business, poverty and homelessness next to well-dressed businessmen and fancy cars. If you can get over the sensory overload, you will start to realise how much India has to offer. Culturally speaking, there are so many places to go and things to see: stand in awe of the splendour of the Taj Mahal, relax with a fruit shake on the beaches of Goa or hire a houseboat and float lazily down the backwaters of Kerala. For something extremely special, head to the River Ganges. This spiritual home is both beautiful and jarring: while you cruise down the river you will see the locals going about their everyday routines in the river with their buffalo, and on the shore, you will notice the ritual cremations – not for the faint-hearted! India has a spiritual side that is not found in all countries. The Indian population is a religious mix of Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism. India is a popular choice for travellers who want to get away from the rat race for a while and become more mindful and focused on their inner selves.

Teaching Opportunities

As India was once a part of the Commonwealth, English is widely spoken and the TEFL market is not particularly strong. However, you should be able to find a job in a language school or a private international school, especially in the bigger cities of New Delhi, Jaipur, Bangalore or Mumbai. It is especially helpful if you have a business background or a teaching degree. Schools don't usually offer flights or accommodation and teaching in India is more for the experience than for saving money as the salaries are quite low. There are numerous volunteering opportunities, and these offer you the chance to experience the more traditional side of India.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 - 12 months	Year round	Work permit	Students, professionals	36,000 - 55,000 INR (390 - 600 GBP) \$480-\$740 €430-€650
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
32,000 - 59,000 INR (350 - 680 GBP)	International schools, private schools, volunteer work and teaching Business English	25 - 40	Skype Interviews	Assistance with visa applications; most volunteer organisations provide accommodation, meals and transport	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Cholera, Hepatitis B, Malaria, Japanese Encephalitis Rabies, Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

The climate is tropical in India. The summers here have a good deal of rainfall, while the winters have very little. The temperature averages 23.9°C. In a year, the average rainfall is 1210 mm.

TRANSPORTATION:

In the major towns and cities there is a good network of buses, rickshaws, trains, boats and taxis.

CURRENCY:

Indian Rupee

FOOD TO TRY:

India is famed the world over for its huge selection of mouth-watering curries.

Rogan Josh - this lightly-spiced aromatic curry usually contains lamb but can be cooked with other meats.

Biryani - rice-based curry with meat, spices, and onions.

Chaat - small balls of dough, deep-fried and stuffed with meats, fish and a range of spices.

Pav Bhaji - a hearty vegetable curry in a soft bread roll.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.30

A litre of milk: 50p

A loaf of bread: 32p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £3.25

Public transport (one-way) fare: 22p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £121

Teaching English in Indonesia

Originally known as the Spice Islands



Country Summary

Indonesia has the fourth-largest population in the world, with approximately 238 million people and 17, 508 islands, of which 6,000 are inhabited. Some of the well-known islands are Bali, Sumatra and Java. Indonesia also boasts over 500 languages and dialects. Sitting on the Equator, the weather is extremely hot and Indonesia experiences summer while Western Europe is in winter. This country, originally known as the Spice Islands due to past trade with India, China, Europe and the Middle East, produces home-grown cloves and nutmeg. These and other spices are found in the local cuisine. Travel opportunities are also extensive here. It is possible to visit the Gili Islands and swim with the turtles, or see the orangutans of Sumatra, or soak up the beauty of Bali. The vastness of this country means that it brings with it a variety of choices for where to work as an English teacher.

“There is a large demand for EFL in Indonesia and students are eager to learn.”

Teaching Opportunities

Teaching opportunities are varied, depending on where you want to teach. Jakarta and Bandung are hubs for work due to the fact that this region is home to the oil industry and Jakarta is the capital city. Another reason is that over 60% of the population live on the island of Java, where Jakarta is situated. Here you will find private language schools and state possibilities, as well as Business English opportunities. If the busy traffic of Jakarta is not for you, and you are looking for a more stunning, beach-style existence then Bali, with its strong tourist industry, is also a major source of teaching opportunities. During the peak tourist season, however, you can be mistaken for a tourist, which may become annoying. Most good jobs require a level 5 TEFL certificate and a degree, and offer contracts of 20-25 hours of teaching a week. Many of these jobs also come with benefits such as your flight to the country, accommodation, health insurance and visa assistance. In order to leave Indonesia, you need an exit visa, which can only be obtained after written permission has been given by the work visa sponsor. In some cases, where people have worked for some private schools and the conditions have not been good, they have found it difficult to gain an exit visa, leaving them stranded in the country. Before accepting a position in Indonesia, it is important to research the company that you wish to work for thoroughly through online forums.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	12 months	All year round	Work visa in advance	Business professionals, children	6,000,000 – 9,000,000 IDR (360 – 500 GBP) \$410–\$620 €365–€550
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
10,000,000 – 13,500,000 IDR (550 – 750 GBP)	International schools, private language schools, private tuition, volunteer organisations	20 – 25	Interviews by phone or Skype	Flight, accommodation, assistance with visa applications, meals and transport	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Japanese Encephalitis, Malaria, Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

Indonesia can be split into two seasons – wet and dry – with warm tropical temperatures averaging 28°C during the day, throughout the year. In most regions, the dry season spans from May to September, with rains falling between October and April.

TRANSPORTATION:

Most of the major cities have a good network of minibuses and taxis.

Ojek are motorcycle riders who take passengers (pillion) for a bargainable price.

A becak is a three-wheeled cart either manpowered or engine-powered.

CURRENCY:

Indonesian Rupiah

FOOD TO TRY:

Nasi Goreng – a fried rice dish flavoured with chillies, soy sauce, onions, garlic mixed with small pieces of meat or fish.

Bakso – meatball soup served with noodles, chillies, eggs and flavoured with a sweet soy sauce.

Berak Telor – a spiced frittata made with coconut and finely-chopped shallots.

Gado Gado – vegetables in a thick peanut sauce.

Satay Sambal – a spicy chicken satay in hot sambal sauce.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.85

A litre of milk: £1

A loaf of bread: 79p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4

Public transport (one-way) fare: 21p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £190

Teaching English in Ireland

Breath-taking landscapes and fascinating, friendly people



Country Summary

Ireland, or the Republic of Ireland, is a sovereign state which occupies about five-sixths of the island of Ireland. It shares a border with Northern Ireland which is a part of the United Kingdom.

A truly romantic destination, Ireland is a country of castles and fairy tales, leprechauns and whisky. Also known as ‘the land of saints and scholars’, Ireland boasts more winners for the Nobel Prize for Literature than any other country in the world. In fact, in Dublin you can take a stroll around Ireland’s oldest university, Trinity College, or you can go on the Dublin Literary Pub Crawl and visit many famous writers’ favourite pubs. If you want to get out of the city, you can hire a car and take a road trip down the west coast of Ireland to experience amazing views, rugged coastline, ancient castles and quaint villages. And, of course, for golf lovers there are more than 50 seaside links courses or 400 regular golf courses to choose from.

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Teaching Opportunities

Even though Ireland is an English-speaking country, there are many EFL teaching positions available. Many people come here to study or work and so there is a high demand for English teachers. During the summer especially, there is an influx of European students who come out to Ireland to attend summer camps and these can be a great way to earn some extra money for a couple of months. Most of the work you will find will pay on an hourly basis, unless you are signed onto a long-term contract, which is usually reserved for local teachers or management staff. Your salary may not be very stable since it will vary according to the season and the number of hours you are given. The cost of living in Ireland is quite high in comparison to your possible salary, so sharing accommodation and picking up private students to supplement income is common.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	Variable	Year round	Work permit unless you are an EU citizen	Adults, students	1,200 – 1,500 EUR (1,080 – 1,350 GBP) \$1350-\$1700
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
20 EUR/hour (17 GBP/hour)	Private language schools and private tuition	20 – 30	Face-to-face interviews	Assistance with finding suitable accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies.

WEATHER:

In spring (February to April), the average highest temperatures range from 7°C to 12°C, with April considered particularly pleasant. In summer (May to July), the averages for highest temperatures are between 18°C and 20°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Utilising your own form of transport can be a good way of getting around Ireland but it also has a reliable network of trains and buses that operate both within the major towns and cities and the countryside.

CURRENCY:

Euro

FOOD TO TRY:

The arrival of the potato in Ireland in the sixteenth century revolutionised Irish cuisine.

Colcannon – mashed potatoes, butter and kale or cabbage.

Irish Stew – made with lamb combined with potatoes, bacon and cabbage.

Soda Bread – made using bicarbonate of soda and buttermilk instead of yeast.

Boxty – potato pancakes.

Barmbrack – yeasted bread with sultanas and raisins.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £4

A litre of milk: £1.50

A loaf of bread: £1.20

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £12

Public transport (one-way) fare: £2.15

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £975

Teaching English in Israel

Biblical lands



Country Summary

Located between the Arabian Peninsula and the Mediterranean coast, Aliya (the Promised Land) is the only Jewish state in the world. The people have had a turbulent history, and Israel has had its fair share of turmoil since the British Mandate at the end of the First World War.

“Many tourists come to the country to visit these biblical lands.”

It has seen the War of Independence, numerous clashes with its surrounding neighbours, and conflict with the Palestinians. Currently, the second Intifada has ended, and there is a very delicate ceasefire in place. This means that some parts of the country are dangerous or inappropriate to visit. These include the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, including Ramallah and Jericho, and the Golan Heights due to land mines. For anyone considering moving here, it is essential to register with the UK Consulate or Embassy and stay abreast of the situation. Having said this, there are still many places to explore in the Holy Land. Jerusalem is one of these and so is the Wailing Wall. Many tourists come to the country to visit these biblical lands. It is important to remember to dress modestly when visiting holy sites. Israel is also home to both Christian and Muslim minorities. In stark contrast to this religious culture, there is also a huge clubbing and party scene in Tel Aviv. For those who enjoy the great outdoors, the Eilat Mountains offer hiking and exploration in nature. Israeli cuisine also has such delights as falafel and hummus. The languages of Israel are Hebrew and Arabic, which gives the expat an opportunity to learn these ancient languages.

Teaching Opportunities

Due to the tourism sector and also international trade, Israelis are keen to develop their English language skills. There are opportunities to teach in private institutions, to teach Young Learners and in corporations. Applicants are expected to hold a degree. Although not compulsory, a level 5 TEFL certificate can gain you a better position and a higher salary. New positions generally start in September, although business opportunities are available all year round. This means that due to immigration, you need to begin your application 4-5 months in advance. Arriving at the airport in Tel Aviv can also be slowed down considerably if you have any stamps in your passport from other Muslim countries, particularly Iran. This is also true if you are of Muslim descent or have relatives in Palestine. Contracts generally ask for 20-25 hours of teaching per week. Salaries are generally low but can be supplemented with private lessons. This is also supported by certain benefits, such as an accommodation allowance, health insurance and paid holidays.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 - 12 months	September, all year round	Tourist visa, converted to work visa, or work visa in advance	Business professionals, children	1,900 - 6,300 ILS (440 - 1,500 GBP) \$550-\$1800 €490-€1600
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,900 - 6,300 ILS (440 - 1,500 GBP)	Private language schools, teaching Young Learners, teaching Business English within corporations	20 - 25	In-person interviews, Skype interviews	Assistance with visa applications	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Typhoid.

WEATHER:

Temperatures in Israel are usually 27°C - 32°C. Tel Aviv and Tiberias will be hot and humid. Jerusalem is dryer and cooler, particularly at night.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are the main form of transportation in Israel, both within the cities and out into the more rural areas. Sheruts, shared taxis/minibuses, are a reliable form of transport and are much quicker than ordinary bus services.

CURRENCY:

Israeli New Shekel

FOOD TO TRY:

Falafel - made from chickpeas and fava beans, deep-fried and best served warm.

Hummus - made from chickpeas, oil and garlic.

Tahini - a delicious paste made from sesame seeds.

Bourekas - small pastries, fried and filled with potatoes or cheese.

Khachapuri - warm bread 'boats' are filled with eggs and cheese.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £5.85

A litre of milk: £1.19

A loaf of bread: £1.46

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £12

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.23

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £700

Teaching English in Italy

Art is life and life is art



Country Summary

The Italian motto seems to be that art is life and life is art. Italy is soaked in an amazing historical and artistic legacy. Italy is the country of such legends as Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Vivaldi, Dante, Botticelli and Galileo, to name just a few. This pursuit of beauty is seen in Rome, in the splendour of the Sistine Chapel; in Venice, in the exquisite pastel facades and the surrounding islands; and in Milan, the world-renowned capital of fashion.

“It is a hugely popular destination for those wishing to find a job in TEFL.”

This is also the country of fine wines, opera and a love of fine cuisine. Soaking up a morning cappuccino or enjoying a gelato, authentic pizza or pasta dish are part and parcel of the Italian experience. Tuscany also brings into this Italian feast the astounding nature of the Italian countryside. The Alps and the Dolomites stand proud, while in the south the volcanoes of Stromboli, Etna and Vesuvius remind the traveller of the power and force of nature. This means that apart from the cultural activities available to you in Italy, there are also plenty of opportunities for those who love the great outdoors. The people are also alive, passionate, friendly and curious with an amazing eye for detail. This makes Italians interesting to befriend and also to teach.

Teaching Opportunities

With so much going for Italy, it is a hugely popular destination for those wishing to find a job in TEFL. This also means that the competition is fierce. It is essential, therefore, to have a degree and a level 5 TEFL certificate. Although there are job adverts online, the best way to find a good job is by being in the country. There are some online forums advertising jobs, as well as recruitment fairs that come to the UK. A good place to look, once inside Italy, is the Pagine Gialle (Yellow Pages). Italy has large automotive, fashion and tourism industries. As a result of this, Business English is in high demand. The peak season in which to look for jobs is in September and January (at the start of the academic year) and also July and August when English summer camps take place. Contracts are generally for 25 hours per week. In some cases, these 25 hours are split across the day, and generally, in evenings. Apart from the summer camps, where you will receive accommodation, there are generally no benefits packages available for those working in EFL. The cost of living and your salary are comparable. You will be able to live comfortably, but save little, unless you give private classes. This means that you will need at least 6-8 weeks of savings to see you through your first couple of months in Italy.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	9 - 12 months	September - January	EU citizenship or work visa	Business professionals, children	800 - 1,500 EUR (720 - 1,350 GBP) \$900-\$1680
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
800 - 1,500 EUR (720 - 1,350 GBP)	Private language schools, private tuition, teaching Business English in-house for corporations	20 - 30	In-person interviews	Assistance with finding suitable accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies.

WEATHER:

In Italy, there are different types of climate: mild continental in the Po Valley, cold in the Alps, Mediterranean on coasts and islands, and finally cool and windy in the Apennines. July and August are the hottest and sunniest months with temperatures averaging 30°C except in the Alpine region where thunderstorms in the afternoon are quite frequent.

TRANSPORTATION:

Trains are a reliable and cheap option for travel both within cities and towns and to more rural areas. Buses are also a good choice for regional services but there is no national bus network.

CURRENCY:

Euro

FOOD TO TRY:

Lasagne - layers of pasta, cheese, meats and vegetables baked with a tomato sauce.

Pizza - from the classic Margherita to one with all the toppings.

Arancini - small balls of risotto, covered in breadcrumbs and deep-fried.

Prosciutto - raw and dry-cured ham.

Tiramisu - layers of sponge, cream, mascarpone and coffee, dusted with cocoa.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £3.83

A litre of milk: 95p

A loaf of bread: £1.29

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £15

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.28

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £506

Teaching English in Jamaica

Crystal-clear blue-green water, soft sand, palm trees



Country Summary

An island floating in the middle of the Caribbean Sea, Jamaica is world-famous for many things: its 'irie' lifestyle, beaches, music and, of course, its rum. This island nation claimed independence from the British Commonwealth in 1962, and since then Jamaica has embraced its true identity as a chilled tropical island where no one is ever in a hurry.

"With Bob Marley, Jamaica gifted us the first global superstar from the developing world."

Basically, Jamaica is one of the places that will come to your mind first when you imagine a beach paradise. The tropical climate has resulted in huge forests and grasslands, which support a wide range of bird and animal species. Add in the hot and humid weather and Jamaica can clearly be seen as an idyllic getaway. Besides relaxing on the beach or exploring the mountains and forests, there are any number of activities to be done: horse riding, snorkelling, swimming, jet-skiing, kite surfing, visiting waterfalls or even swimming with dolphins. One of the top things to do in Jamaica is to visit Nine Mile. Here you can visit the place where the legendary Bob Marley was born and is now buried. If you enjoy spending your downtime in a hammock, eating jerk chicken or jamming to some tunes, head to Jamaica, where you probably won't strike it rich, but you will live a good life.

Teaching Opportunities

Jamaicans speak Patois, which is a combination of English, French and Spanish, but most of the population can speak English, albeit with a thick accent. It has been recognised that the English teaching in the schools is not as good as it should be, so there have been measures put in place to improve this. There has actually been a movement of Jamaican teachers to leave Jamaica in order to teach in other countries, which means that there are openings in many schools for new teachers. There are various volunteer opportunities to work in the local schools, but there are also paid positions to be found in schools or colleges.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 - 12 months	January, June	Work visa	Children, adults	50,000 - 100,000 JMD (290 - 580 GBP) \$360-\$720 €320-€640
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
75,000 - 120,000 JMD (440 - 700 GBP)	Public / international schools, summer camps, volunteer work	20 - 30	Interviews via Skype	For summer camps and volunteer positions, accommodation is sometimes provided	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Rabies, Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

The climate in Jamaica is tropical, with hot and humid weather, although higher inland regions are more temperate. Even in winter, daytime temperatures are around 27°C to 30°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses and minibuses are widely considered to be the best option when travelling in Jamaica as they operate both within the major towns and cities and the more rural areas.

CURRENCY:

Jamaican Dollar

FOOD TO TRY:

Plantains are ubiquitous in Jamaican cuisine. You can try them deep-fried, as wafer thin crisps or fresh and raw. Bammy - a flatbread made from the cassava, the slices are doused with coconut milk and then fried. Jamaican beef patties - made from a flaky pastry filled with flavoursome minced beef. Pepper Pot Soup - a hearty dish that combines vegetables, meat, coconut milk and a variety of seasonings. Gizzada - sweet pastry tarts filled with coconut, nutmeg and other spices.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.50
A litre of milk: £1.55
A loaf of bread: £1.82
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4
Public transport (one-way) fare: 60p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £380

Teaching English in Japan

Ancient and the ultra-modern sit side by side



Country Summary

Japan is a country of harmony and contradiction, where the ancient and the ultra-modern sit side by side. With such a unique culture, living and working in Japan allows for a memorable experience. It also provides plenty of opportunities for travel, from the high-tech city of Tokyo to the old capital of Kyoto, to experience the ancient rituals of Shinto and Buddhist religions, as well as participating in tea ceremonies. Culturally, there are many opportunities to learn martial arts, music, and calligraphy or participate in the spring and summer festivals. Hot springs also offer a perfect way to unwind from the demands of your teaching week. Each season in Japan also brings with it a vast array of food and speciality dishes, such as soba noodles in soup, or sitting under the spring cherry blossoms enjoying an outside barbecue.

“Japan is a country of harmony and contradiction.”

Japan, however, is not for the faint-hearted. Many TEFL teachers experience major culture shock, due to the fact that the cultural rules are often the opposite of what the foreigner has ever experienced before. This new environment, coupled with the fact that the language is so unfamiliar, due to the non-Roman alphabet, means that you need to work that much harder to understand what is going on around you. You will also have to accept that you will not be accepted in the same way as a Japanese person. This does not mean that you won't have any Japanese friends, but you will be treated as someone who is outside of the cultural norms.

Teaching Opportunities

There are many opportunities for foreigners who have a degree to find work in many areas of Japan due to the fact that English education is now compulsory in all state schools, from primary right through to the end of high school. There is a range of teaching jobs, from children to adults and corporations. The hours are varied depending on your teaching environment, and classes can range from 20 to 40 students per class. You will need to find work before going to Japan in order to get a work visa. You are generally given a flight to Japan, but you will need to pay rent for accommodation. Often, you have to give a deposit and a one-time payment, upfront, to your landlord. This means that you will need to have at least 2-3 months' worth of money available. Many private schools offer rented rooms in shared housing with other teachers working at their institution, in order to reduce the accommodation costs.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	All year round (there are also major job openings for September/October employment)	Work visa in advance (If you lose your job, it is still valid for work)	Business professionals, children	150,000 – 200,000 JPY (1120 – 1,500 GBP) \$1400-\$1800 €1200-€1600
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
250,000 – 300,000 JPY (1,800 – 2,240 GBP)	Online teaching, kindergarten teaching, primary school teacher, part-time English teacher, assistant language teacher	30	Interviews via Skype	Flight reimbursement, health insurance, accommodation, and Japanese language lessons	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies, Meningitis, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis.

WEATHER:

August is the hottest month, with temperature highs of 79°F (26°C) and the coldest is January at 41°F (5°C). It's very rare for the temperature in Japan to ever drop below freezing.

TRANSPORTATION:

Most teaching jobs are in towns and rural areas of Japan, but there are lots of transport links because of Japan's amazing public transport system – where everything always runs on time.

CURRENCY:

Japanese Yen

FOOD TO TRY:

Sushi – hundreds of sushi dishes suitable for all types of diets.

Ramen – noodle soup.

Curry Rice – made with meat and/or vegetables, and a thick, rich curry sauce.

Karaage – a type of chicken dish seasoned with soy sauce, salt, and several spices.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2.50

A litre of milk: £1.28

A loaf of bread: £1.31

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5.62

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.40

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £615

Teaching English in Jordan

The homeplace of Petra and Queen Rania



Country Summary

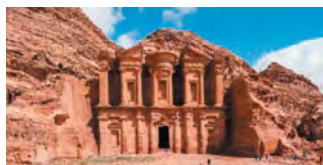
When first hearing the word Jordan, two words might come to mind: Petra and Queen Rania. Many tourists flock each year to see the ruins of the splendid lost city of Petra, as well as other ancient Greek, Roman and biblical sites. They also come to swim in the Dead Sea and to experience the Bedouin way of life. Jordan has a hot desert climate in the day, while being cold at night. This country also has some scenic green valleys to contrast the dryness of the red desert called Wadi Rum. There are also many colourful outdoor markets throughout the country. The blue waters of the Gulf of Aqaba also delight.

“The majority of positions are in the capital Amman.”

The capital city Amman seems to symbolise the contrasting nature of this culture. In western Amman the visitor finds luxurious shopping malls and restaurants. This has a more Western feel. Visitors can sit and sip their cardamom coffee and try the calming nargileh (water pipe). However, east Amman is more religiously conservative than its western half. It also houses many of the refugees from Palestine. This divide is also a reminder that although Jordan has liberal elements, people are expected to behave in line with these more conservative traditions. For women this means dressing conservatively. Although foreign women are not expected to cover their heads, they are expected to cover their shoulders, knees and cleavage. Women who do wear regular Western dress in public are often harassed and receive unwanted sexual advances. However, in private, among expats, women seem to have more freedom. Jordanians also love a good celebration, and the people regularly have parties to celebrate small or large events. They are also friendly to those who respect their modest customs and traditions. They also have some of the best musicians in this part of the world, who often perform in more liberal countries such as Qatar or the UAE.

Teaching Opportunities

Although many people speak English, there are still opportunities for those who want to teach English. Jordanians generally want teachers to have a level 5 TEFL certificate and experience. The majority of positions are in the capital Amman, either in universities or private language schools. Although the salaries are low, some employers offer benefits, such as a reimbursed flight, accommodation and health insurance. Fortunately, the cost of living is also low, which will mean that you will be able to live comfortably even if you cannot save. Contracts are generally for 20-25 hours of teaching a week, and work permits can be obtained after you have arrived in Jordan.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 - 12 months	July - August, all year round	Tourist visa converted to work visa	Business professionals, children	695 - 930 JOD (785 - 1000 GBP) \$980-\$1300 €870-€1100
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
695 - 930 JOD (785 - 1000 GBP)	Private language schools, private students, international schools, English language instructor, TEFL coordinator	20 - 25	In-person interviews	Accommodation, return flights, health insurance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Yellow Fever, Rabies, Anthrax, Meningitis, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis.

WEATHER:

July is the hottest month in Jordan, with an average temperature of 77°F (25°C). The coldest month is January with temperatures of 46°F (8°C). It's a warm country, that rarely hits freezing temperatures.

TRANSPORTATION:

Taxis are the most convenient form of transportation and they're inexpensive, too. White-painted service taxis are on fixed routes and the ride can be shared with others. But there are also frequent buses, if you would prefer an even cheaper alternative.

CURRENCY:

Jordanian Dinar

FOOD TO TRY:

Falafel - crispy falafel balls made from spiced, ground chickpeas.

Mansaf - a dish of tender meat layered with extremely thin flatbread and piles of aromatic rice.

Bedouin Tea - sweetened tea, often steeped with aromatic sage.

Kunafa - a crisp layer of pastry topped with tangy cheese or cream.

Shawarma - a rich, fatty meat served in pockets of pitta bread, topped with vegetables and spices.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £4.30

A litre of milk: £1.22

A loaf of bread: 28p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5.44

Public transport (one-way) fare: 54p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £301

Teaching English in Kazakhstan

A very interesting country which has only recently become a destination on the tourist map



Country Summary

It is a country which not many people have heard of or at least don't know much about. Kazakhstan is a landlocked Central Asian country which borders Russia, China, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. It is a former Soviet state, but it gained independence in 1991.

"The world's ninth-biggest country is the most economically advanced of the 'stans'."

Kazakhstan's mystery lies in the fact that it has continuously evolved through its history and its associations with different countries, including Russia. It has large oil and natural gas reserves and recently this has led to a huge influx of capital. As a result, new cities are springing up and more and more business opportunities are developing.

If you're not keen on city life, there are many, smaller mountain or desert towns or villages based around markets. For fun in Kazakhstan you hike mountains, visit museums or experience falcon hunting. If you are keen to go somewhere a little bit alternative, consider the home of the cosmodrome site which is where the first manned orbital flight by Yuri Gagarin took place. Cuisine in Kazakhstan might not appeal to all tastes, especially vegetarians. The typical diet consists of mostly meat and vegetables and everything seems to have a slightly meaty flavour. A popular speciality is horse meat or horse sausage, washed down with some vodka or Kumyuan – fermented camel's milk. There is a large Korean population here so it's easy to find Asian-inspired restaurants.

Teaching Opportunities

As one of the fastest-growing economies in Central Asia, education in Kazakhstan is becoming more and more important. There are many new international schools to cater for the children of more well-off citizens. Positions at these schools are usually well-paid and the contract conditions are good: flights are paid for, accommodation provided and often a settling-in allowance is given. You need to be responsible for applying for your visa but your employer should assist with this. Kazakhstan is definitely the new kid on the block when it comes to TEFL, but you'll be surprised how many job opportunities there are and how lucrative they can be, provided you can deal with a lifestyle and culture that's probably quite different from yours. If adventure's your thing, think Kazakhstan.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 - 12 months	June, July	Work visa	Children, adults	165,000 - 275,000 KZT (325 - 540 GBP) \$400-\$675 €360-€600
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
220,00 - 330,000 (430 - 650 GBP)	High school English teacher, private language schools, public schools, English tutor	20 - 30	In-person interviews	A generous salary, housing, utilities, and airfare	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Yellow Fever, Rabies, Meningitis, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis.

WEATHER:

The climate in Kazakhstan changes with the seasons. In summer, the temperatures average more than 86 °F (30 °C) and in winter, they average -4.0 °F (-20 °C).

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are a cheap way to get around. You can find taxis outside bus and train stations.

CURRENCY:

Kazakhstani Tenge

FOOD TO TRY:

Chechil - dried and salted string cheese.

Doner - meat layered with potatoes, carrots, greens.

Beshbarmak - boiled meat mixed with boiled noodles, spices with onion sauce.

Manti - a dumpling served topped with butter, sour cream or an onion or garlic sauce.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 82p

A litre of milk: 55p

A loaf of bread: 19p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4

Public transport (one-way) fare: 16p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £228

Teaching English in Kenya

The perfect introduction to Africa



Country Summary

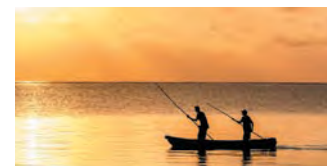
Kenya is situated on the east coast of Africa and is a mixture of beaches, mountains, savannah and desert. It is an economic powerhouse and there is a big expat community, especially in the capital, Nairobi. Nairobi is also known as the safari capital of the world and living here means you can enjoy an urban lifestyle while still being able to easily access the wilderness of Kenya.

"Kenya is a mixture of beaches, mountains, savannah and desert."

All over Kenya you are able to lead an exciting lifestyle. Kenya is famous for its wildlife and when you come here you will realise why. There are many game parks where you can go on safari and look for elephants, giraffe, lion, leopard, cheetah, rhino and antelope. A balloon trip during the annual wildebeest migration from the Masai Mara to the Serengeti is a must. If you want, you can also climb high peaks or visit lakes in the Great Rift Valley. Around Mombasa there are some gorgeous beaches just waiting to be explored. Culturally speaking there are a few UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Kenya. Lamu is one such place and every year during the Lamu Cultural Festival the community celebrates the past and the future with traditional poetry, henna painting and donkey races. The Lake Turkana festival is an opportunity to experience traditional dances and food. Even better is the annual Camel Derby Festival which showcases colourful camel races.

Teaching Opportunities

While Kiswahili is the official language, English is seen as a necessity for progress and development. English is the language of instruction in schools. There are many foreigners working in Kenya and teaching is no exception. You are likely to find work in Nairobi, Mombasa and Nakuru in public schools or private language schools. Salaries are not high but will allow you to live comfortably. There are many volunteer opportunities for teaching in more rural settings.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	November, December	Work visa	Students	70,000 - 95,000 KES (525 - 700 GBP) \$650-\$900 €580-€800
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
75,000 - 115,00 KES (540 - 830 GBP)	Online teaching, middle school English teacher, private English teacher, international school teacher	20 - 30	Interviews via Skype	Assistance with finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Yellow Fever, Rabies, Meningitis, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis.

WEATHER:

February is the hottest month in Kenya with an average temperature of 69°F (21°C). The coldest month is July at 62°F (17°C). Kenya is a very warm and humid location.

TRANSPORTATION:

Kenya has an extensive network of paved and unpaved roads. Its railway system links the nation's ports and major cities and connects Kenya with Uganda. The public bus system is, by far, the cheapest option for transportation.

CURRENCY:

Kenyan Shilling

FOOD TO TRY:

Ugali - made from cornmeal added to cooked vegetables or stew.

Kenyan Pilau - pilau rice cooked with different spices.

Wali wa Nazi - coconut rice.

Sukuma Wiki - kale cooked in oil with diced tomatoes, onions and mchuzi mix.

Kenyan Stew - stew with carrots, peppers, peas, or potatoes.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.54

A litre of milk: 68p

A loaf of bread: 40p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £3.11

Public transport (one-way) fare: 38p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £230

Teaching English in Kuwait

An oasis point for those traversing the desert



Country Summary

Kuwait is situated on the north-western shores of the Persian Gulf. Although one of the smallest countries in the region, it is also one of the richest due to the ample oilfields. It has a hot desert climate, but since ancient times it has been an oasis point for those traversing the desert of the region. The ultra-modern urban lifestyle of the country contrasts with the historical and religious sites located in the desert. Some areas of Kuwait have not been developed for tourism. Failaka Island is one of these. However, it is well worth a visit as it has archaeological sites dating from the Bronze Age. Kuwait City, on the other hand, has chic restaurants, marinas, beach resorts and all-important sea breezes to combat the heat. There are also high-end shopping complexes. In the centre of Kuwait City, it is possible to wander the souqs (old shopping complexes). Within the souqs, there are food halls, gold and pearl markets and areas where Bedouin women sell their souvenirs and wares.

“Most teachers come to Kuwait to earn money.”

As in some other Muslim countries in this region, alcohol is prohibited. Kuwaitis enjoy spending a meal together among friends and family. Once again, foreign women need to wear modest dress, which means covering shoulders, arms, knees and the cleavage area. However, behind closed doors in expat compounds or at private parties, there is more freedom. Kuwaitis are not permitted to join these parties under the current law.

Teaching Opportunities

Most teachers come to Kuwait to earn money. There are excellent jobs for those who have a level 5 TEFL certificate and some experience. Generally, however, Kuwaiti employers prefer to employ males, but there are a few exceptions to this rule. The main EFL jobs are situated in Kuwait City, Al Jarah, Al Walfrah and Mina Al Ahmadi. Due to the large oil and financial industries of Kuwait, the main EFL sector in demand is Business English. Kuwaitis employ native speakers and jobs are generally advertised on online forums, in the Guardian or in the Times Educational Supplement in the UK. Most jobs require you to teach 20–25 hours a week. The cost of living is high, but so are the salaries. These also come with great benefits packages such as accommodation, flights, health insurance and visa assistance. Visas are required before arriving in the country due to the strict immigration laws.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 - 24 months	July/August	Work visa in advance	Business professionals, children	200 - 350 KWD (510 - 900 GBP) \$650-\$1100 €570-€1000
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
400 - 1,000 KWD (965 - 2,160 GBP)	International school teacher, English Second Language teacher, middle school English teacher, kindergarten teacher	20 - 25	Interviews via Skype	Airfare, accommodation, health insurance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Anthrax, Meningitis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR), Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis.

WEATHER:

July is the hottest month in Kuwait, with an average temperature of 99°F (37°C) and the coldest month is January at 55°F (13°C), with the most daily sunshine hours in June. It's a warm place but can be quite dark.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses in Kuwait are typically safe and reliable. They run every 10 minutes and are air-conditioned. The front seats of buses in Kuwait are usually reserved for women. Kuwait is a largely road-based country.

CURRENCY:

Kuwaiti Dinar

FOOD TO TRY:

Machboos - a rice dish served with meat with a red sauce known as Dakkous made of tomatoes, black pepper and garlic.

Kuboos and Hummus - Arabian pita bread eaten with hummus.

Luqaimat - sweet dumplings.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.27

A litre of milk: £1.07

A loaf of bread: 79p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5

Public transport (one-way) fare: 64p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £735

Teaching English in Kyrgyzstan

Unspoilt mountainscapes, stark craggy ridges and summer pastures



Country Summary

Kyrgyzstan lies in Central Asia, along the Silk Road, the ancient trade route between China and the Mediterranean. Kyrgyzstan boasts an extensive mountain range, the Tian Shan mountains, which are home to snow leopards, lynx and sheep. The saltwater lake Issyk Kul is a prominent feature of the Kyrgyzstan landscape, drawing tourists from around the world to experience the health benefits of its thermal springs and mud baths. Kyrgyzstan is home to many ski resorts due to the mountainous terrain and cold, snowy winters.

“Teaching is a highly-paid career in Kyrgyzstan.”

The education system in Kyrgyzstan is robust, with children entering formal education at age 7 and being required to complete a minimum of 9 years. The economy of Kyrgyzstan was affected considerably by the collapse of the Soviet Union, and still remains one of the poorest countries in Central Asia.

Teaching Opportunities

Paid teaching opportunities can be difficult to come by in Kyrgyzstan as it can be tricky for foreigners to obtain a working visa. Tourist visas are far easier to get; however, this would mean teaching opportunities would be limited to voluntary positions. Teaching is a highly-paid career in Kyrgyzstan. If visa issues can be overcome there is potential for qualified teaching candidates to earn a considerable salary in comparison to the low cost of living. Most schools are located in the capital city of Bishkek. Language centres are also prevalent in the larger cities and hire all year round. Kyrgyzstan provides excellent opportunities for newly qualified and experienced teachers alike. Most teaching jobs in Kyrgyzstan will require teachers to secure their own accommodation. However, the cost of living in the country is low. Some international schools will offer a generous accommodation allowance, making these posts highly lucrative for the right candidate.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 10 months	April/May	Work visa	Business professionals, students, children	40,150 KGS (400 GBP) \$500 €450
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
20,4000 KGS (2,000 GBP)	English language schools, private tutoring, international schools	35	Application, Skype interview, visa applications & checks	International schools: flight reimbursement, accommodation allowances	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Yellow Fever, Meningitis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis.

WEATHER:

Kyrgyzstan enjoys hot, dry summers which often reach 40°C, while winters are cold and snowy, with temperatures dropping to -30°C in some of the valleys.

TRANSPORTATION:

Public transport is considerably more developed and reliable on main routes and in cities, while rural Kyrgyzstan can often become isolated, particularly in the harsh winter months. More remote areas rely on horses for transport in particularly mountainous regions.

CURRENCY:

Kyrgyzstani Som

FOOD TO TRY:

Besh Barmak – shaved lamb, noodles and onions.

Kazy Karta – horse meat medallions.

Plov – fried onions and carrots mixed in spiced rice and served with meat.

Manty – small dough dumplings filled with meat.

Shashlik – skewers of mutton.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 79p

A litre of milk: 57p

A loaf of bread: 22p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £6

Public transport (one-way) fare: 11p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £205

Teaching English in Lebanon

A combination of the modern and the historic



Country Summary

Lebanon in the past was often referred to as 'the Paris of the Orient', and it is trying to regain this crown. With Israel on one border, and Syria on the other, Lebanon combines both the modern and the historic. The country has some important archaeological sites from Roman times, such as Baalbek. In Tripoli, it is possible to see ancient Mamluk architecture. On the other hand, the country is also full of modern pastimes. In summer, people flock to the coast to enjoy the beaches. The mountains in Lebanon cover most of the country. Therefore, in winter they drive out to Mount Lebanon to ski.

"Lebanon in the past was often referred to as 'the Paris of the Orient'."

Unlike some of its neighbours, Lebanon is far more liberal. The Lebanese enjoy partying, which is evident from the nightlife in Jounieh and Beirut. Many visitors also flock to Beirut to enjoy its laid-back cafe lifestyle and superb cuisine. Some dishes to explore are the lobster, baba ghanouj (roasted eggplants, tahini and garlic), hummus and Lebanese ashta. Souqs are also another great way to pass the time. Tripoli has one of the best souqs in the country. Despite some of the turmoil that the Lebanese have faced in their recent history, the people still remain easy-going, open and friendly. The main languages used in Lebanon are Arabic and French. Learning some basic phrases in both of these languages can help you navigate the culture, particularly when you are first starting out. It is also important to keep up to date with the Foreign Office's advice for the region based on the changing situation in the country, and internationally with its volatile neighbours.

Teaching Opportunities

After the long civil war that engulfed the country from the 1970s until 1990 and then the Lebanon and Israeli conflict in 2006, Lebanon's international status is slowly rising again. This means that there is more stability in the EFL market, and there are now more opportunities for work. Places where there are job openings are Beirut, Jounieh, Byblos, Sidon and Tripoli. There is a current demand in the science and Business English sector. The job opportunities are few and are not advertised on EFL forums. This means that you will need to locate possible schools online, and then approach them from within the country. You will need to have money to pay for your own airfare and have 4-6 weeks of savings. Most jobs will expect you to teach 20-25 hours a week. The salaries, however, are not the same as in other countries in the region. There are no real benefits packages as part of a contract here. Accommodation is also a major expense. This can be reduced by sharing with other teachers.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 - 12 months	All year round	Tourist visa converted to work visa	Business professionals, children	775000 - 1,550000 LB) (411 - 830 GBP) \$515-\$1000 €460-€930
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
775000 - 1,550000 LB) (411 - 830 GBP)	Private language teacher, private tutor, international school teacher, English teacher	20 - 25	Interviews via Skype	Some schools will sponsor visa applications	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Rabies, Anthrax, Meningitis, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis.

WEATHER:

August is the hottest month in Lebanon, with an average temperature of 82°F (28°C). The coldest month is most definitely February, but temperatures only drop as far as 55°F (13°C). You'll see the most sunshine hours in July, and January averages 130mm of rain.

TRANSPORTATION:

It is advised to stay on the paved roads of Lebanon. Avoid walking or driving cross-country. There are service taxis available, as well as buses, but there are no railway services at all.

CURRENCY:

Lebanese Pound

FOOD TO TRY:

Kibbeh – sautéed pine nuts and spicy minced meat.
Kafta – large meatball on a stick that's made with lamb, beef, or chicken, and filled with onion, parsley, breadcrumbs, and spices.

Kanafeh – a sugary cheese pastry that is smothered in an orange blossom syrup.

Fattoush – lettuce, bread, and vegetables.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.55

A litre of milk: £1.68

A loaf of bread: 65p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £8

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.02

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £360

Teaching English in Lesotho

Mountainous with verdant river valleys and incredible vistas



Country Summary

Lesotho is a tiny landlocked kingdom completely surrounded by South Africa. Also known as the 'Mountain Kingdom' or the 'Kingdom in the Sky', it is a land of rivers, valleys, mountain ranges and Maluti beer. Lesotho seems to have been designed for the adventurous traveller, with activities on land, sea and even snow. Hiking, 4x4ing, camping, horseback riding and skiing are all possible in the spectacularly untouched scenery.

"Lesotho seems to have been designed for the adventurous traveller, with activities on land and sea."

Lesotho is a historically interesting destination too. It is home to Ho Kome Historical Cave Dwellings, a World Heritage site where dwellings have been carved out under rocks in caves and in which people still live today. It also boasts the largest concentration of dinosaur footprints in the world which can be seen on dinosaur walking trails. If you're not interested in the prehistoric, you can go fishing or boating on the dams or take a tour of the local villages to catch a glimpse of the traditional Basotho culture.

Teaching Opportunities

Though the local government spends a lot on education, teaching English here requires a lot of skill and creativity. Resources are hard to come by and due to corruption, the local teachers are not very well-qualified and there are many qualified teachers who are not employed. Paid positions are scarce and hard to find considering the lack of internet connectivity in the country. There are volunteer positions available, most notably with the Peace Corps, but these can also be difficult to find if outside Lesotho. You need a residence permit to get a work permit, but this can be done in the country.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS degree preferred	Variable	Year round	Work permit	Children	6,500 – 7,500 LSL (300 – 350 GBP) \$400-\$440 €340-€400
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
Volunteer	English teacher, private tutor	20 – 30	In-person interviews	Assistance in finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Rabies, Meningitis, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis.

WEATHER:

January is the hottest month in Lesotho, with an average temperature of 72°F (22°C). The coldest is June at 48°F (9°C).

TRANSPORTATION:

You can easily get around Lesotho by driving or using their public transport system. They have several coaches, minibus taxis, and buses, but there is no train service in the area. Lesotho is landlocked and completely dependent on South Africa for much of its outside transport.

CURRENCY:

South African Rand and Lesotho Loti

FOOD TO TRY:

Pap – a corn-based dish served with a vegetable stew.
Makoenya – a home-made fried cake that is similar to a doughnut.

Braai – South African barbecue which is also served in Lesotho.

Oxtail Stew – oxtail with a few pounds of beef oxtail.

Maluti Beer – a beverage rather than a food dish, made from malted barley and maize.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 45p

A litre of milk: 68p

A loaf of bread: 55p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £3.95

Public transport (one-way) fare: 40p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £255

Teaching English in Libya

An ancient crossroads of civilisations and some of the finest Roman and Greek ruins in existence



Country Summary

Bordering the Mediterranean, Libya enjoys a mild Mediterranean climate along the coast while most of the rest of the country is covered by the extremely hot and dry Libyan Desert. Libya is popular with tourists for its beautiful beaches, but you will find the strict cultural climate may be a deterrent for anyone wanting to stay longer than a holiday. Libya is a strict Muslim country and so has some strict laws: nightlife is limited, alcohol is banned, and attitudes towards women are conservative. In short, Libya is not for those wanting a modern lifestyle but rather for those wanting to be a part of rebuilding a historical nation and participating in a more traditional lifestyle.

“Due to the economy and industry, there is a demand for English in the country.”

Historically, Libya is a very interesting country. It gained independence in 1951 after centuries under foreign rule. Oil was discovered soon after and Libya soon became a very wealthy nation as a result. Colonel Muammar Gaddafi seized power in 1969 but was overthrown in 2011. This plunged the country into chaos but in 2016 a new UN-backed government was installed in Tripoli and a relative state of stability has been restored.

Teaching Opportunities

Arabic is the official language of Libya, though a number of Berber languages are also spoken and Italian and English are widely understood. There are definitely opportunities for EFL teachers here – in language centres, international schools, universities or teaching oil company employees. Teaching positions can be well-paid, and Libya can be a good option if you would like to save money. The majority of jobs can be found in the capital, Tripoli.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	Year round	Work permit	All ages	1,500 – 2,000 LYD (850 – 1,150 GBP) \$1000-\$1400 €950-€1200
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,700 – 5,200 LYD (1,000 – 3,000 GBP)	English teacher, private tutor	30 – 40	In-person interviews	Accommodation, transportation, visa help, renewable contract	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Rabies, Meningitis, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis.

WEATHER:

In the capital, the average January temperature is 55°F (13°C). In July these temperatures rise to around 79°F (26°C). However, a hot, dry desert wind can change temperatures by 30–40°F in both summer and in winter. Rainfall varies from region to region in this country.

TRANSPORTATION:

The best roads in Libya run along the coast between Tripoli and Tunis in Tunisia and between Benghazi and Tobruk, connecting with Alexandria in Egypt. Buses are efficient.

CURRENCY:

Libyan Dinar

FOOD TO TRY:

Shorba Libya – a tomato soup with spicy lamb.

Ruuz – a rice dish with meat and vegetables.

Rishda – a pasta dish with chickpeas, tomato, and onion.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.67

A litre of milk: £1.92

A loaf of bread: 37p

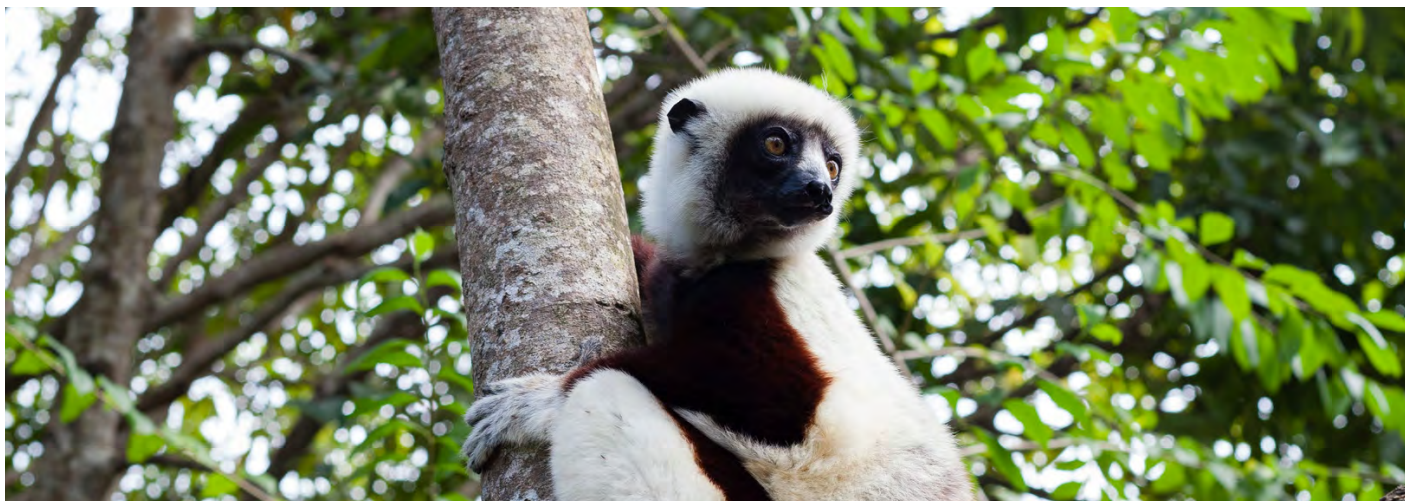
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £7.50

Public transport (one-way) fare: 55p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £800

Teaching English in Madagascar

Lemurs, baobabs, rainforest, desert, hiking and diving



Country Summary

Madagascar is the fourth-largest island in the world, situated in the Indian Ocean off the east coast of Africa. It has a colourful history involving pygmies, Polynesian migrants, Bornean sailors, Arabian traders and French, Portuguese and British settlers, so you can imagine the fascinating cultural complexity of the island.

“There’s a big volunteer market as well as some paid positions.”

Not only can Madagascar offer a melting pot of cultural practices and traditions, it has an amazing array of flora and fauna too. Madagascar is most famous for its populations of lemurs, but these are by no means the full extent of the island’s diversity: chameleons, tortoises and iguanas all call Madagascar home. It further boasts a dramatic forest landscape with the peculiar-looking baobab and aloe trees. In fact, Madagascar is often referred to as the 8th continent by ecologists because over 80% of the species found on the island are not found anywhere else in the world. If you’re looking for some adventure, Madagascar can offer gorgeous beaches where you can snorkel the coral reefs, and bustling markets where you can buy spices; it is especially known for its coffee and vanilla. For those interested in trying new cuisines, the seafood salad should not be missed. So, while Madagascar can be, on the one hand, a relaxing beach escape, it can also be a glimpse into a fascinating historical mix of cultures and peoples.

Teaching Opportunities

Malagasy is the main language spoken in Madagascar, though some French is also spoken. In 2003 the government introduced the teaching of English in primary schools and since then the need for English instruction has increased dramatically, making teaching positions readily available. Besides primary schools, you are also able to find language schools and education centres for adult learners. There is a big volunteer market here, but you are still able to find paid positions. The bonus with jobs here is that you will probably be given accommodation, as well as an assistant teacher to help you out in the classroom.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	9 months	Year round	Work visa	Children, adults	1,800,000 – 2,500,000 MGA (370 – 520 GBP) \$460-\$650 €410-€600
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
2,500,000 – 3,700,000 MGA (520 – 814 GBP)	EFL teacher, private tutor	30	In-person interviews	Assistance with finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Rabies, Meningitis, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis.

WEATHER:

January is the hottest month in Madagascar, with an average temperature of 72°F (22°C). The coldest month is July at 59°F (15°C), while the most daily sunshine hours are present in September, with 8 hours a day of sunlight. There is a tropical climate, and it's rainy along the east coast of the island.

TRANSPORTATION:

Taxi-brousses or minibuses are a cheap way to travel in Madagascar, but they can be slow, erratic, and sometimes unsafe for travellers. The system is, however, organised very well. A Pousse-Pousse is a wooden cart drawn by a pair of zebu cattle.

CURRENCY:

Malagasy Ariary and Iraisimbanja

FOOD TO TRY:

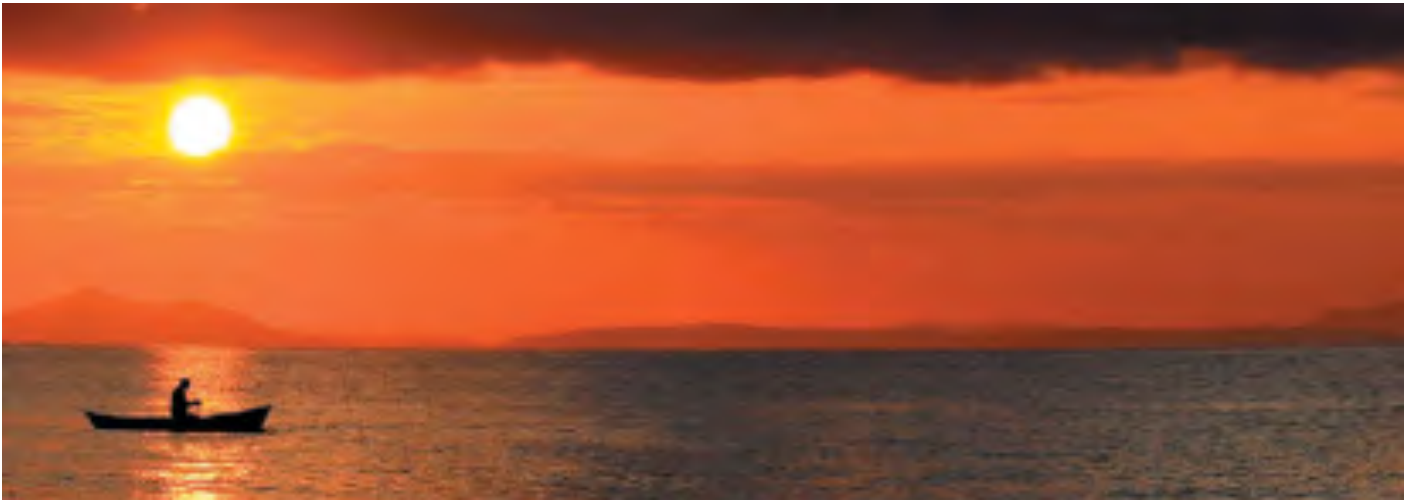
Lasary – cabbage, carrots, green beans and onions mixed in with a mild vinaigrette.
Ravimbomanga Sy Patsamena – potato leaves stewed with dried shrimp and beef in a tomato sauce with rice.
Akoho Sy Voanio – coconut milk, tomatoes, chicken, onion, garlic, ginger and ground pepper.
Koba Akondro – dessert made from peanuts, honey, and mashed bananas.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 65p
A litre of milk: 85p
A loaf of bread: 37p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £1.60
Public transport (one-way) fare: 50p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £140

Teaching English in Malawi

Known for its sandy beaches and unspoilt islands spread through the vast Lake Malawi



Country Summary

Known as the 'Warm Heart of Africa', Malawi is friendly and welcoming, if poor. It is an agricultural country and heavily dependent on foreign aid so there is a large expat community with foreigners coming to work as diplomats, NGO workers and government officials. Malawi held its first democratic elections in 1994 and since then there have been marked improvements in healthcare, education and environmental conditions.

"Malawi is able to offer its visitors numerous golden sand beaches and exciting water sports."

But Malawi is so much more than its economic situation. Though a landlocked country, Malawi is able to offer its visitors numerous golden sand beaches and exciting water sports, all thanks to the famous Lake Malawi. Not a traditional game park destination, Malawi is focussing more on its conservation efforts and the newly-rehabilitated Majete Wildlife Reserve is where you want to go to see the Big Five in their natural habitat, safe from poachers. Or if you're looking to really get away from it all, you can spend a couple of days in a traditional Malawian-style hut in Lilongwe and enjoy bucket showers, candlelight and a complete social media detox.

Teaching Opportunities

There are many volunteer opportunities available in Malawi, especially in rural primary schools. Teachers here will teach not only English but other subjects such as Maths, Science, Art or Sports. You could be a teacher, a teaching assistant or an activity leader. Class sizes can be very large (300 – 400 pupils) as primary education is free and this has resulted in a strain on resources. There are usually opportunities to get involved in health and conservation programmes as well. It is possible to find a job in urban Lilongwe, but the rural areas are where teachers are needed the most. However, this is where the schools are likely to be under-resourced and underfunded so bring some materials and loads of creativity.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	May - August	Work permit	Children	350,000 - 450,000 MYWK (380 - 490 GBP) \$470-\$600 €420-€450
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
350,000 - 700,000 (380 - 760 GBP)	English teacher, private tutor	30	In-person interviews	Assistance with accommodation, visa support	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis.

WEATHER:

November is the hottest month with temperatures reaching a maximum of 84°F (29°C) and a minimum of 63°F (17°C). Summer in Malawi is from the middle of August to November, and then the rainy season starts. The coldest month is July, with an average temperature of 45°F (7°C).

TRANSPORTATION:

There is little public transportation in Malawi, and it's important that visitors remember that before travelling. Bicycles are the most common form of travel for locals and there are buses.

CURRENCY:

Malawian Kwacha

FOOD TO TRY:

Mgaiwa Phala - porridge.

Nsima - white cornmeal and water usually eaten with relishes that are served on the side.

Mandazi - looks like a samosa, tastes more like a doughnut.

Zitumbuwa - fried bananas.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 79p

A litre of milk: 86p

A loaf of bread: 34p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £3.20

Public transport (one-way) fare: 25p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £170

Teaching English in Malaysia

A stable country with many places to explore



Country Summary

Malaysia is an interesting mix of culture and language. The indigenous tribes are mainly situated in the north and around Northern Borneo, while the Malay, Chinese, English and Indian influences are more seen on the Peninsula. Elements of Persian and Arabic cultures are also still present in the country. This is evident in the numerous festivals that are celebrated by various ethnic groups. Malaysia's official religion is Islam and Muslim Malaysians follow Islamic celebrations. These include the holy month of Ramadan and the Feast of Sacrifice. Malay of Chinese descent celebrate Chinese New Year. Although Malay is the dominant cultural group, there can be tension between the Malay and Chinese groups, which can present a challenge in the classroom. Languages are also mixed with Malay, English, Chinese and Tamil among some of the languages spoken. The official language of Malaysia is Malay.

"English teaching is in high demand in the country."

There are many places to explore, such as the modern capital city of Kuala Lumpur, the traditional long houses in Sarawak and the heights of the Kinabula mountain range. Another possibility includes day or night-time excursions to the Borneo jungle, walking high above the trees and looking down at its vast lushness from wooden rope bridges. Malaysia also has a rich cultural and literary heritage. This includes Malay poetry, which has influenced poetry all over the world. Malaysia is also famous for Batik printing on textiles.

Teaching Opportunities

Due to the change in the government system in 2012, English was given a higher status in the state education system. English became a subject in its own right rather than being taught in connection with Maths and Science. This means that English teaching is in high demand in the country. Prospective EFL teachers have many options to teach in Malaysia. These include private language schools and state school options. However, unlike places such as Cambodia, the key to securing a job in Malaysia is experience; being a native speaker is no longer enough. You will also need to have a degree and a level 5 TEFL certificate. This is also due to the local competition from Malaysians who are amply qualified to teach the subject. When searching for employees, schools and agencies prefer face-to-face interviews in the country. Once you have obtained a job, work dress is an important consideration. This might mean that in some school situations you might need to dress more conservatively than you are accustomed to.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	All year round	Tourist visa converted to work visa	Business professionals, children	2,000 – 6,400 MYR (370 – 1,200 GBP) \$460–\$1500 €410–€1300
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
3,000 – 9,000 MYR (550 – 1,750 GBP)	Private language school teacher, public school teacher, private tutor	20 – 30	Interviews via Skype or by phone	Work visa assistance, an allowance, and accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Rabies, Hepatitis B.

WEATHER:

The climate is hot, humid and rainy throughout the year. Temperatures are high but stable around 91°F (33 °C) though they do decrease slightly between the months of November and January, when highs drop to 84°F (29 °C).

TRANSPORTATION:

The public transport system is reliable and cheap with buses, minivans or taxis.

CURRENCY:

Malaysian Ringgit

FOOD TO TRY:

Banana Leaf Rice – white rice is served on a large banana leaf, with vegetables, curry, and poppadum.

Nasi Dagang – rice steamed in coconut milk, fish curry, fried shaved coconut, stuffed chillies, hard-boiled eggs, vegetable pickles.

Sentul Satay – sticks of meat over a BBQ, served with a spicy peanut sauce or peanut gravy.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2.85

A litre of milk: £1.33

A loaf of bread: 61p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £1.90

Public transport (one-way) fare: 57p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £291

Teaching English in Mauritania

Lost cities, stunning oases, nomads and the romance of the Sahara



Country Summary

Mysterious Mauritania is a country of desert and ocean. The capital city of Nouakchott is a fascinating mix of traffic jams, unusual architecture and vibrant markets, not too far from a lively fishing harbour. Moving inland you will encounter tough desert terrain which is home to numerous semi-nomadic communities. Tourism is not prevalent in Mauritania, so your experiences are guaranteed to be authentic and your destinations untouched. Oil deposits were discovered in 2001 and the effects of this finding remains to be seen.

"Your experiences are guaranteed to be authentic and your destinations untouched."

Be warned: though Mauritania may be beautiful, it is not an LGBT-friendly country.

Teaching Opportunities

Teaching English is still a relatively new industry in Mauritania, but it is growing at a rapid rate. Young Mauritians need English to be able to get jobs and so are motivated and determined to learn. As a result of this interest and backing from the government, institutes and language centres, often in collaboration with UK or US organisations, are popping up all over Mauritania in need of teachers. While local teachers earn a very low salary, working in an international school or language centre can earn you a good salary.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
None	Variable	Year round	Business visa	Adults	300,000 – 450,000 MRO (390 – 585 GBP) \$450-\$770 €410-€700
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
650,000 – 1,000,000 MRO (1,500 – 2,500 GBP)	ESL instructor, English teacher, private tutor	30 – 40	In-person interviews	Assistance with finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, and Tetanus.
Recommended: Hepatitis B, Meningococcal Meningitis, Rabies, Typhoid, Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

Most of Mauritania, north of Atar, has a Saharan climate. Daytime temperatures exceed 100°F (38°C) in most areas for over 6 months of the year; however, the nights are cool. It is much cooler in July, but still only 66°F (19°C) on average.

TRANSPORTATION:

Minibus routes cover all of the main towns and cities which are linked by tarred roads. Taxi-brousses can take you over the rougher routes.

CURRENCY:

Mauritanian Ouguiya

FOOD TO TRY:

Thieboudienne/Chebu Jin – fish and rice with a tomato sauce.
Yassa Poulet – rotisserie chicken and vegetables.
Mahfe – cooked goat or camel meat in a peanut sauce.
Hakko – a sauce of ground bean leaves, which tastes a little like spinach, served over couscous.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2
A litre of milk: £1
A loaf of bread: 60p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £8
Public transport (one-way) fare: 65p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £1,000

Teaching English in Mexico

The largest Spanish-speaking nation in the world



Country Summary

Mexico is situated between the Gulf of Mexico on the east coast, and the Pacific Ocean on the west. It is the largest Spanish-speaking nation in the world. The majority of Mexicans live in Mexico City, which has a population of 17 million people. It is also one of the largest oil producers in the world, and heavily exports goods to its neighbour to the north, the US. Many visitors mistakenly believe that Mexico is situated in South America, when in fact it belongs in North America.

“Mexicans need English to conduct business with the States.”

Mexico has a strong cultural identity, which has been embodied by leading artistic and cultural figures who have become prominently known in the West. Frida Kahlo (the painter), Diego Rivera (the muralist), and Georgia O’Keefe (the writer) are some well-known examples. In fact, the art hub of Mexico rivals that of London and New York. Mexico is also home to the ancient Maya and Aztec cultures. Most travellers visit the splendour of the Mayan city Chichen Itza, while others prefer the southern Mayan city, Palenque, on the Yucatan Peninsula. Apart from art, literature and ancient historical sites, Mexico is also rich in regional dance, as the dance troupe, Ballet Folklorico, demonstrate in their lively folk-style recitals.

Teaching Opportunities

Due to Mexico’s location on the US border, Mexicans need English to conduct business with the States, and is now a professional requirement for many in the business sector. This means that the demand for EFL is high. Students are highly motivated and eager to learn. There are opportunities not only to teach Business English, but also General English and even Young Learners. Jobs are available in private language institutions, corporations and state schools. The majority of opportunities are located in Mexico City, Cuernavaca, Queretaro and Guadalajara. Teachers will need to have a level 5 TEFL certificate to secure a job. Finding work in Mexico is difficult from abroad. Much of the job information that is posted online is generally inaccurate. Instead, you will need to enter the country on a tourist visa and search for possible jobs, visiting schools and asking for interviews. While private language schools employ all year round, for those considering public schools you will need to begin your application process in May or June for an August start. Once you have secured a job, you need to convert your tourist visa to a FM3 immigration document that will then allow you to work. The visa process in Mexico is extremely laborious and difficult, and you will need to take charge of your paperwork. This means making sure that you leave your country with all the required documents that you need, including your certificates and so on.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
None	Variable	Year round	Business visa	Adults	300,000 – 450,000 MXN (390 – 585 GBP) \$450-\$770 €410-€700
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
650,000 – 1,000,000 MRO (1,500 – 2,500 GBP)	ESL instructor, English teacher, private tutor	30 – 40	In-person interviews	Assistance with finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A and Tetanus. Diphtheria, Hepatitis B, Rabies, and Typhoid.

WEATHER:

June is the hottest month when the average temperature is around 82°F (28°C) and the coldest is January at approximately 73°F (23°C). It's the sunniest in August, when Mexico gets 11 hours of sunlight, and the wettest in September.

TRANSPORTATION:

Public transport is reliable and runs frequently, but be prepared for long journeys, especially getting around Mexico City.

CURRENCY:

Mexican Peso

FOOD TO TRY:

Tamales – pockets of corn dough stuffed with a sweet or savoury filling.

Guacamole – dip made from mashed avocados, onions, tomatoes, chilli peppers, lemon juice.

Enchiladas – made with either a corn or flour tortilla base, filled with an assortment of meat, vegetables, beans, chilli, and topped with beautifully melted cheese.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.20

A litre of milk: 69p

A loaf of bread: £1.12

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4

Public transport (one-way) fare: 32p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £235

Teaching English in Mongolia

Mongolia's nomadic culture is famous



Country Summary

Ah Mongolia! Land of...what exactly? Any idea? This is the beauty of Mongolia; a country so mysterious many people couldn't find it on a map. It's a tiny country bordered by Russia and China and it's one of the least densely populated countries in the world. So, while you may not see a lot of people while you are here, what you will see is a lot of vast, open spaces.

"Rugged Mongolia is an adventure destination where travellers can see the traditions of the past."

In fact, Mongolia is also known as the 'Land of the Eternal Blue Sky'; there are more than 250 days of sun in a year. Don't let the sunshine fool you – the winters are long and cold (temperatures can drop to -40°C) and the summers short, but at least you won't suffer from a Vitamin D deficiency. So, what exactly are the attractions in Mongolia? If you can imagine a place where the nomadic lifestyle is still prevalent, where much of the travel is still done on horseback and the weekend sports are archery and wrestling, then you are on the right track. Mongolia is relatively new to tourism and the country is still very much nomadic and this is the attraction. In terms of food, you can expect a lot of mutton and dumplings and if you're lucky you will experience a traditional boodog – a goat barbecue where a goat is hunted and cooked (whole with no pot) on hot stones just for you. Another traditional option is staying in a yurt (a traditional hut). So, if this is your style, then you should think about Mongolia.

Teaching Opportunities

Mongolian is spoken in Mongolia and Kazakh in the west, but there are surprisingly numerous teaching opportunities in Mongolia, though most are in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar, which is actually quite city-like. It may not be the prettiest city in the world, but it provides an interesting glimpse into the clash of the traditional and the modern in this different country. In terms of job opportunities, you could find work in a private school or a language school. The salaries are not very high, but neither is the cost of living. Many schools also provide accommodation and flights; some schools might be able to organise you a homestay if you'd really like an authentic experience.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	May, June	Z visa	Children, professionals	1,800,000 – 2,200,000 (510 – 620 GBP) \$635-\$770 €565-€690
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
2,500,000 – 4,000,000 MNT (860 – 1,375)	Private English tutor, English school teacher, ESL teacher	30	Interviews via Skype	Airfare allowances	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Tetanus, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Tick-borne Encephalitis, and Typhoid.

WEATHER:

Mongolia has long, cold winters, and short, warm summers. The temperature range is very wide throughout the year, with the coldest winter month hitting -4°F (-20°C) while in July, temperatures can reach 73°F (23°C) in the south of the country.

TRANSPORTATION:

Minivans are a popular option, but be aware that they will not leave for their destination until they are completely full. Other common forms of transportation are buses and minibuses, and the trolleybuses that roam the main roads. Taxis aren't particularly useful, but they do exist.

CURRENCY:

Mongolian Tugrik

FOOD TO TRY:

Khorkhog – a type of Mongolian barbecue, which is cooked inside a pot over an open fire.

Buuz – dumplings made from a flour dough, filled with shredded beef or lamb.

Tsuivan – a kind of noodle stew where noodles are cooked with pork, beef, or mutton, with added cabbage, onion, and carrots.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.40

A litre of milk: 80p

A loaf of bread: 50p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £2

Public transport (one-way) fare: 20p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £232

Teaching English in Morocco

An interesting blend of European, African and Middle Eastern influences



Country Summary

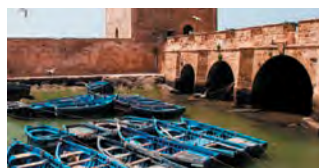
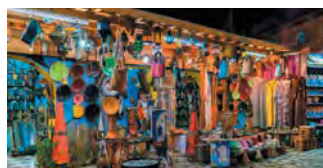
Morocco is an interesting blend of European, African and Middle Eastern influences. Morocco is also influenced by its neighbours. Near the water border with Spain, Meknes blends Spanish culture with Moroccan. To the east, it shares a border with its neighbour Algeria. The country also cascades down to the Western Sahara Desert, where visitors can go on dune safaris in jeeps. This desert frontier is still disputed under international law. Moroccans also enjoy other outdoor pursuits. These include skiing in the Atlas mountain range, swimming on the Atlantic coast and the Mediterranean Sea, and hiking to discover the forests and hidden waterfalls.

“Due to the economy and industry, there is a demand for English in the country.”

A visit to Fez is high on the visitor's list. This medina (ancient city), dating from the Middle Ages, is protected under a UNESCO mandate and will delight the visitor. Other medinas also include Essaouira, Tetouan and Marrakesh, where time can be whiled away drinking fresh mint tea and eating tajines and couscous dishes. The language of Morocco is officially Arabic, but French is also spoken. Interestingly, despite its location in Africa, Morocco is not a member of the African League. Instead, it has decided that its allegiance is with the Arab League. This means that people in Morocco follow Islam, and because of that behave much more conservatively. For Western women, in particular, this is important because if you do not dress more modestly here, you will be harassed. It is also advisable, as a woman, not to wander alone or take taxis at night.

Teaching Opportunities

Due to the economy and industry, there is a demand for English in the country. This demand can be found in universities, state schools, private language institutes and corporations, where there is a need for Business English. Moroccan students are eager to participate. They are motivated and enthusiastic. Teachers need to have a level 5 TEFL certificate. Contracts generally ask for 20-30 hours of teaching per week. Whatever has been agreed between you and your institution needs to be in writing. There are quite a lot of cases where teachers have not been paid or employers have not kept their verbal agreements. There are also many locations to choose from when deciding where to live and work in Morocco. Casablanca is expensive, Marrakesh has a larger expat community, Mohammedia and Rabat are more laid-back, and Irfane is more for outdoor types. Jobs for Morocco can be found on online forums.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 - 12 months	All year round	Tourist visa converted to work visa	Business professionals, children	4,000 – 10,000 MAD (330 – 830 GBP) \$410-\$1030 €370-€920
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
4,000 – 10,000 MAD (330 – 830 GBP)	Private language school teacher, English teacher, private tutor	20 – 30	In-person interviews	Assistance with finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Poliomyelitis, Tetanus, Typhoid, and Hepatitis A.

WEATHER:

The sunniest and hottest month is July with average temperatures of 84°F (29°C), and the sun shines for almost 11 hours a day. The coldest month is January, where temperatures subtly drop to 55°F (13°C).

TRANSPORTATION:

The cities and larger towns of Morocco have local taxis that can carry up to three passengers. These taxis are not permitted to go outside of the city limits. The bigger cities have public bus services, though the routes can be confusing.

CURRENCY:

Moroccan Dirham

FOOD TO TRY:

Zaalouk – a spread made from aubergine, tomatoes, garlic, olive oil, and spices.

Bissara – a rich, hearty soup of dried fava beans, topped with fresh olive oil and cumin.

Kaab El Ghazal – crescent-shaped pastries made with almond paste scented with orange flower water and cinnamon.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2.20

A litre of milk: 58p

A loaf of bread: 35p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £2.50

Public transport (one-way) fare: 33p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £255

Teaching English in Mozambique

Mozambique beckons with its coastline, swaying palms and its traditions and cultures



Country Summary

Mozambique is surely one of Africa's best-kept secrets. Though it is rich in natural beauty, a prolonged civil war meant that tourists stopped coming to Mozambique a long time ago. The war ended in 1992, though, and since then the country has been politically stable so it won't be long before the tourist crowds make their way back to its white, sandy beaches and warm waters.

"Mozambique is a backpacker's paradise, especially if you are a beach-lover."

Mozambique is a backpacker's paradise, especially if you are a beach-lover. Bazaruto National Park is the obvious choice for visitors to Mozambique. A national park which protects the five islands of the Bazaruto archipelago, this is where you come to go swimming with dolphins, diving in crystal-clear waters or to take a dhow-safari. Pemba, Vilanculos, Tofo and Inhambane are also popular destinations, not only for their beaches but also for their culture and nightlife. Besides lounging on the beach, you can take a trip to the capital of Maputo and stroll down the historic jacaranda-lined streets and visit museums, cathedrals and trading stations while soaking up the Portuguese heritage.

Teaching Opportunities

The official language of Mozambique is Portuguese, and a few other local languages are spoken, namely Makuwa, Sena and Swahili, but there is a movement by the government to up the level of English in schools around the country, which means there is a need for English teachers. As with many other African countries, there are numerous volunteering opportunities in Mozambique, many of which include participation in conservation programmes. Unfortunately, teaching in Mozambique often means teaching large classes with very few resources and no technology, so teaching here will be a challenge but you will be sure that you are giving back to a very needy and grateful community.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	1 – 12 months	Year round	Work visa	Children, adults	25,000 – 45,000 MZN (286 – 515 GBP) \$360-\$640 €310-€570
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
45,000 – 55,000 MTL (515 – 620 GBP)	Private tutor, English teacher, language school teacher	20 – 30	In-person interviews	Some schools offer medical insurance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, and Tetanus.

WEATHER:

What rain there is falls between December and March, with February being the wettest month. Around April, the amount of rain drops and the sun starts shining more. August and July are much warmer, but September is the hottest month with temperatures of over 30°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are the best form of transport.

CURRENCY:

Mozambican Metical

FOOD TO TRY:

Galinha Asada – a grilled or barbecued chicken cooked over open fires at the side of the road.

Matapa – stewed cassava leaves that are blended with ground peanuts, garlic, and coconut milk.

Dobrada – potatoes, onions, tomatoes, green peppers, and chillies are combined in a stew and served with rice.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 75p

A litre of milk: £1.12

A loaf of bread: 50p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £6

Public transport (one-way) fare: 15p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £412

Teaching English in Myanmar

Rich in history, culture and tradition



Country Summary

Otherwise known as the 'Golden Land', Myanmar (formerly Burma) is a country of diverse culture, spirituality and amazing cuisine. Myanmar has an eventful history. Previously under an oppressive military rule from 1962, Myanmar was effectively closed to the outside world. Finally, in 2015, the National League for Democracy, led by Aung San Suu Kyi, won the first democratic elections and since then Myanmar has slowly been integrating with the rest of the world. That is not to say that Myanmar has forever rid itself of political turmoil, but foreigners should feel relatively safe while here as long as you keep an eye on travel advisories.

"Myanmar offers many opportunities to experience the natural beauty of the country."

In the meantime, there is no reason not to explore this fascinating country. As a rural, traditional country which is, in many ways, still stuck in the past, Myanmar offers many opportunities to experience the natural beauty of the country. There are jungles, mountains and beaches to explore; you can trek through forests to villages, drift down the Irrawaddy River on a cruiser or enjoy an ice-cold falooda on the beach. Besides natural beauty, there is plenty of art, architecture and archaeology to enjoy, as well as countless Buddhist sites, on busy streets or deserted mountain tops. A definite highlight and a must for every visitor to Myanmar is the Bagan plain, which boasts an incredible 3 000 temples.

Teaching Opportunities

There are many volunteering opportunities in Myanmar; these positions will give you a small stipend to live off. You could find a job in a private school and your salary will increase with your qualifications and teaching experience. Even with these positions the salary may not seem like much, but the cost of living is extremely low. You will need a Business visa which is valid for 10 weeks and then you will need to do a visa run to the nearest border to renew it.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	1 – 12 months	Year round	Business visa	Children	1,300,000 – 1,600,000 MMK (760 – 940 GBP) \$950-\$1170 €850-€1040
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
2,000,000 – 3,500,000 MMK (1,200 – 1,500 GBP)	Private language school teacher, private tutor	20 – 30	Interviews via Skype or by phone	Some schools offer health insurance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Diphtheria, Polio, Tetanus, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies, Tuberculosis, Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Malaria.

WEATHER:

The climate is tropical monsoon with annual average temperatures ranging from 72°F (22°C) to approximately 81°F (27°C). There are three obvious seasons: the cold and dry season (November to February), the hot and dry season (March to April), and the wet season (May to October).

TRANSPORTATION:

Travellers trying to get around Myanmar will find that it's easiest to travel by air and/or bus. Taxis are available in most towns and cities and are relatively inexpensive.

CURRENCY:

Myanmar Kyat

FOOD TO TRY:

Nga Htamin – rice with turmeric rolled into a thick disc shape.

Hsa Nwin Ma Kin – small cakes of crumbly semolina flour with coconut milk, ghee, and raisins.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.10

A litre of milk: £1.85

A loaf of bread: £1.05

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £1.55

Public transport (one-way) fare: 12p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £456

Teaching English in Namibia

Where sand dunes are mountains



Country Summary

If you're after spectacular landscapes and awe-inspiring natural beauty rather than bright lights and big cities, then Namibia may be your destination of choice. Namibia is one of the least densely populated places in the world, thanks to the sprawling Namib Desert which occupies most of the country. The Namib is considered to be the oldest desert in the world and its sand dunes are the highest and are the iconic symbol of Namibia.

"You'll find everything from epic sand dunes to national parks teeming with life."

Namibia is a huge country with lots to offer. Lush and traditional in the north and with vast open spaces in the south, there are many reasons tourists visit the area: the dunes of Soussusvlei, the seaside town of Swakopmund, safari in the salt pans of Etosha National Park, the Quiver Tree Forest, the Fish River Canyon and, to top it all off, 300 days of sunshine every year. Once a German colony, Namibia became independent from South Africa in 1990. English is the official language, but Namibia is definitely a multilingual country, speaking also German, Afrikaans and local languages Oshiwambo, Nama, Kavango and Otijherero. Traditional culture is alive and well in Namibia, with Afrikaans culture as well as tribal culture peacefully co-existing together.

Teaching Opportunities

There are numerous volunteering opportunities available in Namibia, though you are likely to be placed in a rural area where you will be the only foreigner. Volunteers teach English, but also Maths and Science and possibly other subjects as well. The cost of living in Namibia is relatively high because almost everything must be imported but if you are volunteering you are usually given a monthly stipend as well as accommodation. It is also possible to find a position in one of the international schools, but these positions often require Namibian permanent residency because schools prefer to hire locals rather than foreigners as a result of the high unemployment rate in Namibia. There are a few language schools where it is possible to find openings.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	1 – 12 months	Year round	Permanent resident preferred	Children, teenagers	8,500 – 10,500 NAD (400 – 500 GBP) \$500-\$610 €440-€550
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
15,000 – 25,000 (700 – 1,180 GBP)	English teacher, language school teacher, private tutor	20 – 30	In-person interviews	Assistance with finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis B, Rabies, Typhoid, Cholera, and Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

Namibia has a sub-tropical climate, with desert along its coast and in the south of the country, and a long rainy season from November to March. The highest average temperature in the region is 93°F (34°C) in the south, while the lowest is 70°F (5°C) in the same area.

TRANSPORTATION:

The majority of locals do not own cars, and public transport is scarce outside of main cities and towns. There are several notable bus and shuttle companies who operate daily, and even a few minibuses.

CURRENCY:

Namibian Dollar, South African Rand

FOOD TO TRY:

Pap – a maize meal porridge that is eaten at any time of the day.

Kabeljou – the silver cob is a large fish.

Potjiekos – a stew made of meat and vegetables.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.15

A litre of milk: £1

A loaf of bread: 57p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £7

Public transport (one-way) fare: 57p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £382

Teaching English in Nepal

A trekker's paradise, Himalayan views, golden temples, charming hill villages



Country Summary

Nepal is a country of simplicity and tradition, full of mystery and charm. Though it is a landlocked country, it has spectacularly diverse terrain thanks to the dramatic changes in elevation which result in lowland plains, hill regions, mountains, tropical savannah and ice and snow.

"Nepal is paradise for those who enjoy the outdoors."

Nepal is paradise for those who enjoy the outdoorsy lifestyle. It is home to 8 of the 10 tallest mountains in the world – most notably Mount Everest – and this is the most popular reason to visit this beautiful country. Besides mountain climbing, though, it is also possible to engage in hikes or mountain walks or any number of extreme sports. Away from nature, Nepal has a few bustling city centres. The backpacker area of Thamel is especially well-known for its restaurants and bars where travellers gather to exchange stories about their day's adventures. These cities show another side of the country when you walk the winding unpaved roads and admire the terracotta-roofed houses.

Teaching Opportunities

There are a small number of international schools and language institutes in Kathmandu where you could find a teaching position. However, TEFL opportunities in Nepal are usually volunteer positions. These can be paid or unpaid and usually involve living with a Nepali family – a great way to fully immerse yourself in the culture. Volunteer programmes are quite diverse, allowing you to teach English to children in a school or monks in a monastery, train English teachers or even build houses or get involved in sanitation or conservation projects.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required unless volunteering	1-3 months	Year round	Work permit	Children, adults	20,000 – 25,000 NPR (133 – 166 GBP) \$166 – \$208 €148 – €185
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
7,500 – 15,000 (volunteer), 50,000 – 75,000 NPR (330 – 500 GBP)	Private tutor, English teacher	20 – 30	Interviews via Skype or by phone	Accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, and Meningitis.

WEATHER:

Nepal's climate varies with its topography and altitude from tropical to arctic. The average temperature is a minimum of 48°F (9°C) in the winter and a maximum of 77°F (25°C) in the summer.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are the main way to travel across Nepal. Tourist buses are regular and connect Kathmandu with Pokhara, Sauraha, and Sonauli. Express buses are another good option for long-distance journeys.

CURRENCY:

Nepalese Rupee

FOOD TO TRY:

Pulao – a fried rice dish served with lightly seasoned vegetables.

Thukpa – a hot noodle soup, served with pieces of meat and vegetables.

Bara/Bada – a thick, savoury pancake made from rice flour.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2

A litre of milk: 50p

A loaf of bread: 37p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £1.70

Public transport (one-way) fare: 80p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £107

Teaching English in the Netherlands

There is one day every year when the Netherlands and everyone in it is orange



Country Summary

The Netherlands is a small European country bordering Germany and Belgium. There is one day every year when the Netherlands and everyone in it is orange. This is King's Day and is undoubtedly the biggest holiday of the year. Residents wear orange clothes and celebrate with festivals and street parties all over the Netherlands. This celebration sums up what the Netherlands is all about: spirit and community. The Netherlands is one of the friendliest places you will ever visit and, as an added bonus, it's postcard-perfectly gorgeous.

"Discover the many secrets of this gently beautiful country and its masterpieces."

The Netherlands is famous for many things: bicycles, canals, tulips and clogs, amongst other things. Most of the country is flat so riding a bicycle is a great way to get around. From March to May the tulips are in season and cycling through the flower fields is an experience you will never forget. Then there are the windmills dotted around the countryside, and the canals of Amsterdam, while Maastricht is known as the most beautiful city in the Netherlands. Of course, the Netherlands is a very liberal country so if you're looking for some excitement, head on to one of the many coffee shops or take a walk around the Red Light district.

Teaching Opportunities

It may seem odd to want to teach English in the Netherlands as it is often considered a country where everyone can speak English. Though there definitely is a high level of English in the Netherlands, there are still opportunities for qualified teachers. Most of the teaching opportunities are in language schools in Amsterdam, Leiden, Maastricht and Rotterdam. However, it is not easy to work here if you do not have an EU passport – though some jobs can be found online, many employers prefer to hire teachers already in the Netherlands. If you do not have an EU passport, it can be difficult to obtain a work permit.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	August, December	Work permit or EU passport	Business professionals, children	1,200 – 1,400 EUR (1080 – 1,260 GBP) \$1350-\$1570
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,600 – 2,100 EUR (1,440 – 1,900 GBP)	ESL teacher, private tutor, language school teacher, international school teacher	20 – 30	Interviews via Skype or in person	Assistance with finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B.

WEATHER:

August is usually the hottest month with temperatures rising to an average of 63°F (17°C). The coldest month is January, where the average temperature falls to 37°F (3°C). November sees the most rain.

TRANSPORTATION:

It is easy to travel from place to place using the network of metros, buses, trams, ferries, and trains. It's recommended to get a travel card to save some money.

CURRENCY:

Euro

FOOD TO TRY:

Kroket – a crispy sausage-like snack that is one of the most popular fast food dishes in the country.

Stroopwafel – circular, syrup-filled waffles.

Frikandel Speciaal – a sausage served with curry ketchup.

Bitterballen – meatballs with beef or veal.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £6

A litre of milk: 80p

A loaf of bread: £1

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £13

Public transport (one-way) fare: £2.60

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £842

Teaching English in New Zealand

Majestic snow-capped peaks, unspoiled rugged coastline



Country Summary

New Zealand is known as the land where time stood still, and it is obvious why. Its spectacular natural beauty boasts volcanoes, fjords, mountain ranges, forests and beaches. The fact that it only has about 4.5 million inhabitants means that it is a land of wide-open spaces, peace and quiet, and a lot of sheep!

“New Zealand has mild temperatures, moderately high rainfall, and many hours of sunshine.”

New Zealand is a paradise for nature lovers and outdoorsy types, but also for those just looking for somewhere a bit off the beaten track. From bungee jumping, sky diving and abseiling to whale watching, stargazing and thermal spas, New Zealand really has something for everyone. It boasts an impressive wine region of 120 vineyards and their Pacific Rim cuisine is unique – sampling the seafood, lamb and cheese is a must for any foodie. New Zealand is a melting pot of cultural activities. Her history is an interesting mix of British colonialism and traditional Maori, while more recently, Australian, Asian and European cultures have influenced modern-day New Zealand. This cultural mix has resulted in enough museums, art galleries and performance events to satisfy even the most enthusiastic cultural tourists.

Teaching Opportunities

New Zealand may not be first on the list for most TEFL teachers but if magnificent landscapes, a relaxed atmosphere and a well-established TEFL environment are what you are looking for, then consider New Zealand: the home of Tolkien's Middle-earth in *The Lord of the Rings*. New Zealand regularly features very highly in the world ranking for education systems, so education is very important, and teachers are well respected. Even though New Zealand is an English-speaking country, the TEFL industry is well developed thanks to the many Asian learners who decide to visit New Zealand to learn English. Most teaching opportunities are in the bigger cities of Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington, but there are a few more remote opportunities too. While there are a few language schools to work at, many schools need teachers for summer camps for Asian schoolchildren. A degree is not required but is preferred. Schools don't provide accommodation or flights but will be able to help you to get settled. The New Zealanders are famed for their generosity – just make sure to support the All Blacks!



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	Monthly	January, June, November	Working Holiday Visa	Students, professionals	1,300 – 1,550 NZD (680 – 800 GBP) \$850–\$1000 €755 –€900
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
3,350 – 5,000 NZD (1,750 – 2,600 GBP)	English schools in city centre, 1:1 private teaching	34 – 40	Interviews via Skype	Career progression	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Polio, Tetanus.

WEATHER:

New Zealand is situated in the Southern hemisphere which sees the summer months between December and February and the winter months between July and August. Average temperatures range from 12-16°C in the winter to 20-25°C in the summer.

TRANSPORTATION:

New Zealand benefits from a modern travel system throughout the country with all major cities and towns offering extensive bus services. Taxis are also reliable.

CURRENCY:

New Zealand dollars

FOOD TO TRY:

Roast Lamb

Hokey Pokey Ice Cream – soft vanilla ice cream with honeycomb toffee.

Green-Lipped Mussels

Sausage Sizzle – Kiwi version of the hotdog served in white bread with caramelised onions and ketchup.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2.49

A litre of milk: £1.11

A loaf of bread: £1.15

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £9.52

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.85

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £771

Teaching English in Nicaragua

Volcanic landscapes, colonial architecture, sensational beaches



Country Summary

Fun, adventurous and cheap, Nicaragua is one of the safer countries in the region. Only recently discovered by the tourist hordes, it is no surprise tourists are now making a beeline for this Central American country. Colonial architecture, white sandy beaches, volcanoes, lakes, and diverse flora and fauna are just a taste of what you can discover in Nicaragua.

"Nicaragua is an interesting mix of cultures, architecture, food and music."

With a multi-ethnic population of Europeans, Africans, Asians and those with Middle Eastern origins, Nicaragua is an interesting mix of cultures, architecture, food and music. Granada should be your destination if you enjoy wandering the streets admiring colourful Spanish buildings and churches; head over to San Juan del Sur to surf and hang out at a cheap bar on the beach; or go to Ometepe Island to hike a volcano.

Teaching Opportunities

Don't come to Nicaragua to get rich. Instead, Nicaragua should be considered if you are looking for a really special teaching experience and an adventurous lifestyle. There are language schools, universities and international schools where you can find a TEFL position, mostly in Leon, Managua, Granada, and San Juan del Sur. Schools hire year round, except for December, when everyone is on holiday. Employers prefer to do interviews face-to-face rather than on Skype, so it is preferable to be in the country when you are looking for a position. It is common to arrive and work on a tourist visa, though this is not strictly legal.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS preferred	1 – 12 months	January, February and July, year round	Tourist visa, work permit	Children, adults	15,000 – 23,500 NIO (340 – 545 GBP) \$430-\$680 €380-€600
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
Approx. 15,000 – 70,000 NIO (340 – 1,600 GBP)	Bilingual schools, 1:1 private teaching	20 – 25	Face-to-face interviews	Accommodation, travel reimbursement	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Hepatitis B, Rabies, and Influenza.

WEATHER:

The climate is tropical with a wet and a dry season. The rainy season lasts from mid-May until mid-November. The dry season lasts from mid-November until the end of May. Average temperatures range from 26–32°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are the most popular method of transportation, outside of travelling by car. Buses are cheap and relatively reliable.

CURRENCY:

Nicaraguan Córdoba

FOOD TO TRY:

Gallo Pinto – rice and beans.

Quesillo – tortilla wrap filled with special white cheese and zingy pickles.

Rondón – seafood based one-pot recipe lobster and shrimp alongside vegetables cooked in a fish and coconut stock.

Buñuelos – similar to doughnuts, made with yucca flour and coated in a delicious cinnamon syrup after frying.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 24p

A litre of milk: 70p

A loaf of bread: £1.30

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £2

Public transport (one-way) fare: 36p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £200

Teaching English in Nigeria

A pulsating power-house and coastal beaches



Country Summary

Nigeria is big. Known as the 'Giant of Africa', it has a population of approximately 194 million people, making it the most populous country on the continent and, with over 250 ethnic groups and more than 500 spoken languages, to say that Nigeria is diverse would be a gross understatement.

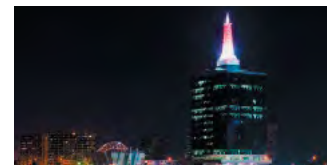
"To say that Nigeria is diverse would be a gross understatement."

Nowhere can the sheer power of the country be seen more than in the capital Lagos, a city which pulsates with life, music and colour. Away from the cities, Nigeria has a lot to offer. Soak up some sun on tropical beaches, go for a hike and stay in beautiful mountain resorts, catch a glimpse of wildlife in national parks, or relax in warm springs.

Sadly, though, Nigeria has a high crime rate and has suffered from terrorist attacks, civil unrest and frequent kidnappings. Before travelling to Nigeria, check with government guidelines regarding travel and safety. Ethnic tensions within the country have been cause for concern in certain parts of Nigeria for the last few years. Also, be aware that homosexuality is illegal in Nigeria.

Teaching Opportunities

Schools in Nigeria are in urgent need of qualified and skilled teachers, but you will need a teaching qualification to teach in a government school. Finding a position in an international school is easier but the teaching degree requirement stays the same. There are numerous charities, NGOs and organisations which are always on the lookout for English teachers on a volunteer basis. Though volunteer positions may be unpaid, organisations usually provide a stipend to cover living costs. Salaries in government schools are not very high and payment may be sporadic but private schools do not have these problems. Often accommodation is included in your package because of the high cost of living in Nigeria.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required unless volunteering	12 months	Year round, especially May to September	Work permit	Children	90,000 – 100,000 NGN (185 – 200 GBP) \$230 – \$250 €200 – €230
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
200,000 – 450,000 NGN (410 – 930 GBP)	International schools, private schools	20 – 30	Interviews via Skype	Accommodation, airfare reimbursement	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Polio, Tetanus, Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

February is the hottest month in Lagos with an average temperature of 84°F (29°C) and the coldest is July at 77°F (25°C) with the most daily sunshine hours at 10 in December. The wettest month is June with an average of 316mm of rain.

TRANSPORTATION:

The bus network in Nigeria is extensive, connecting all major cities with long distance services. There is also a train network of a north-south line between Kaduna and Lagos, and Kaduna and Port Harcourt. Water taxis and ferries are common in Lagos. Taxis are plentiful.

CURRENCY:

Nigerian Naira

FOOD TO TRY:

Pounded Yam and Egusi Soup – mashed yam and melon soup.

Tuwo Sinkafa – rice with spicy sauce.

Ewa Aganyin – cooked beans and pepper sauce.

Adalu – beans and corn.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1

A litre of milk: £1.50

A loaf of bread: 75p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £8

Public transport (one-way) fare: 45p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £565

Teaching English in Norway

The drama of Norway's natural world is difficult to overstate



Country Summary

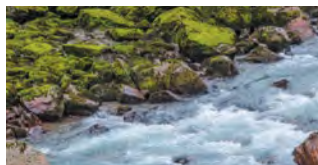
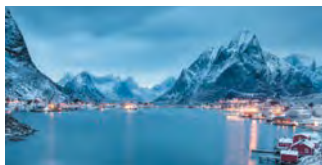
Norway: land of the Vikings, the most northerly brewery in the world and Allemannsrett, the right to pitch your tent or hike anywhere in the country. What more could you want?

Norway is a Scandinavian country, perhaps most famous for its oil rigs and fish markets. To be fair, though, this is also a country of great beauty. Dramatic fjords, beautiful snow-capped peaks, glaciers; Norway is a winter wonderland. Imagine ice fishing near your log cabin against a background of dramatic white mountains; going on a wildlife safari to spot polar bears and watch whales; watching the Northern Lights: this is Norway.

"Norway is a country with great beauty – dramatic fjords, snow-capped peaks and glaciers."

Teaching Opportunities

English is spoken throughout Norway and the education system is very good, meaning that there are not that many TEFL jobs in Norway. It is helpful if you have experience, a good education and a working knowledge of Norwegian. However, you may be able to find a job in a kindergarten, public and private schools or language schools. As in the other Scandinavian countries, the Folksuniversitet system is a good place to look for a position as an English teacher. Opportunities in Norway are advertised online but as many of the advertisements are in Norwegian, it may be difficult for you to find or understand. A better option is to find an agency that can place you – if you are not an EU citizen, it is not recommended to turn up in the hopes of finding a job. Bear in mind that Norway is a very expensive place to live, especially in Oslo.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 – 12 months	September to December	Work permit for non-EU passports	Students, professionals	20,000 – 30,000 NOK (1,700 – 2,500 GBP) \$2100 – \$3160 €1870 – €2800
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
25,000 – 30,000 NOK (2,100 – 2,500 GBP)	Public and private schools, international schools, language schools	10 – 20	Interviews via Skype, via recruitment agencies	Airfare reimbursement	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Tetanus.

WEATHER:

The coastal areas usually have relatively mild winters (still with snow), whilst the inland parts have cold winters with plenty of snow, and hot and dry summers. Average temperatures vary between -10°C in January in Spitzbergen and +16°C in July in Oslo.

TRANSPORTATION:

Norway's public transportation is reliable but isn't as cheap in comparison to other European countries. Taxi rides especially come at a higher price which should be considered when travelling. Almost every town in Norway supplies a network of reliable bus services.

CURRENCY:

Norwegian Krone

FOOD TO TRY:

Røkt Laks – smoked salmon.

Kjøttboller – meatballs with minced beef, spices and a creamy sauce.

Pølse med Lompe – sausage either grilled or boiled served with a tortilla-like bread.

Brunost – brown cheese.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £7.28

A litre of milk: £1.68

A loaf of bread: £2.34

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £15.50

Public transport (one-way) fare: £3.20

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £923

Teaching English in Oman

Beautiful beaches, historical forts and traditional markets



Country Summary

Oman is a country that has traditionally had and still has strong ties with the UK. It is an oil-producing country. Situated on the coast of the Arabian Sea, Oman has a hot, dry desert climate. Oman is surrounded by the region of the world known as the Empty Quarter. This is a vast impenetrable desert that was made famous in the West by the British explorer Thesiger. He travelled across this wild place with the local nomadic tribes. Apart from desert excursions, expats can explore the rapidly growing capital, Muscat, which has the splendid Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, Oman's National Museum and the new opera house. There are beautiful beaches, historical forts and traditional markets. For those looking for something more upmarket, Oman also has some impressive shopping complexes. The Grand Mall is the premier destination for shopping in Muscat.

"The jobs offered have an excellent tax-free salary and benefits."

Politically, Oman is a sultanate and has had the same leader, Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, since the 1970s. He has tried to champion more equal rights for women in the country. This does not mean that Oman is liberal. People, especially women, are expected to dress conservatively. This means no cleavage, shoulders or knees on public display. If travelling alone, women should also avoid eye contact with drivers to avoid sexual harassment. However, in Oman's capital, Muscat, foreign women have an easier time wandering near the Western hotel area. Those expats who respect and adopt a more modest approach to life will find that Omanis are extremely friendly and hospitable people.

Teaching Opportunities

There are few native English speakers living in Oman, which means that if you choose to teach in this country, you will be in high demand. Many young Omani students or young professionals are studying English because they wish to travel or move abroad to work and study. This means that there are job opportunities to be found in private language schools, state schools, universities and also corporate settings, due to the oil industry. Expectations of teachers are high in Oman. Teachers are required to have a degree and a level 5 TEFL certificate. Contracts are for 20-30 hours of teaching a week, and you need to find a job before coming to the country due to strict immigration controls. Employment opportunities can be found online or in newspapers, such as the Guardian and the Times Educational Supplement. The jobs offered have an excellent tax-free salary and benefits. These benefits include furnished accommodation, medical insurance, visa assistance, paid annual leave and reimbursed airfare. These posts are highly lucrative for the right candidate.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 – 24 months	May – August, all year round	Work visa in advance	Business professionals, children	250 – 400 OMR (520 – 833 GBP) \$650–\$1,040 €580–€925
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
765 – 1,575 OMR (1,600 – 3,280 GBP)	Private language schools, state schools, universities, large corporations	20 – 30	Interviews via Skype	Accommodation, flight reimbursement	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Typhoid and Malaria.

WEATHER:

The climate is hot due to its tropical desert location. Whilst the country experiences a monsoon throughout part of the summer months, for the most part, the weather in the country is typically very dry and hot. Average temperatures are 35°C–45°C in the summer to 22°C–26°C in the winter.

TRANSPORTATION:

The preferred method of travelling is via car due to long distances between cities and the country lacking a public railway network. Oman has many small buses, known as baizas, and fares are cheap.

CURRENCY:

Omani Rial

FOOD TO TRY:

Majboos – fragrant basmati rice dish with chicken, vegetables and spices.

Shuwa – slow-cooked meat in banana leaves marinated in spices.

Luqaimat – sweet delicacy akin to a sweet crispy dumpling served with sticky syrup.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £6.05

A litre of milk: £1.50

A loaf of bread: 78p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4.05

Public transport (one-way) fare: 61p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £485

Teaching English in Panama

One of the world's foremost destinations for adventure travel



Country Summary

When thinking about Panama, the first image that might come into your head is the Panama Canal. Although part of your stay here might mean touring this feat of engineering, there is much more to Panama than this. Panama is flanked by the still waters of the Caribbean, and crosses over to the crashing waves of the Pacific Ocean. For anyone who loves the great outdoors, Panama is for you. Being one of the world's foremost destinations for adventure travel, it is possible to enjoy windsurfing, snorkelling, treks into the rainforest or through the 3 national parks that grace this country. The tropical climate, however, means that you will face quite a lot of humidity.

"There is a steady increase in business and tourist opportunities."

Within Panama City there are many places to explore and savour. There are several national parks, one of the favourites being the Metropolitan National Park, where you can take a leisurely stroll. Casco Viejo, the old part of the city, is another popular destination with visitors, which sees perfect examples of French, Spanish and American colonial architecture dating from as early as 300 years ago. The language of Panama is Spanish and having some basic knowledge of the language will help you to orientate yourself and aid your job search.

Teaching Opportunities

Due to Panama's new trade relations, there is a steady increase in business and tourist opportunities. This means that there is a high demand for native EFL teachers. Typical students include business professionals, adults and university students. As in other countries in this region, in order to find EFL work, you need to arrive in the country and then search for opportunities. These opportunities exist, but they can be extremely difficult to find online. This is also the case when trying to find detailed information about Panama to aid your decision about whether to live here. Generally, there is a high possibility you will be hired if you decide to take the risk and come to the country. It is also possible to search for the addresses of potential schools in Panama, while in your home country, and approach these schools once you have arrived in the country or through email before you leave. This means that you will need to provide your own flight and have enough money to support yourself for the first 4-6 weeks of your stay in Panama. Many employers also prefer that you have a level 5 TEFL certificate. Panama City has the best opportunities and the highest salaries. Outside of this city, the salary can reduce substantially.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 – 12 months	March – August	Tourist visa or work visa	Business professionals, children	700 – 1,000 PAB (560 – 800 GBP) \$700–\$1000 €620–€890
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
800 – 2,500 PAB (640 – 2,000 GBP))	Children's schools, language schools, private 1:1 teaching	20 – 35	Face-to-face interviews	No benefits	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Rabies and Hepatitis A and B.

WEATHER:

Due to its tropical climate, Panama experiences both a wet and dry season. The country's dry season takes place between January and April with temperatures averaging 32°C. The wet season takes place between May and December with temperatures averaging 30°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

The underground Metro system 'El Metro' offers an efficient way of navigating from one side of the city to the other. The bus services are economically efficient and offer various routes. It's always best to ask the driver or a local for help if unsure. Taxis in Panama are surprisingly cheap.

CURRENCY:

Panamanian Balboa

FOOD TO TRY:

Gaucha de Mariscos (Seafood Gaucha) – a thick rice soup made with yams, yucca, mixed vegetables and fresh seafood.

Ropa Vieja y Arroz con Coco – shredded beef and coconut rice.

Bienmesabe – dessert made with ground almonds and honey.

Pargo Frito – fried red snapper.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.56

A litre of milk: £1.11

A loaf of bread: £1.44

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £6.24

Public transport (one-way) fare: 38p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £655

Teaching English in Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea is not for the faint-hearted



Country Summary

Papua New Guinea is one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world, with over 800 languages spoken and a wide variety of ethnicities and religions, but it is also one of the least explored. Papua New Guinea – also commonly referred to as PNG – is a very traditional country and cultural life and practices are very important here. This is not a country where you will find a big expat community or your favourite creature comforts, but it is where you will be able to enjoy a truly authentic experience.

“Nothing is contrived for tourists and every experience is authentic.”

Situated on the Pacific Ring of Fire, on several tectonic plates, Papua New Guinea is accustomed to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, which has resulted in dramatic landscapes. The country is characterised by mountain ranges and dense rainforests, and a lot of the country is actually inaccessible. Tourism is a growing industry here and it's possible to find tour companies that can take you where few people have been before. You can also enjoy the magnificent scenery through a wide array of adventurous activities. Outdoor adventures are around every corner: surfing, trekking the rainforests, fishing, kayaking or diving. Or, if you're more interested in experiencing the local cultures, Papua New Guinea has many cultural festivals and holidays for you to experience. If you're lucky you'll see a traditional SingSing – a colourful gathering of the tribes.

Teaching Opportunities

The TEFL industry is not big in Papua New Guinea, but more and more opportunities are opening up. English is the official language of government but Tok Pisin is more widely spoken. Tok Pisin is the lingua franca which developed from English, German and French in order to allow communication between the many different languages spoken in PNG. English is a subject in primary schools but the language of instruction for high schools. There are no language schools here, so you will need to find a position at a local school. In the capital, Port Moresby, there are private non-profit schools for local and expat children. If you are a qualified teacher, it's possible to get a position here. These positions are highly sought after as they generally include accommodation and a living allowance on top of your salary. Unfortunately, salaries are not very high and living in PNG is surprisingly expensive, especially accommodation. Crime can also be an issue in the bigger cities. There are smaller schools in the smaller towns of Lae, Madang, Mount Hagen and Goroka, but living and working in these towns will mean giving up a lot of the conveniences of Port Moresby, though it will also provide you with an authentic and interesting (and safer) experience.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	2 years	November – December	Work permit	Children	4,000 – 5,00 PGK (920 – 1,150 GBP) \$1150–\$1440 €1020–€1280
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
4,000 – 10,000 PGK (1,000 – 2,300 GBP)	Local schools, private non-profit schools for local and expat children	15 – 30	Face-to-face interviews, interviews via Skype	Free accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A and Typhoid.

WEATHER:

Papua New Guinea has a tropical climate, so the weather is typically hot year round. Temperatures range between 23°C and 28°C with the country's dry season falling between June and September and the wet season falling between December and March.

TRANSPORTATION:

Getting around in Papua New Guinea comes with its difficulties, largely due to the diverse terrain found across the country which prevents a lot of areas from being networked with roads.

CURRENCY:

Papua New Guinean Kina

FOOD TO TRY:

Chicken Pot – chicken slowly simmered in coconut cream with local vegetables.

Mumu – pork roasted over an open traditional earth oven, served with sweet potatoes, vegetables and rice.

Kokoda Fish – a delicious fish dish that uses a delicate, light lime and coconut sauce.

Dia – dessert with sago and bananas cooked in a rich coconut cream.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £5

A litre of milk: £3

A loaf of bread: £1.26

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £20

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.14

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £1,025

Teaching English in Paraguay

A country of remarkable contrasts



Country Summary

Paraguay is a small, landlocked country in central South America. It is often overlooked by travellers visiting the area for other more popular countries like Brazil and Argentina, and that's a shame. Paraguay is an adventure in its own right and not a country that should be dismissed easily.

"Little-visited, little-known Paraguay is a country much misunderstood."

Paraguay is great for those who enjoy the outdoors and being in nature. The name Paraguay comes from the Guarani word meaning 'from a great river' because there are many different rivers within the country. There are also many different nature reserves, especially good for birdwatching. Not far from the cities you can walk amongst ruins or visit lakes and waterfalls. When hunger strikes you can dine at one of the many pizzerias or Korean restaurants or, if you prefer something a bit more local, you can try chipa – maize bread with egg and cheese – or akangue yvyguy – slow-cooked cow's head! Paraguay is a country of inequality – where expensive cars drive on cobblestone streets and street vendors sell their wares outside modern shopping malls – but it is a country worth experiencing. Once you have visited Paraguay you will understand the saying that people who visit Paraguay always cry twice – once when they arrive and once when they leave.

Teaching Opportunities

The official languages of Paraguay are Spanish and Guarani and the use of English is limited. Teaching opportunities are mostly in language schools in the capital city of Asuncion. Private lessons are commonly carried out by teachers to supplement their income. The salaries here are not high but neither is the cost of living, so while it may not be the best destination if you want to save money, you will easily be able to have a great lifestyle while you are there. Just keep in mind the fact that punctuality is not a strong suit here so don't expect your students to always be on time!



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 - 12 months	March	Work permit	Students	7,500,000 – 10,000,000 (880 – 1,170 GBP) \$1,095–\$1460 €970–€1300
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
5,000,000 – 10,000,000 PYG (670 – 1,170 GBP)	Private and public schools, private 1:1 teaching	30 - 40	Face-to-face interviews	No benefits offered	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A and B, Typhoid.

WEATHER:

Paraguay's sub-tropical climate means that weather is generally very mild throughout the year. The winter season is mid-May to mid-August with average temperatures of between 13°C and 21°C. The summer season is from November to March with temperatures averaging between 30°C and 34°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

The transportation system in Paraguay is renowned for being rather poor. However it does offer various means of getting around if needed. The best forms of transport are buses and cycling.

CURRENCY:

Paraguayan Guaraní

FOOD TO TRY:

Chipá – a bread roll made using eggs, cassava and cheese, served with asado (barbecued meats).

Borí Borí – thick broth made using chicken, bacon fat, tomato and various other vegetables.

Kivevé – neither savoury, nor sweet this consists of a tender type of pumpkin mixed with Paraguayan cheese, milk, sugar and cornflour.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2.78

A litre of milk: £1.49

A loaf of bread: 39p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £11.50

Public transport (one-way) fare: 25p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £162

Teaching English in Peru

Home to some of the most ancient civilisations



Country Summary

Peru has been an independent country since 1821, when it gained its independence from the Spanish. Peru is home to some of the most ancient civilizations of Andean history, namely the Incas. The ancient city, Machu Picchu, is one of the archaeological highlights of Peru and South America, taking visitors back to the era of the Incas. Peru is also home to the mysterious and enormous images, preserved in the ground, and only truly seen from the skies, known as the Nazca Lines. Peru has a great climate, culture and amazingly friendly people. The colours of its past, present and the landscape are reflected in its textiles. It is also perfect for those who love outdoor adventure, offering rafting, paragliding, hiking and so on. However, there is still unrest in certain parts of the country. The Foreign Office has declared Emergency Areas in some parts of Peru.

“The whole country is obsessed with food.”

Peru is a wonderful place to enjoy its cuisine. It seems that the whole country is obsessed with food. From chilli-rich dishes to stews cooked slowly in beer, from Peruvian chocolate to dishes infused with Spanish, African and Asian influences, the food here is an adventure all of its own. The grilled anticuchos (beef skewers) come highly recommended, as do other delights found at street stalls and open-air markets. The language of Peru is Spanish. Lima, the capital, is the centre of Peruvian business and economics. It has a population of 7 million people. Peru has experienced a turbulent economy in the past, but in the past few years this has stabilised, creating a more stable market for EFL.

Teaching Opportunities

There is now a huge demand for TEFL in Peru. Lima, Cuzco and Machu Picchu are the main areas where you can work relatively safely. Cuzco has become more popular in recent years due to the tourism industry connected with its proximity to Machu Picchu. It is difficult to find a job from overseas for Peru, which means that you will need to be in the country in order to apply for a job. At first, it is also very difficult to find full-time work. If you need full-time hours, then you will need to work several jobs. The other option is to supplement your income with private students. However, with time, it is possible to find a more full-time placement. These contracts generally offer 25 contact hours a week. The cost of living in Peru is low and your salary will ensure that you will have a good standard of living locally, but savings may not be possible. Most jobs come with no benefits packages, so you will need to have enough money to afford your flight and to live in the country for the first 4-6 weeks.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 – 12 months	All year round	Tourist visa or work visa	Business professionals, children	800 – 1,500 PEN (180 – 340 GBP) \$225–\$420 €200–€380
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,120 – 2,240 PEN (250 – 495 GBP)	Schools, private 1:1 teaching	25	Face-to-face interviews	No benefits	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Yellow Fever and Typhoid.

WEATHER:

There are two distinct seasons in Peru: winter and summer. Winter takes place from May to September and summer takes place from December to March. The remaining months April and October have varied and unpredictable weather. The average temperature in the summer months is 24°C. In the winter months temperatures drop to an average of 7°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

There is a great bus network which offers great value for money. Peru's taxi network is safe, and taxis can be identified by a lit company number on the roof.

CURRENCY:

Peruvian Nuevo Sol

FOOD TO TRY:

Ceviche – fresh marinated fish dish.

Causa – potato salad.

Anticuchos de Corazon – beef heart skewers.

Tacu Tacu – a type of 'dumpling' consisting of rice and beans and usually served alongside a beef steak and a fried egg.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.80

A litre of milk: £1.27

A loaf of bread: £1.05

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £3

Public transport (one-way) fare: 45p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £376

Teaching English in the Philippines

The Philippines is defined by its emerald rice fields



Country Summary

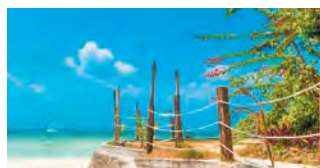
The Philippines is an archipelago of more than 7 000 islands, sometimes called the 'Pearl of the Orient'. To say this is a beach lover's paradise would be a serious understatement. So if you are looking for a variety of beaches – big, small, deserted, busy – then look no further than the Philippines.

"With more than 7000 islands, the Philippines is a beach bum's delight."

But of course, beaches aren't the only thing the Philippines has to offer. The capital city of Manila offers amazing shopping opportunities and Cebu has a number of UNESCO Heritage Sites. You can visit the 2000-year old rice terraces of Banuae or explore mountains and volcanoes. Adventure sports such as diving and kayaking are also on the itinerary. On the other hand, if you're looking for a party, look no further than the island of Boracay. Aside from its natural beauty, the Philippines has an interesting cultural history. Filipino culture is a combination of East meets West, with particular Malay, Spanish and North American influences. There are many festivals and cultural days which celebrate the Filipino cultural heritage, and on these days you will be able to experience traditional singing and dancing.

Teaching Opportunities

There are not as many teaching opportunities here as in other Asian or South-East Asian countries, but that doesn't mean that they don't exist. While the level of English is quite high as a result of its colonisation by the United States in the early twentieth century, recent years have seen a decline in the general level of English. However, there are many well-qualified Filipino TEFL teachers which means the TEFL job market is competitive, but your native-speaker status will come in handy here. You can expect to teach in government or private schools, universities or language centres – mostly in the big cities of Manila and Cebu. If you are that way inclined, there are usually various opportunities in the more rural areas.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA, preferably a master's	12 months	Year round, March	Alien Employment Permit, work permit	Students, professionals	11,000 – 13,000 PHP (177 – 210 GBP) \$220-\$260 €200-€230
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
30,000 – 35,000 PHG (485 – 565 GBP)	Government and privately-run schools, large international companies, language schools	20 – 30	Face-to-face interviews, telephone interviews	No benefits	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies.

WEATHER:

The weather is very hot and humid with high temperatures all year round. The average temperature is between 25°C and 32°C throughout both the dry and wet seasons. The rainy season lasts from June to November and the dry season takes place between December and April.

TRANSPORTATION:

The jeepney is a cross between a bus and a jeep and it is the most commonly used method of transportation in most Philippine cities. Taxis can be found in all major cities and most of them operate on a meter.

CURRENCY:

Philippine Peso

FOOD TO TRY:

Chicken Adobo – chicken marinated in vinegar, soy sauce and spice.

Kare Kare – a hearty peanut-based stew made using stewed oxtails and vegetables.

Halo Halo – a sweet treat that is made using crushed ice, evaporated milk, fruit and ice cream.

Buko Pie – a traditional baked coconut-cream pie.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 74p

A litre of milk: £1.13

A loaf of bread: 74p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £2.20

Public transport (one-way) fare: 13p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £188

Teaching English in Poland

A country with a long history



Country Summary

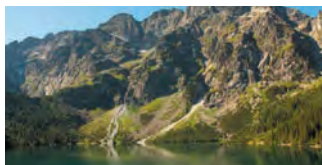
Poland is a country with a long history. Not only has it been witness to some major world events, such as World War II and the Cold War, it has also produced some leading cultural and scientific figures. Poland was the birth-place of both Copernicus and Chopin, as well as one of the most popular Popes in modern times, John Paul II. The natural beauty of this country is also something to savour. The peaks of the Tatras Mountains in the south, the Baltic coast in the north, the lake-side retreats and in the national parks all endear themselves to the explorers of this country. Poland borders seven neighbouring countries, namely Russia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, the Ukraine, Germany, Belarus and Lithuania.

"The people are hospitable, fiercely intelligent and fast learners."

The people are hospitable, fiercely intelligent and fast learners, particularly when it comes to English. This might be because Polish is one of the most difficult languages in the world and has an impressive use of consonants that is not found in many other languages. Even Poles play word games on the radio to test their own language skills. The climate in Poland is quite cold in winter, so you need to be aware and equipped for this when living here.

Teaching Opportunities

As tourism is now on the rise in Poland, there is a large EFL market, particularly in Gdansk, Krakow, Poznan and Warsaw. This has also been accelerated by a government policy that requires all those who are entering business-related careers to pass a state proficiency exam. This means that Business English is an in-demand sector, but Young Learner, teen and adult classes are also on the rise. In order to find a job, you need to start looking in August for October recruitment, and in November and December for January opportunities. Unusually for Europe, some of the best jobs in Poland, with excellent benefits packages, can be found in online forums as well as newspapers, such as the Guardian TEFL section. Benefits can include 9-12 month contracts with airfare paid in full or subsidised, and free shared accommodation. Teachers generally give 25 hours of classes a week, and some teachers also supplement their salary by giving private lessons outside of work hours. The cost of living is low, and if your accommodation cost has been taken care of by the school you are working for, then you will have a comfortable life in Poland. The competition, however, for the good contracts means that you need to have a level 5 TEFL certificate. Salaries are also linked to qualifications and experience.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	9 – 12 months	October and January	EU citizenship or working visa	Business professionals	700 – 1,400 EUR (630 – 1,270 GBP) \$780-\$1570
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
700 – 1,400 EUR (630 – 1,270 GBP)	Schools, teaching Business English	25	Face-to-face interviews, interviews via Skype	Sometimes free shared accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Tetanus.

WEATHER:

The climate in Poland is temperate. Throughout the summer months, the average temperature in major cities such as Warsaw falls between 20°C to 25°C. The winter months are cold with temperatures dropping to below 0°C with heavy snowfall in parts of the country.

TRANSPORTATION:

Poland offers great public transport across almost all its cities, from reliable bus services and trams to taxi rides.

CURRENCY:

Polish Zloty

FOOD TO TRY:

Pierogi (Polish dumplings) – sweet or savoury filled with mushrooms and sauerkraut.

Rosół – broth/ chicken soup.

Polskie naleśniki – Polish pancakes served with a variety of cheeses and fruits.

Gulasz – Goulash.

Blueberry Mazurka – buttery strudel-like sweet dish filled with blueberries.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.44

A litre of milk: 49p

A loaf of bread: 97p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4.15

Public transport (one-way) fare: 66p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £363

Teaching English in Portugal

Cliff-top castles and medieval cobblestone fishing villages



Country Summary

Portugal is often overlooked as a TEFL destination, due to the draw of its neighbour Spain. Portuguese culture is quite distinct from other countries in the region. Cliff-top castles and medieval cobblestone fishing villages remind the visitor of the long history of this country. Visigoths and Romans are just a few who have left their mark on its history. World Heritage sites Tomar and Batalha, along with numerous others, all wait for the visitor to discover them. The Portuguese also left their influence on other countries during their illustrious sailing past. Apart from its historical attractions, the beaches of Lagos and Cascais and the Serra Da Estrela mountain range stand out for their stunning beauty. Lisbon, the capital city, is a laid-back but interesting place, with white and black cobblestones, museums, gothic architecture, bright yellow trams and cafe-lined streets in which you can while away your time.

“Teaching English in Portugal is a good option for those who have recently qualified.”

The haunting musical tradition of Fado, with its raw evocative lyrics, reminds you that this is a country that is close to its roots and lives with passion. The Portuguese enjoy relaxing with each other over their unique cuisine. The Portuguese are proud of their country and heritage. Anyone who embraces this culture and tries to learn the Portuguese language will endear themselves to the locals.

Teaching Opportunities

Teaching English in Portugal is a good option for those who have recently qualified. The increase in tourism has created a demand for EFL teachers, particularly in places such as Braga, Coimbra, Leiria, Lisbon and Porto. Business English and Young Learners seem to be the most in-demand sectors in the EFL market. Companies generally employ teachers who have a degree and a level 5 TEFL certificate. The majority of teachers work on a part-time or freelance basis, which means that they work for several companies. Due to early morning or evening classes, teachers often have free time in the day to also privately tutor individual students. The cost of living is low, which means that you will financially have a comfortable life in Portugal. The best way to find work in Portugal is to look onsite in the country. The Portugal News advertises EFL jobs. The British Council in Porto, Coimbra and Lisbon can also help you to locate reputable language schools in these locations.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	9 - 12 months	September - June	EU citizenship or working visa	Business professionals, children	700 - 1,400 EUR (630 - 1,270 GBP) \$780-\$1570
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
700 - 1,400 EUR (630 - 1,270 GBP)	Language schools, teaching Business English, private 1:1 teaching	Up to 35	Face-to-face interviews, interviews via Skype	Sometimes airfare reimbursement, accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A and B, Tetanus.

WEATHER:

Temperatures can reach up to 40°C in larger cities such as Lisbon during the summer. Portugal's cooler months generally see a lot of rainfall with temperatures averaging 16°C during the day.

TRANSPORTATION:

Portugal has a developed rail network, reliable buses and relatively cheap taxis.

CURRENCY:

Euro

FOOD TO TRY:

Arroz de Tamboril - monkfish with rice and shrimp.

Cataplana de Marisco - seafood stew.

Francesinha - a meat-heavy dish consisting of two slices of bread filled with steak, sausage, ham and chorizo.

Pastéis de Nata - custard-filled tarts.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 46p

A litre of milk: 55p

A loaf of bread: 94p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £6.50

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.37

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £512

Teaching English in Puerto Rico

A beautiful island of mountains and beaches



Country Summary

Puerto Rico may be a territory of the United States of America – they still use the US dollar as their currency and US visitors don't need any visas – but it is a blend of Spanish, African and Caribbean influences.

“Endless sand, swashbuckling history and wildly diverse tropical terrain”

Come here to enjoy the tropical climate and the relaxing beach vibes or, alternatively, to spend your time more actively. Beach activities include snorkelling, scuba diving, surfing and spearfishing. If you take a boat to the bioluminescent bays of Lajas during the new moon you can experience glowing microscopic organisms in the water or if you go to the rainforest of El Yunque you can hike the mountainous region to waterfalls. Puerto Rico is known as the gastronomic capital of the Caribbean. Besides fabulous restaurants with world-class chefs, it would be a sin to leave without tasting mofongo (plantains stuffed with seafood, pork or vegetables), asopao (soup with chicken, vegetables and rice) or lechon (pig roasted on a spit). You know what they say, where there's a lechon, there's a party!

Teaching Opportunities

English and Spanish are both the official languages of Puerto Rico, but English is not widely spoken. There is currently a move towards providing bilingual education which means that there are plenty of opportunities for English teachers. If not in the state system, there is a need for teachers in the private international and language schools, which are mostly situated in the bigger cities of San Juan and Ponce. If you're Canadian or American you'll be especially appreciated for your accent.

The salaries in Puerto Rico are high for the area, but the cost of living is not as cheap as you would expect, so saving is not really an option here. However, schools may offer accommodation or pay an accommodation allowance.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 - 12 months	Year round	Work visa	Students	1,200 – 1,700 USD (960 – 1,360 GBP) €1060-€1500
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,500 – 2,500 (1,200 – 2,000 GBP)	Private international and language schools	15 – 20 or full-time 30 – 40	Face-to-face interviews	May include free accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Combined Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio.

WEATHER:

Puerto Rico has a tropical climate and benefits from warm weather all year round. The more humid season falls between May and October with the cooler season falling between December and March. The warmest months bring temperatures between 25°C and 34°C and the cooler months bring temperatures between 23°C and 25°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses known as guaguas are the best way to get around. They can be hopped onto at one of many stops located around the cities and towns.

CURRENCY:

US Dollar

FOOD TO TRY:

Mofongo – plantain mashed with salt, garlic and oil and served with fried meat and a chicken broth.

Lechón – roast suckling pig.

Arroz con Gandules – rice, peas and pork.

Asopao – rice soup made using chicken, seafood, vegetables and Caribbean spices.

Templeque – a creamy coconut dessert.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.08

A litre of milk: £1.32

A loaf of bread: £1.91

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £7

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.16

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £426

Teaching English in Qatar

A celebration of ambition and a work of art



Country Summary

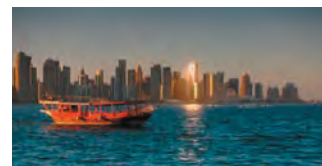
Qatar is a Middle Eastern peninsula with considerable Gulf coastlines and imposing architecture inspired by Islamic designs. The capital of Qatar, Doha, is renowned for futuristic design, magnificent skyscrapers and general splendour. Qatar is one of the richest countries in the world with the highest per capita income, owing in part to the small population. Qatar is known to be a safe country with low crime rates and an effective police presence.

“Generally speaking, the highest paid ESL jobs in the world are found here.”

The official language of Qatar is Arabic; however, English is widely spoken by the migrant population. Qatar is multicultural with influences from all over the world; wherever you are from you will find yourself at home in Qatar. Due to the considerable number of ex-pats in Qatar, most teaching opportunities will be in international schools, where qualified teachers are sought after and the language of instruction is predominantly English. These posts are extremely lucrative and come with significant fringe benefits, making teaching in Qatar very appealing to experienced and newly qualified teachers.

Teaching Opportunities

The country requires teachers of all levels in their international schools, private schools and higher education establishments. Opportunities are also available for native English-speakers to teach English in private tutoring sessions and foreign language schools for Qatari nationals wishing to develop their English speaking skills as the country continues to thrive as a base for English speaking foreign workers. Qatar is very open to foreign workers and a working visa is relatively straightforward to obtain, although Qatar does operate under the Kafala system, meaning every individual wishing to gain entry to the country on a working visa must be sponsored by an employer, organisation or family member.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	July/August	Work visa	Business professionals, children	70,000 - 99,000 LEK (500 - 700 GBP) \$550-\$770 €510-€700
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
57,000 - 212,000 LEK (400 - 1,500 GBP)	Predominantly international schools, English language schools, private tutoring	35	Application, Skype interview, visa applications & checks	Accommodation, health insurance and flights.	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Required: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Rabies and Influenza.

WEATHER:

The climate in Qatar is a dry, desert climate which ranges from warm to hot, with lows of 16°C and highs of 38°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Public transport in Qatar is known for being clean and reliable with helpful staff. There are comprehensive road and rail networks with trains, buses and taxis readily available.

CURRENCY:

Qatari Riyal

FOOD TO TRY:

Saloona – spicy meat/vegetable broth.
Machboos – rice cooked with spices and meat.
Balaleet – sweet pasta dish.
Mehalabiya – rose water and pistachio pudding.
Umm ali – bread pudding with nuts and raisins.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £8.29
A litre of milk: £1.29
A loaf of bread: £1.06
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £10
Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.04
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £1,092

Teaching English in Romania

Fairies, witches and ghosts



Country Summary

The first words that might come to mind when hearing the word 'Romania' are Count Dracula and Transylvania. The Bran Castle stands as a reminder of Bram Stoker's literary legacy. This story seems to cast a dark image on the country, but in fact, the Transylvanian region is one of the most beautiful areas of the country, with its breath-taking mountain scenery, as well as its multi-ethnic population. In Romania, the medieval castles, monasteries and villages are a must-see, as well as witnessing ancient traditions that are still actively practiced in the country. It is not unusual to see traditional farming methods and horse-drawn carts, as well as agrarian crafts commonly still being used in rural communities. There is a strong folk culture of superstition. There are many folk stories still actively told of fairies, witches and ghosts. Romanian music is another area that is both unique and mesmerising for Romanians and visitors alike.

"The Transylvanian region is one of the most beautiful areas of the country."

Bucharest, the capital, is not as attractive as other parts of Romania. Even the Romanians are not keen on the architectural landscape that was unfortunately redesigned by Ceausescu during the communist era. Despite its appearance, however, Bucharest has a lively student and cultural scene with Romanians visiting the theatre and opera, as well as film festivals. There are also well-kept parks in the city. There is an excellent transport system from Bucharest, which allows you to explore the beautiful natural landscape of Romania.

Teaching Opportunities

Having joined the EU in 2007, there has been large foreign investment in the country. There is also a general enthusiasm to learn English, but currently the EFL market is underdeveloped. Many state schools struggle to pay native speaker teachers. In the private sector, the main opportunities are located in the language schools of Bucharest, particularly for Business English. Most job opportunities are not advertised on online forums, so teachers need to go to Romania to find paid work. This will mean that you will need to have 4-6 weeks of savings and also money to pay for your flight to Romania. Being a native speaker is enough for some available positions, but for the better schools a level 5 TEFL certificate can be a bonus to get you a higher paid job. It is also important that you check out the reliability of the school (for example, paying your salary) before agreeing to a job. A reputable source to vet schools is the British Council in Bucharest. Salaries offered in Romania are not huge and might need to be supplemented with private classes. Another option to decide whether you would like to work in Romania is to work as a volunteer teacher in the summer months on one of the English camps.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	9 - 12 months	September - June	EU citizenship visa or tourist visa converted to work visa	Business professionals, children	1,100 - 2,200 RON (205 - 410 GBP) \$250-\$470 €210-€400
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,100 - 2,200 RON (205 - 410 GBP)	Language schools, volunteering at English summer camps	20 - 30	In-person interviews	No specific benefits	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Rabies, Meningitis, Polio, Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis).

WEATHER:

There are four distinct seasons throughout the year: summer, autumn, winter and spring. Summers are pleasant with temperatures reaching between 25°C-30°C and winter temperatures falling to between 0-5°C. Rainfall is common in the country especially so during the cooler months, as is snowfall in the higher regions.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are the most economical option as well as the most convenient and reliable. Trams operate across all major Romanian cities. Bucharest has its own underground system. Taxis are cheap and provide an alternative to Public transport.

CURRENCY:

Romanian Leu

FOOD TO TRY:

Sarmale - cabbage rolls stuffed with a mixture of rice and minced meat.

Balamos - a cheese-like polenta served with a simple salad with soured cream.

Alivenci - a dessert consisting of milk, sour cream and butter with raisins.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 60p

A litre of milk: 80p

A loaf of bread: 43p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5

Public transport (one-way) fare: 40p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £249

Teaching English in Russia

Tsars and revolutions



Country Summary

Russia is officially the biggest country in the world, with its landmass spanning from the trading port of Vladivostok in Siberia, near the Chinese border, all the way to its western neighbours in Eastern Europe. Russia has a unique history of Tsars and the communist revolution of 1918. The richness of this history and the intricacies of the country have been recorded in the works of Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky, as well as Pushkin. The country has seen the breakup of its satellite states and the USSR, but its orthodox religion still remains. This is evident in the sight of the brightly coloured domes littered across the Moscow skyline.

“There is a huge demand for EFL due to tourism and international business.”

The golden domes and white buildings of the Kremlin, home to the current president and the Tsars of the past, remind the visitor to Russia of its amazing history. The Red Square and Lenin's Mausoleum hail back to the era of communism and the only hidden evidence of Stalin is kept beside the Kremlin walls. The underground splendour of Moscow's metro stations, decorated in chandeliers, is an adventure in itself. Such opulence is more than matched by the heritage of St Petersburg. Outside of these two western cities lies a vast expanse of grasslands, stunning lakes and mountain regions, as well as the deepest lake in the world, Lake Baikal. The Russian alphabet presents a challenge and adventure to those used to Western-style scripts. This challenge is one worth undertaking.

Teaching Opportunities

There is a huge demand for EFL due to tourism and international business. The main locations for EFL are Moscow, St Petersburg and Vladimir. There are also opportunities outside of these cities for the adventurous EFL teacher. There is a wide range of students to choose from, ranging from Young Learners, teens and students, to adults and business professionals. Job opportunities are advertised online and can come with good benefits packages, such as airfare, accommodation, paid holidays, 9-12-month contracts and a contract completion bonus. The contract hours usually consist of 20 - 30 hours of class contact a week. A level 5 TEFL certificate is generally required, and the more experience you gain the more this will be reflected in your salary. Your salary and the cost of living seem to balance themselves, so although you might not save, you will have a comfortable lifestyle. Outside of the main cities, more savings might be achieved. For all those living and working in Russia, you will need to have a work visa.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	9 – 12 months	September – June	Work visa	Business professionals, children	20,000 – 33,000 RUB (220 – 370 GBP) \$280-\$460 €250-€410
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
20,000 – 33,000 RUB (220 – 400 GBP)	Foreign language students, private students, Young Learners	20 – 30	Interviews in-person, interviews via Skype	Sometimes flight reimbursement and accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies, Meningitis, Polio, Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis).

WEATHER:

There are only two distinct seasons in Russia – winter and summer. Both in Moscow and St Petersburg snowfall generally happens in late November and remains present until late March. Average winter temperatures stand at 10°C, whilst summer sees temperatures rise to between 20–25°C, and even higher at times.

TRANSPORTATION:

Russian cities offer various ways of getting around with the country's transportation system being well-developed. There is a modern underground system in Moscow, St Petersburg, Novosibirsk and other cities as well as buses, trams, trolley buses and taxis.

CURRENCY:

Russian Ruble

FOOD TO TRY:

Borscht Soup – soup with rich vegetable flavours, topped with dill and sour cream.
Pirozhki – stuffed buns filled with meat or vegetables.
Pelmeni – Russian dumplings filled with potatoes, mushrooms or meat.
Beef Stroganoff – thinly cut strips of beef sautéed with mushrooms in a sour cream sauce.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.17
A litre of milk: 68p
A loaf of bread: 39p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5.85
Public transport (one-way) fare: 29p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £313

Teaching English in Saudi Arabia

Ultra-modern metropolises



Country Summary

As the biggest oil producer in the world, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is also the richest. Ultra-modern metropolises sit side by side with ancient religious and historical sites. Each year thousands upon thousands of Muslim pilgrims visit the most important Islamic shrines in Mecca and Medina. The Kingdom sits surrounded by one of the largest deserts in the world, known as the Empty Quarter, which explains the dry heat of the day and the cool nights often experienced in this country. This does not mean that the landscape is devoid of nature. Saudi Arabia also has green oasis areas. Saudis seem to combine all aspects of the country in their free time and leisure activities range from shopping in plush shopping centres to having a picnic in the desert with family and friends.

“As the biggest oil producer in the world, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is also the richest.”

For anyone thinking of living and working in Saudi Arabia, they need to carefully consider the considerable culture shock that they will experience when moving to this country. The country applies strict Sharia law for both Muslims and non-Muslims. This means gender segregation in all public areas. For foreign women, there are certain laws that restrict what you can and cannot do. It is illegal to leave the house without an Abaya (the black coat that covers your clothes) and your head covered. These laws are enforced by the religious police. Those that do not obey the laws face being imprisoned for inappropriate conduct. This also means that alcohol is prohibited.

Teaching Opportunities

For those who are prepared for the culture shock, and can adapt to these rules, working as an EFL teacher can be very lucrative, with some of the highest tax-free salaries in the world. These also come with excellent benefits packages, which can include furnished accommodation, health insurance, visa assistance and even international school fees if you are thinking of relocating with children. This also means that employers expect you to have a degree, a level 5 TEFL certificate and at least 2 years' experience. Positions are available to teach English to the military, oil companies, universities and in-house for corporations. Contracts usually consist of 20-25 hours of teaching per week. The main centres to find jobs are the capital, Riyadh, as well as Jeddah. The latter is more popular with foreigners, as it has a larger expat community. Any position that you accept must provide you with a work visa that also allows you to apply for an Iqama (ID card). Be aware that companies often take your passport from you and will only issue you with an exit visa and your passport on successful completion of your contract.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 – 24 months	All year round	Work visa in advance	Business professionals, children	2,600 – 5,300 SAR (555 – 1100 GBP) \$690–\$1400 €610–€1250
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
8,000 – 15,400 SAR (1,500 – 2,500 GBP)	Private language schools, international schools, vocational colleges, private tutoring	20 – 25	Interviews in advance via Skype	In most cases accommodation and flight reimbursement	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Tetanus, Polio.

WEATHER:

Saudi Arabia has a hot climate year round with very little rainfall. Despite the dry weather, it still experiences seasons with the hottest months falling between June and August and winter falling between January and February. Average temperatures stand at 36°C during summer time and throughout the winter months temperatures can drop to 15°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Many choose to travel around Saudi Arabia via private car or taxi as public transport services here can often be limited. However, inter-city buses provide an economic way of getting from A to B and can be found across all major cities. These buses are generally comfortable and are air-conditioned.

CURRENCY:

Saudi Riyal

FOOD TO TRY:

Mutabbaq – savoury pancakes filled with vegetables.
Saleeg – similar to a savoury risotto with a milky twist.
Maamul – shortbread-like biscuit filled with pistachios and dates.
Roz Bukhari – roast chicken and rice served with a spicy tomato sauce.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 95p
A litre of milk: 62p
A loaf of bread: 47p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4.50
Public transport (one-way) fare: 62p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £272

Teaching English in Senegal

Full of vibrant colour perched on the Atlantic



Country Summary

This former French colony is a cultural melting pot. It is a Muslim country, so you can expect plenty of mosques and religious monuments and you can also count on beautiful, rolling plains and coastal towns. The capital Dakar is vibrant, colourful and chaotic, promising good sightseeing opportunities as well as an enjoyable nightlife.

“English is not widespread, which means there are opportunities for EFL teachers.”

If you prefer to spend more time in nature than in the big city, you're never far from some spectacular sights. You can visit the Pink Lake – so-called because of the colour caused by the lake's high salt-content – tour the forest and wetlands of the Saloum Delta National Park, hang out on the beautiful, long beaches, or go and see the mind-boggling World Heritage Site of the Stone Circles.

Teaching Opportunities

French and Wolof are the two languages which are widespread in Senegal, but English is not, which means there are opportunities for EFL teachers. You can find positions in private international schools, especially in Dakar or the coastal town of St Louis, or you can volunteer in local schools in rural areas. These positions will offer only minimal resources and big classes. There are also language schools for adults.

Private schools offer attractive packages, including airfare, healthcare and bonuses. However, two years of teaching experience is necessary for a teaching qualification.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
None	1 – 24 months	Year round	Work permit	Children, adults	450,000 – 550,000 CFA (600 – 755 GBP) \$770-\$940 €680-€840
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
800,000 – 1,200,000 CFA (1,000 – 1,500 GBP)	International schools, language schools for adults, volunteering in local schools	15 – 25	In-person interviews, interviews via Skype	In most cases return airfare, health insurance, accommodation allowance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Rabies, Polio, Tetanus.

WEATHER:

Senegal has a hot and arid climate with both a dry and rainy season. The country's rainy season takes place from July to October with the remaining months experiencing high temperatures averaging 30°C throughout, and during the rainy season, temperatures average 26°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

The only efficient way of getting around Senegal is via its bus services. The intracity buses are the most popular and this bus system runs on a regular service, though they can generally be quite crowded inside, so it's always best to arrive in advance to ensure you get a seat.

CURRENCY:

CFA Franc

FOOD TO TRY:

Thieboudienne – fish with rice and a tomato and chilli-based sauce with aubergine and pumpkin.
Mafe – a hearty rice dish with peanut paste sauce, meat and vegetables.
Pastels – deep-fried pastry parcels filled with fish soaked in spices.
Avocat au Crevettes – avocado and prawns.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 57p
A litre of milk: £1.28
A loaf of bread: £1.65
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £3
Public transport (one-way) fare: 20p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £375

Teaching English in Singapore

An enchanting garden city



Country Summary

Singapore is a small island nation, located off the Malay Peninsula. Singapore is one of the safest and cleanest countries to work in, due to the tough laws and fines enacted on those who drop litter or cross at traffic lights when they are red. Chewing gum is also banned. This country is financially prosperous, having one of the major Asian financial centres on its doorstep.

“EFL teachers from abroad face fierce competition with local English-speaking residents.”

Culturally, as with Malaysia, Singapore is a curious mix of Chinese, Malays, Indians and expats from around the world. This is reflected in the colonial architecture in Singapore City, Little India and China Town, Thian Hock Keng (the oldest Buddhist temple) and the vibrant colours of Sri Mariamman (a Hindu temple). Apart from the architecture and culture, Singapore is famous for its world-renowned orchids. These can be seen at the National Orchid Garden. It is also possible to explore beautiful reservoirs and to experience treetop walks above the lush rainforest canopies.

Teaching Opportunities

The need for English means that there are opportunities to teach English, but they are not immediately obvious, as in other Asian countries such as Thailand or Cambodia. The Ministry of Education is open to hiring overseas applicants in order to bring new perspectives to the country. Opportunities abound in state and private institutions. Generally, a degree and a level 5 TEFL certificate will help you to compete with local applicants and to gain better jobs. Once you have obtained employment, you will find that the students are often highly motivated and enthusiastic to learn. One of the biggest issues facing potential teachers is the cost of living. Rent is a major expense for teachers, but online forums often have solutions for shared accommodation. Therefore, it is important to begin applying a couple months before your arrival in Singapore to secure a job before you leave your country. Jobs are generally available all year round, but for Ministry of Education jobs training begins in July for positions starting in January. Early application will also give you a better chance to secure a benefits package. This can include a return flight, work permit assistance and possible accommodation allowance. Transport and food on the other hand are cheap, which means you will be able to live comfortably.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	All year round (with the exception of state-run jobs)	Work visa in advance	Business professionals, children	2,500 – 3,500 SGD (1,450 – 2,000 GBP) \$1800-\$2500 €1600-€2200
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
2,500 – 4,200 SGD (1,450 – 2,200 GBP)	Private language schools, international schools, private 1:1 tutoring	20 – 30	Interviews in advance over the phone	In some cases flight reimbursement and accommodation allowance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies, Polio, Tetanus.

WEATHER:

The climate is tropical with warm temperatures and high levels of rainfall throughout the year. There are two distinct monsoon seasons from December to March and June to September. Temperatures can reach up to 36°C throughout the hottest months of the year, these being June and July.

TRANSPORTATION:

Singapore has various transportation options that are both efficient and ultra-modern. The metro system, the MRT (mass rapid transit) service, is the quickest way to get around the city. An extensive bus service runs throughout the city. Taxis are found in abundance.

CURRENCY:

Singapore Dollar

FOOD TO TRY:

Bak Chor Mee – noodle dish with pork stir-fried with vegetables.

Laksa – seafood with a gently spiced coconut broth.

Chilli Crab – deep-fried crab with sweet, chilli sauce.

Durian – spiky fruit with a pungent smell and interesting taste.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £6.62

A litre of milk: £2.35

A loaf of bread: £1.10

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5.89

Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.19

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £1,808

Teaching English in Slovakia

Untouched by tourism and the outside world



Country Summary

For those who would like to escape from the rushed pace of Western Europe and have a more laid-back experience, Slovakia is the place to head. This country is one of the few in Europe that is relatively untouched by tourism and the outside world. People travel to Slovakia not for the sights of the capital city of Bratislava, but for the outstanding and astounding nature. For all outdoor enthusiasts, this is the country for you. Hiking through the natural landscape and admiring the castles, fortresses and gothic churches is the way to pass the time in Slovakia. The medieval villages and towns have also preserved their folk traditions. Slovakia offers impressive skiing and snowboarding facilities during the winter months. There is a good transport system that will help you to explore the country. The people of Slovakia are relaxed and friendly, which makes it a comfortable place to live. The cost of living, as well as income tax, is low which can be attractive if you are in full-time salaried work.

“The English demand in Slovakia is on the increase.”

Teaching Opportunities

The English demand in Slovakia is on the increase. If you are a native speaker, you will be in demand. The students are enthusiastic and friendly to teach, and there is less competition for EFL jobs compared with the neighbouring countries of Poland and the Czech Republic. The most in-demand EFL sector is currently Business English, particularly in the capital Bratislava. Other locations to teach English include Presov, Nitra, Kosice, Bystrica and Banska. Private language schools seem the best options for teachers, as they pay more than state schools. On a local salary you will find that your monthly pay packet will cover the cost of living in the country but might not allow for huge savings. This will need to be considered when choosing between a state or private institution. Teachers can top up their salary by giving private lessons. Teachers generally teach 20–25 hours per week. Many job opportunities are advertised online and also come with benefits packages such as health insurance, holidays, a flight subsidy and fixed contracts. In some cases, you might also be given free accommodation or accommodation assistance. It is possible to find jobs while in the country, but you might miss out on some of the benefits being offered to those who apply from abroad. The start dates for many jobs are in June for summer camps, and in September for other language school employment.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 - 12 months	June and September	EU citizenship or tourist visa converted to work visa	Business professionals, children	444 - 835 EUR (400 - 750 GBP) \$440-\$930
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
444 - 835 EUR (400 - 750 GBP)	Language schools, private 1:1 tutoring	20 - 25	Interviews in-person or in advance by phone	In some cases, flight reimbursement	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Tetanus, Polio.

WEATHER:

January sees temperatures drop to -1°C in parts of the country, with snowfall being common. The hottest month of the year is July, when temperatures can reach between 30°C to 35°C. Storms are common during the summer season, June being the wettest month of the year.

TRANSPORTATION:

Slovakia benefits from a well-developed transport system with trains, buses, trolleybuses and trams. Whether you're in a city such as Bratislava or a smaller town, there are ways of travelling around efficiently.

CURRENCY:

Euro

FOOD TO TRY:

Bryndzové Halušky - dumplings with cheese and smoked sausage.

Kapustnica - sauerkraut or cabbage soup.

Gulášová Polievka - goulash soup.

Vyprážaný Rezeň (schnitzel) - fried veal, pork or chicken covered in breadcrumbs.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.20

A litre of milk: 61p

A loaf of bread: 74p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4.50

Public transport (one-way) fare: 61p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £400

Teaching English in South Africa

Catch some sun on the beach or go hiking in the mountains



Country Summary

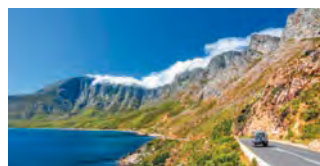
South Africa is a country of extremes. From the bustling metropolis of the city of gold in the north and the world-famous beaches in the south, to the desert in the west and the tropical heat of the east, South Africa has something to offer everyone.

"It benefits from its position at the southern end of the world's most epic continent."

During the day you can spend some time in the winelands tasting superb local wines or sampling food at a traditional braai. You can catch some sun on the beach or go hiking in the mountains. If you're feeling adventurous, go looking for the 'Big 5' on safari or even go diving with sharks! At night, hang out at the local malls or nightclubs. It might have a controversial history and a reputation for its crime, but South Africa has spectacular natural beauty and a rich culture that will welcome you with open arms. You might find that once you've arrived, you'll never want to leave!

Teaching Opportunities

The demand for teachers is not very high in South Africa, probably due to its location. There are language schools around the country, mostly centred in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban. These centres run classes for adult learners from a wide variety of countries and backgrounds. Classes range from General English to exam classes, group classes or one-to-ones. You could be teaching a Brazilian student or a Swiss businessman; no two weeks will be the same. Sometimes groups of children will be brought in for summer courses, but this is not common. Don't expect to come to South Africa to save a lot of money. You will probably earn an hourly wage rather than a monthly salary, and you won't be guaranteed set hours. Schools won't contribute to airfares, visas or accommodation. The cost of living in South Africa is also relatively high, but the reason you would come here is the lifestyle and the experience. South Africa is a country where you can make a difference to the local community. There are numerous opportunities for volunteer work if you are interested in giving back – an experience well worth the trip to the southernmost tip of Africa.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	Monthly	Year round, especially October	Work permit	University students, professionals	approx. 7,500 – 8,500 ZAR (350 – 400 GBP) \$440-\$500 €390-€440
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
approx. 10,000 – 12,000 (550 – 680 GBP)	Language schools, volunteering	Up to 35 full-time, 10 – 20 part-time	In-person interviews	Some schools provide healthcare	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Rabies, Polio, Tetanus.

WEATHER:

Weather patterns change according to where you are in the country, but summer is December – March and winter is June – September. Temperatures during the summer months can soar up to 28°C and beyond with the winter months seeing an average temperature of around 18°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

Buses are used by both tourists and locals alike, who favour them for accessibility, convenience and cheap fares. Another popular way of getting around in the country is by shared taxi services, which can be found almost anywhere. Many locals have their own cars and it's easy and cheap to rent a car while here.

CURRENCY:

South African Rand

FOOD TO TRY:

Amagwinya/Vetkoek – deep-fried dough with sweet and savoury fillings from apricot jam to spiced mince.
Biltong – strips of umami-rich dried, spiced meat.
Bobotie – slow-cooked spiced lamb or beef topped with an egg-milk layer.
Boerewors – thick-cut farmer's sausages.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1
A litre of milk: 78p
A loaf of bread: 67p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £7
Public transport (one-way) fare: 85p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £350

Teaching English in South Korea

Historic, modern, hectic, peaceful



Country Summary

South Korea is a living, breathing oxymoron. Seoul is a bustling metropolis with over 10 million inhabitants, yet here you can find historical sites and contemporary attractions living side by side: palaces and museums are close to massive shopping malls and busy restaurants. Busan and Daegu are two other big cities where you can wander around museums or shop to your heart's content.

"Work in one of the most exciting countries in Asia."

But not far from the bigger cities, you're sure to find a peaceful place to rest and relax. Mountains and national parks are plentiful, or you can visit one of the many islands to have a look around. Jeju Island is a popular local holiday destination and UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its waterfalls, volcanoes and caves. Of course, South Korea has a complex history and relationship with North Korea, which remains one of the most mysterious and secretive countries in the world. If you're feeling brave, you can even visit the Demilitarized Zone, which US President Bill Clinton called 'the scariest place on Earth'. If you're looking for adventure, South Korea is a country to consider. If you want to experience the true Gangnam Style or try authentic Korean barbecue and kimchi, look no further than this island nation.

Teaching Opportunities

Teaching opportunities in South Korea are many: at last count there were 43 000 English teachers working here, and still so many jobs to fill! The market here is growing steadily and many foreigners are finding South Korea a good place to gain teaching experience and still be able to save some cash. You can either work for the Korean Ministry of Education in a public school or you could work in a private school, also known as a Hagwon. Your days may be long, but they will be worth it. Most schools will reimburse your flight on completion of your contract, as well as offer accommodation, paid holidays and an annual bonus. All the holidays allow you plenty of time to jump across to Japan or take a quick trip to other top Asian destinations, or you could travel locally and save your hard-earned cash for a rainy day.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	February, August	E2 Visa	Children, students	800,000 – 1.3 million KRW (530 – 860 GBP) \$670–\$1000 €590–€960
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1.9 – 2.1 million KRW (1,200 – 1,300 GBP)	Public schools, private academies	Up to 35	Interviews via Skype	Medical insurance, flight reimbursement	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Tetanus-diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap), Hepatitis A, Japanese Encephalitis.

WEATHER:

The summer period from June to August sees hot and humid weather whereas winter, from December to February, is icy cold and dry. Autumn and spring offer warm, sunny days with clear blue skies. July is the hottest month in Seoul with an average temperature of 75°F (24°C) and the coldest is January at 25°F (-4°C).

TRANSPORTATION:

Taxis are numerous almost everywhere and fares are inexpensive. Local city buses provide a frequent and inexpensive service.

CURRENCY:

South Korean Won

FOOD TO TRY:

Kimchi – fermented vegetables.
Bibimbap – mixed rice.
Bulgogi – marinated beef barbecue.
Japchae – stir-fried noodles.
Ddukbokki – spicy rice cake.
Samgyeopsal – pork strips.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2.40
A litre of milk: £1.65
A loaf of bread: £1.96
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5
Public transport (one-way) fare: 90p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £452

Teaching English in Spain

Vibrant cultural landscape



Country Summary

Spain is an interesting cultural mix of European and Arabic heritage, as well as its own indigenous populations, namely the Catalan and Basque regions, with their own distinctive languages. Spain has a vibrant cultural landscape. Some famous Spaniards include Picasso and Gaudi. Gaudi's original and modernist architecture can be found throughout the city of Barcelona. Renting a bike and uncovering its treasures is a wonderful way to explore this city. Musically, Spain is famous for Flamenco and Spanish guitar. This reveals the passionate soul that belongs to Spain. It has a unique cuisine that visitors can experience. This includes tapas, paella and exquisite grilled sea food in local markets. Spain also has its own impressive array of wines. The Spaniards not only enjoy life but live it with gusto, perhaps at times risking it through pastimes such as bull-fighting.

"Tapas, paella and exquisite grilled sea food"

Spain is blessed with nature. It boasts superb beaches, such as in Malaga and Huelva, which attract tourists every year. There are the stunning peaks of the Pyrenees, where hours can be lost hiking and enjoying their splendour. The Spanish language is one of the most popular languages to learn in Europe. Some basic Spanish could help anyone thinking of moving here to live and work.

Teaching Opportunities

The demand for English in Spain is high and there are literally thousands of job opportunities to choose from. This can be confusing at first, particularly if you are a novice teacher with no experience of teaching abroad. There are many jobs in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia and Seville as well as smaller places outside of these centres. In the same vein, there is also every kind of learner, from Young Learners and teens to adults and business professionals. Jobs are often advertised on EFL forums, but generally offer no benefits to teachers, such as reimbursed airfare, accommodation or salary bonuses. Therefore, some of the better jobs can be found directly in the country. Whichever option you choose, choosing a job online or looking in the country, you will need to have some savings to see you through the first 4-6 weeks. This will also include rent money. It is advised that teachers begin looking for opportunities in July and early August to secure a job for the start of the year in September. There are short summer camps for those who might like to see if Spain suits them. You need to begin applying in May for these. Employers in Spain favour EU nationals, due to the strict immigration laws.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 - 12 months	September – October	EU citizenship or work visa	Business professionals, children	1,000 – 1,500 EUR (900 – 1,350 GBP) \$1120–\$1600
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,000 – 1,500 EUR (900 – 1,350 GBP)	Language assistants, private school teacher, au pairing, private 1:1 tutoring	22 – 29	In-person interviews	Healthcare	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Influenza and Rabies.

WEATHER:

Spain has a Mediterranean climate, characterised by hot, dry summers and mild, rainy winters. The highest official temperature recorded is a sweltering 47°C in Andalusia in the southern central region of Spain. The coldest temperature officially recorded in Spain is -32°C in Lerida, in the Pyrenean region in the north of the country.

TRANSPORTATION:

Public transport options include trains, buses and taxis. A car can be rented by the day, the week or the month.

CURRENCY:

Euro

FOOD TO TRY:

Paella – popular rice dish with many varieties of fish or chicken.

Gazpacho – a chilled tomato-based soup with olive oil, garlic peppers and cucumber.

Tortilla Española – a Spanish omelette with eggs, potatoes and onions.

Gambas al Ajillo – garlic prawns.

Patatas Bravas – potatoes with sweet spicy pimento (Spanish paprika).

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2.40

A litre of milk: £1.65

A loaf of bread: 81p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5

Public transport (one-way) fare: 90p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £452

Teaching English in Sri Lanka

Endless beaches, timeless ruins, welcoming people, oodles of elephants



Country Summary

Sri Lanka is perhaps most famous for its tea plantations (it was previously known as Ceylon) and its turbulent history, but it has so much more. This country has beautiful, unspoilt scenery, amazing wildlife and intriguing historical sites. Lose yourself trekking through spice gardens, tropical forests and mountains, or laze on pristine white beaches. Take a trip back in time by wandering through ancient temples, castles and ruined cities. Walk on the wild side and visit game reserves to catch sight of elephants, leopards and sloth bears.

"Sri Lanka has beautiful unspoilt scenery, amazing wildlife and intriguing historical sites."

This natural beauty hides the fact that this country has one of the fastest-growing economies. It is a development hub based on the teachings of Buddhism and Hinduism and maintaining a religious and spiritual foundation. The capital of Colombo manages to maintain its colonial roots in its architecture alongside new hotel complexes and stylish seafront restaurants, galleries and museums. Cultural festivals are still common and usually include dancing and drumming, while those looking for a more peaceful experience should visit one of the many meditation and yoga retreats.

Teaching Opportunities

Sinhala and Tamil are the languages most widely spoken but Sri Lanka is realising the benefits of learning English and the growing tourism industry means that there are an increasing number of teaching opportunities. The government is using English as a means of promoting communication between the different ethnic groups, which has placed great importance on the learning of English. You are most likely to find a position in the capital city of Colombo, though even here there are not many language schools. It would be best to try find a job in a private international school – unless you would like to volunteer. While schools may help you with accommodation, teaching in Sri Lanka is not for financial gain, but more for the opportunity to gain teaching experience in such a vibrant, exotic destination.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	12 months	Year round	Work permit	Children, adults	50,000 – 80,000 LKR (215 – 340 GBP) \$270-\$430 €240-€380
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
25,000 – 50,000 LKR (130 – 260 GBP)	Public schools, private schools, private tutoring	30	Interviews via Skype or by phone	Accommodation and meals provided for volunteer positions	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Yellow Fever, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Polio, Japanese B Encephalitis.

WEATHER:

There are two monsoon seasons which bring rain to the west and south-west coasts from May to September, and the east coast and northern region between October and February. The rest of the year is sunny and dry. Temperatures are constant year round, with coastal regions enjoying average temperatures of 25-30°C and the highlands 15-18°C on average.

TRANSPORTATION:

Transport is based on the country's road network which is centred around the capital Colombo with buses and taxis. There is also a rail network.

CURRENCY:

Sri Lankan Rupee

FOOD TO TRY:

Fish Ambul Thiyal – sour fish curry.
Kukul Mas Curry – chicken curry.
Parippu – dhal curry.
Polos – green jackfruit curry.
Wambatu Moju – eggplant/brinjals pickle.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.50
A litre of milk: 85p
A loaf of bread: 30p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £3
Public transport (one-way) fare: £1
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £175

Teaching English in Sweden

Hiking, camping, cycling, skiing, boating, fishing are all major Swedish pastimes



Country Summary

Home to Vikings, smorgasbord and Abba, Sweden is the third-largest country in the EU but the one with the lowest population. It's known as the 'Land of the Midnight Sun' because from late May to mid-July the sun never sets. If you are familiar with the Millennium Trilogy films, based on the bestselling novels by Stieg Larsson, then you will recognise the vast, snowy landscapes of Sweden, the many city islands and the thick pine forests.

"Frozen wastelands, cosy cottages, virgin forest, rocky islands, reindeer herders and Viking lore"

While the number of daylight hours varies greatly at different times of the year (from 6 to 18 hours), Sweden is much warmer than other countries at this latitude and so outdoor activities are popular. In winter you can go skiing, skating and bear watching, while in summer you can stay in a cabin in the mountains and go for hikes with the possibility of not seeing another person for days. If you're looking to spend your money, Stockholm and Gothenburg are the places to go for shopping and nightlife. If you're interested in gastronomy, Sweden is home to some of Northern Europe's (and the world's) best restaurants, or you can decide to spend your hard-earned Kroner staying in the Ice Hotel in Lapland.

Teaching Opportunities

There isn't a high demand for English lessons in Sweden, as the quality of English is high: almost 90% of the population can reportedly speak English. This is definitely a destination that is better suited to those with some experience. Having said that, you should be able to find jobs in the bigger cities of Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö. The Folkuniversitetet system (literally: community university) provides English lessons to Swedes, and many people would rather make use of this system than pay more for private lessons. This is where you will want to find a position as this is where most foreign teachers are employed. As another option, there are a few private language schools that provide lessons, mostly for professionals.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	9 months	July, August	Work visa/EU passport	Adults, professionals	10,000 – 20,000 SEK (860 – 1,700 GBP) \$1070-\$2100 €955-€1900
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
18,500 – 23,000 SEK (1,400 – 1,900 GBP)	Public schools, private schools, private tutoring	25 – 30	Interviews via Skype	Some jobs offer benefits; varies by school	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Measles.

WEATHER:

Most of Sweden has a temperate climate, with four distinct seasons and mild temperatures throughout the year. Temperatures in July average 13°C to 17°C. February is usually the coldest month, with average temperatures from -22°C to -3°C. In northern Sweden, winter temperatures often drop to -30°C, sometimes even lower.

TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation in Sweden is by car, bus, train, tram, boat or aeroplane. Swedes use their public transportation frequently.

CURRENCY:

Swedish Krona

FOOD TO TRY:

Köttbullar – Swedish meatballs.
Surströmming – pickled herring.
Reindeer Paté
Svenska Fisksoppa – Swedish fish soup.
Gravadlax – cured salmon.
Varmrökt Lax – smoked salmon.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £6.50
A litre of milk: 85p
A loaf of bread: £1.71
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £8.50
Public transport (one-way) fare: £2.44
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £665

Teaching English in Switzerland

Spectacularly beautiful with lakes and mountains everywhere you go



Country Summary

Cheese lover? Chocoholic? Then welcome to Switzerland: a country deservedly famous for its many culinary specialities. Bordered by France, Italy, Germany and Austria, it's perfectly situated – a gateway to the rest of Western Europe.

“Look past the silk-smooth chocolate, cuckoo clocks and yodelling.”

The first stop for most visitors is Geneva – a very international and cultural city – or Zurich – a big, cosmopolitan city with a thriving nightlife. Another favourite is Lausanne, on the shores of Lake Geneva, known as the Swiss wine country, which has amazing views of the Swiss and French Alps. For the more sports-oriented, Interlaken is a must for its bungee jumping, canyoning and skydiving. Hiking is, of course, a popular activity to enjoy the scenery of the mountains – especially the iconic Matterhorn. Railway fans can take many different railway journeys on a number of scenic routes through the mountains. On the downside, Switzerland is a budgeter's nightmare with an extremely high cost of living, so don't expect to be living like a king. Zurich and Geneva are known to be especially expensive and are often ranked as the most expensive cities in the world. At the same time, Switzerland is a very safe, organised and beautiful country so as long as you're expecting the expense, it shouldn't come as a nasty surprise.

Teaching Opportunities

Switzerland is a linguistic marvel, with residents speaking either French, German, Italian or Romansh. English is becoming more popular and was recently introduced as a compulsory subject in schools. Consequently, there are teaching opportunities to be found in Switzerland, though the salary is probably not what you would hope for in an expensive country like this.

You're also likely to find work in a private language school in Zurich, Geneva, Basel or Bern. These positions will be paid an hourly rate and your working hours may be split into shifts. Switzerland is also known for its hotel schools which prepare their students for the hospitality industry. These schools have a compulsory English element to their curriculum so it's a good idea to look for employment here.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	6 - 12 months	September, January	B visa	Students, adults	2,000 – 2,500 CHF (1,700 – 2,100 GBP) \$2100–\$2600 €1800–€2300
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
2,300 – 4,000 CHF (1,900 – 3,300 GBP)	Upper secondary schools, private language schools, hotel schools	12 – 35	Interviews via Skype	No specific benefits	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Rabies, Influenza.

WEATHER:

The Swiss climate is continental in the plateau, Alpine in the mountains, and more temperate in the Canton of Ticino. Summers are generally warm with average temperatures of 24°C but in the winter, it can reach -5°C and lower in the Alps.

TRANSPORTATION:

Switzerland's public transport network is safe and efficient. Trains, trams, buses and boats cover the entire country. There are also extensive cycling routes.

CURRENCY:

Swiss Franc

FOOD TO TRY:

Cheese Fondue – melted cheese with bread cubes.
Raclette – melted cheese served with "Gschwelti" (jacket potatoes), cocktail gherkins and onions as well as pickled fruit.

Älplermagronen – a kind of gratin with potatoes, macaroni, cheese, cream and onions.

Rösti – a flat, hot cake made of grated, cooked jacket or raw potatoes and fried in hot butter.

Swiss Chocolate

Swiss Cheese

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £5.40

A litre of milk: £1.20

A loaf of bread: £1.97

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £15

Public transport (one-way) fare: £2.60

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £1,145

Teaching English in Taiwan

Sandy beaches, tropical forests, volcanic mountains



Country Summary

Taiwan is a small, beautiful island that is densely populated. It has sandy beaches, tropical forests, volcanic mountains and the Yushun National Park. It is also famous for its butterflies. Politically, the island is or is not a part of the Republic of China depending on which political perspective you take. Although China used to hold more power and influence, in the last decade mainland China has been slowly losing its grip on Taiwan. This has allowed for a pro-independence stance.

"Learners are highly motivated, open to learning and fun."

In the past, Taiwan has been ruled by the Dutch, the Spanish and the Japanese. This would explain some of the Japanese influences found in its cuisine. There is also a strong aboriginal influence found in Taiwanese culture, art and literature. Unlike mainland China, religion and religious practices are observed here. Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism are all part of daily life. The biggest challenge for anyone thinking of working here is getting to grips with Mandarin Chinese. This logographic script has about 6,000 characters, which makes it hard to read, and might be shocking at first if you have never had experience of learning a non-Roman script.

Teaching Opportunities

There are many teaching possibilities in the capital city of Taipei for both new and experienced teachers, but you need to have a bachelor's degree. Those holding a level 5 TEFL certificate or higher will have a better chance at finding higher paid work. In order to obtain a work visa, it is important that you can show you have a job with a minimum of 20 hours per week. Many positions are not advertised online, which means that you need to be in the country to secure some positions. Taiwanese employers prefer to meet you face-to-face. This will mean that you will need to come to Taiwan with some savings while you look. If you have arrived in Taiwan on a tourist visa, it is possible to convert it to a work visa. However, you will need to leave the country during this process and visit another country while you wait for the process to be completed. With the low cost of living, it will be possible to save. There are many opportunities to teach children, university students and business executives or adults in both public and private institutions, also commonly known as buxibans. The best time to apply for work is either in summer, or in February after the Chinese New Year. Learners are highly motivated, open to learning and fun.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	Year round	Work visa in advance	Business professionals, children	30,900 – 42,000 TWD (840 – 1,100 GBP) \$1,050 – \$1400 €930 – €1260
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
42,780 – 64,200 TWD (1,100 – 1,750 GBP)	Public schools, private schools, online teaching	25 to 30	Face-to-face interviews	Assistance with finding accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Chikungunya, Dengue, Hepatitis B, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies, Tuberculosis, Yellow Fever.

WEATHER:

July is the hottest month in Taipei with an average temperature of 30°C (85°F) and the coldest is January at 16°C (61°F). The wettest month is September with an average of 270mm of rain.

TRANSPORTATION:

Trains, buses and taxis are available in major cities and Taipei and Kaohsiung have underground systems. Taiwan has a great reputation for its public transport.

CURRENCY:

New Taiwan Dollar

FOOD TO TRY:

Taiwanese Beef Noodles – noodles, beef and broth.

Gua Bao – pork bun.

Stewed Pork Rice

Oyster Omelette

Pineapple Cake – with Chinese squash and pineapple jam.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.22

A litre of milk: £2.15

A loaf of bread: £1.24

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5

Public transport (one-way) fare: 50p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £462

Teaching English in Tanzania

Wildlife, beaches, friendly people, fascinating culture



Country Summary

Home to Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania has been the destination of choice for intrepid travellers for decades. There aren't many countries in the world where you can witness the great wildebeest migration on the Serengeti and this is just one of many attractions Tanzania has to offer – from diverse flora and fauna to beach holidays and extreme sports, Tanzania has something to offer everyone.

“Tanzania is most famous for Zanzibar, an archipelago of deserted islands and sandbars.”

For the culture vultures, with over 120 unique tribes, there are many cultural programmes run by local villages to allow tourists a glimpse into their traditional way of life. In terms of beaches, Tanzania is most famous for Zanzibar, an archipelago of deserted islands and sandbars, which offer superb opportunities for swimming, snorkelling and diving. Of course, there are any number of safari destinations within the country, the most romantic being a balloon safari over the Serengeti. Then, to experience something other than nature, take a walk around one of Tanzania's many historical towns, making sure to visit their bustling markets and sample some traditional nyama choma – barbecued goat, fish or chicken with bananas.

Teaching Opportunities

Unlike many other African countries, there are numerous teaching positions for EFL teachers in Tanzania, both voluntary and paid. It is even possible to volunteer with the Tanzanian Ministry of Education. The population of Tanzania is extremely young so there is a movement from the government to put education programmes in place to educate the youth, resulting in a need for English teachers. The most popular place to teach is Dar es Salaam, but TEFL teachers are also in demand in rural areas and in beach towns. Volunteer positions will usually place you in local schools while paid positions will entail teaching in private academies and language schools.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required for paid positions	Variable	Year round	Work permit	Children, adults	1,300,000 – 1,700,000 TZS (450 – 600 GBP) \$500-\$770 €410-€700
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,000,000 – 2,500,000 TZS (370 – 930 GBP)	Public schools, private schools, private language institutes	40	Interviews by Skype or phone	Accommodation or housing allowance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Typhoid, Tetanus, Diphtheria and Measles.

WEATHER:

From June to September there is little rain; this period, in addition to being the driest, is also the coolest, with highs around 29/30°C (84/86°F), and lows around 18°C (64°F), though sometimes at night the temperature can drop to around 15°C (59°F).

TRANSPORTATION:

The Tanzanian transport sector is divided into surface transport (including roads, railways) inland waterways (lakes and rivers), air transport and sea transport.

CURRENCY:

Tanzanian Shilling

FOOD TO TRY:

Coconut Bean Soup
Fried Flat Bread
Fried Bananas/Plantains
Rice in Coconut milk
Plantain Soup

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 85p
A litre of milk: 82p
A loaf of bread: 39p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £2.35
Public transport (one-way) fare: 15p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £231

Teaching English in Thailand

The Land of Smiles



Country Summary

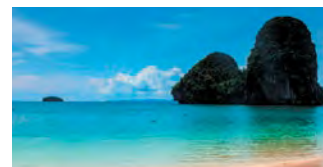
Thailand is known as the 'Land of Sunshine', due to its warm tropical climate. It has many places to explore. These include Bangkok, the beaches of Phuket and Hua Hin, deep jungles and floating markets. Visitors to this country can go shopping or visit beautiful religious buildings, like Buddhist temples or royal palaces. Monks, in their brightly coloured orange gowns, are a common sight in Bangkok, weaving their way in and out of the crowds.

"Thailand is an excellent place for teachers due to the friendly students and slower pace of life."

Thailand is also known as the 'Land of Smiles', with some of the friendliest inhabitants on Earth. Despite Thai people staring at you because of your foreignness, it will not seem as uncomfortable as you might expect. The reason for this is because the people in this country, despite their open curiosity, reach out and include you in their lives, rather than keep you at a distance. The slow pace of the country also offers welcome relief from the faster-paced lifestyle of other nations in the region. The Thai language, with its delicate script curving across the page, and its tones, can offer a challenge to the uninitiated.

Teaching Opportunities

Due to its popularity, Thailand is a competitive place to find a job, but this also means that there are plenty of opportunities for those who have a 3-year degree. It has become harder and harder to get a work visa in this country without a degree, and would mean working illegally on a tourist visa. This degree requirement is sometimes overlooked if you can demonstrate to the authorities that you have years of teaching experience. Thailand, however, due to the friendly students and slower pace is an excellent place for teachers who are newly certified, to learn and hone their teaching skills. It is possible to apply for a job outside of the country. This means that, generally, you are more likely to be given assistance with your visa, airfare and accommodation. The more qualifications and experience you have, the more likely you are to receive a good salary with a solid benefits package. Teaching jobs are available in private language schools, state schools and universities. Jobs are generally located in Bangkok and Chang Mai. Surat Thani is another possibility. With the tourism sector booming in Thailand, there are new opportunities opening up in hotels for in-house TEFL teachers, where you might also be asked to give basic business courses.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	All year round	Work visa	Business professionals, children	20,480 – 30,725 THB (527 – 800 GBP) \$660-\$990 €585-€880
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
21,107 – 31,661 THB (550 – 800 GBP)	Government schools, international schools, language schools, universities, private teaching	22	Interviews via Skype or by phone	In some cases free accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Tetanus, Diptheria, Typhoid, Hepatitis A.

WEATHER:

Thailand's tropical climate is characterised by high temperatures and humidity throughout the year. Average temperatures range from 30°C at its lowest in December and up to 36°C from January to April. Rainfall generally averages from 5mm in December to 300mm in September in central parts of Thailand.

TRANSPORTATION:

The main forms of transport are buses, trains, the Skytrain in Bangkok, tuk-tuks for short distances.

CURRENCY:

Thai Baht

FOOD TO TRY:

Pad Thai – thin rice noodles stir-fried with egg, tofu and shrimp, and seasoned with fish sauce, sugar, tamarind, vinegar and dried chilli.

Laap – minced meat seasoned with roasted rice powder, lime juice, fish sauce and fresh herbs.

Som Tam – strips of crunchy unripe papaya with tomato, long beans, chilli, lime and fish sauce.

Green Curry – piquant/herbal spice paste and rich coconut milk with jasmine rice.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.75

A litre of milk: 15p

A loaf of bread: 90p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £1.50

Public transport (one-way) fare: 75p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £375

Teaching English in Togo

Dramatic backdrops, traditional villages and beaches



Country Summary

Togo is a thin strip of a country on the west coast of Africa. With tranquil beaches, vibrant markets and friendly people, it was once considered the pearl of West Africa. For such a small country, Togo has a surprising number of attractions.

“There are many volunteer opportunities in Togo.”

The capital of Lomé has both pristine beaches and a thumping nightlife. To the east are colonial towns with their chaotic and colourful markets. Inland villages can be found hidden in the forests of the cocoa triangle while in the north, traditional villages showcase the laid-back lifestyle of rural Africa. Living in Togo is not for the faint-hearted, though. There is very little infrastructure, unreliable public transport and many places don't have electricity or running water. While living in Togo may be challenging, it'll definitely be rewarding.

Teaching Opportunities

There are many volunteer opportunities in Togo, most of them in the capital of Lomé. School facilities are limited and resources are minimal so come prepared to create your own classroom materials or with ideas to teach creatively. Class sizes are generally large (50+) but the local teachers are friendly and helpful. They speak a mixture of French and Ewe, so a basic knowledge of French would be useful. While this may not sound like the ideal place to go and teach, Togo will give you an experience like no other. The chances are high that you will be the only foreign teacher in your school and the teaching conditions will only serve to strengthen your teaching skills.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
None	2 weeks – 12 months	Year round	Tourist visa	Children	100,000 – 120,000 XFA (137 – 164 GBP) \$170–\$200 €150–€180
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
Volunteer	1:1 private tutoring, volunteering	20 – 30	Interviews via Skype or by phone	Volunteer positions: transportation, food, accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Typhoid, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Rabies.

WEATHER:

Togo has a tropical climate. In winter, there is much less rainfall than in summer. The average annual temperature is 24.5 °C. The average annual rainfall is 1621 mm.

TRANSPORTATION:

The south-north route from Lomé to Cinkasse is served by a large, air-conditioned bus known as the Climatize Bus.

CURRENCY:

CFA Franc

FOOD TO TRY:

Fufu – peeled and boiled yams, pounded and served with stew and sauce.

Koklo Meme – grilled chicken with a chilli sauce.

Konkonte – pâté made from cassava.

Pâté – a cornmeal cake.

Riz Sauce d'Arachide – rice with a groundnut sauce.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £1.60

A litre of milk: £1.41

A loaf of bread: £2.14

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £3.35

Public transport (one-way) fare: 37p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £130

Teaching English in Tunisia

Remnants of the Romans and Mediterranean bliss



Country Summary

Tunisia is a country of both natural and man-made beauty. It boasts gorgeous beaches and the stunningly beautiful Sahara Desert, but also the historical site of Carthage. It is the northernmost country in Africa and gained independence from France in 1956. Its recent history was marred by the Tunisian revolution in 2011 – an intensive campaign of mass resistance caused by high unemployment, inflation, corruption and lack of freedom of speech. It was this revolution which inspired the Arab Spring which swept through the Arab world.

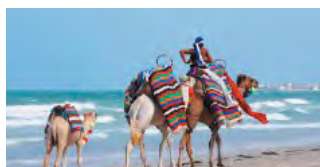
“The majority of teaching opportunities can be found in Tunis.”

Geographically, Tunisia is a long country so environmental differences naturally change from north to south. The south of the country is desert but it is known to snow in some areas in the north. Generally speaking, the country enjoys a mild Mediterranean climate, perfect for spending afternoons shopping in the souk, wandering the ruins of Carthage, drinking jasmine tea or hanging out at one of the beaches.

Please note: before travelling to Tunisia, check up-to-date travel advisory warnings. As a result of a number of terrorist threats and attacks, a state of emergency has been declared in Tunisia and it may not be safe for tourists. As of May 2020, it is unclear when the state of emergency will be lifted.

Teaching Opportunities

The majority of teaching opportunities can be found in Tunis, a cosmopolitan mix of Arab and European cultures with easy access to beaches and the Sahara Desert, and the major tourist destination of Sousse. Jobs can be found in British- or US-run language centres or private universities. There is a focus on education with the result that Tunisia boasts high literacy rates. Arabic is the official language of Tunisia but French is also widely spoken though not officially recognised – it is used in education, press and business. Tunisians are eager to learn English in order to study abroad or work for international companies – Business and Academic English are popular choices.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required, 1-year teaching experience preferred	12 months	Year round	Work permit	All ages	1,000 – 1,200 TND (280 – 336 GBP) \$350-\$420 €311-€373
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
2,800 – 5,800 TND (785 – 1,600 GBP)	Private language schools, international schools, language centres	20-30	Interviews by phone or face-to-face interviews	In some cases accommodation and round-trip flights	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies, Typhoid, Tetanus.

WEATHER:

The climate is Mediterranean on the northern coast, with mild, rainy winters and hot, sunny summers, while it is semi-desert or desert in inland areas. The temperatures along the coast have highs of 16/18°C (61/64°F) in winter, and 32/33°C (89/91°F) in summer.

TRANSPORTATION:

Tunisia has a dense, modern road network, weaving through the country and connecting towns and villages. The rail network connects the north to the south. In the towns and suburbs, taxis with meters and buses are the most common form of transport.

CURRENCY:

Tunisian Dinar

FOOD TO TRY:

Brik – pastry dough called malsouka, fried and filled with egg, parsley, tuna.

Tunisian Salad – salad of tomato, onion, cucumber, beans, potatoes, olives, tuna and egg.

Le Lablabi – thick soup or stew made of chickpeas with cumin and garlic.

Harissa – spicy paste with chilli peppers and garlic.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 85p

A litre of milk: 31p

A loaf of bread: 15p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £1.30

Public transport (one-way) fare: 15p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £120

Teaching English in Turkey

A country on two continents



Country Summary

Turkey, split between Europe and Asia, has an amazing cultural heritage. This is symbolised in the former capital of Turkey, Istanbul. Looking at the architecture from a boat on the Bosphorus, it is evident that so many civilisations have crossed these shores. The Venetians, the Byzantines, the Romans and the Greeks have all left their mark here, as well as Turkey's Sultans. Side by side sits Aya Sofia, once a church and a mosque (now a museum), and the Blue Mosque on the same skyline. Throughout the country, there is a rich past legacy. The old city of Troy, the ancient library of Ephesus, and Nimrod in the east are to name just a few historical monuments. Mount Ararat of biblical fame and the southern beach region of Olu Deniz have breath-taking natural scenery.

"There is a huge demand for EFL in Turkey."

Although Turkey has a large Muslim population, it is unlike its other Muslim neighbours in the Middle East. While some Turks cover their heads and observe religious practices, other Turks are more secular in their approach, wearing modern dress and drinking alcohol. This is because Turkey is also a secular Republic that was founded in 1923 by Ataturk, who reformed the country using a Western-style model. Subsequently, Turkish people are proud of their country. Turks are famous for their warm welcome and hospitality. They have a spontaneous spirit, and enjoy sitting down over a glass of Turkish tea or coffee to catch up with each other.

Teaching Opportunities

There is a huge demand for EFL in Turkey. Everyone needs to learn English, either for entrance exams, international communication, business transactions or to secure a good job. The main locations in Turkey in which to find EFL jobs are Istanbul, the capital Ankara, Izmir and Bursa. Education in Turkey is a prized and expensive commodity and there are many job opportunities in private language schools, private schools and universities. Contracts generally ask for 20-35 hours of teaching per week. The salary is enough to live comfortably. It is also possible to earn more money from private tuition. Jobs are regularly advertised online. Teachers must be careful about researching these. Some places will ask you to work on a tourist visa, which means that you will need to do a visa run every three months, to Bulgaria, Greece or the Ukraine. There are other institutions that do not pay on time or at all. Having said this, there are good jobs for those who have a level 5 TEFL certificate. The first year might not bring you the job you want, but after a year of experience in the country, many quality employers will have openings for you. Many prefer those with experience of teaching in Turkey and who are applying from within the country.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 - 12 months	Year round – private language schools, September – public and private schools	Work visa	Business professionals, children	1,500 – 2,500 TRY (175 – 290 GBP) \$218–\$354 €194–€324
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
2,500 – 6,000 TRY (290 – 700 GBP)	Kindergartens, secondary schools, international schools, private language schools, private elementary and high schools, private tutoring	20 – 35	Interviews via Skype or face-to-face interviews	No specific benefits	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Rabies, Tetanus, Diphtheria.

WEATHER:

Turkey is situated in a large Mediterranean geographical location where climatic conditions are quite temperate. The average temperature is 23 °C in summer and -2 °C in winter. The climate in the Black Sea area is wet, and humid (summer 23 °C, winter 7 °C).

TRANSPORTATION:

The public transport system in Turkey is very convenient and reasonably priced, and provided by planes, buses, trains, minibuses (namely dolmus), and subways (in major cities). Most towns have a bus station linked to the city centre by free shuttle bus.

CURRENCY:

Turkish Lira

FOOD TO TRY:

Kumpir – baked potato.

Kofte – meatballs with lean beef mince, chilli, onion, and bulgur wheat.

Baklava – sweet pastry.

Gozleme – a fine pancake filled with delicious ingredients such as cheese, spinach, minced meat, and vegetables.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2.20

A litre of milk: 55p

A loaf of bread: 31p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4.50

Public transport (one-way) fare: 80p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £315

Teaching English in Uganda

Soaring mountains, gorillas, terraced hilltops



Country Summary

Known as the 'Pearl of Africa', Uganda is a landlocked country in Eastern Africa. It gained independence from Britain in 1962 and subsequently endured a turbulent few decades and became known for its high HIV rates. These days Uganda is relatively stable and safe to visit, though it has come under severe criticism for its laws against homosexuality.

"Uganda is one of the few countries where you can encounter gorillas in their natural habitat."

Besides its politics, Uganda is famous for its gorillas, being one of the few countries where you can encounter gorillas in their natural habitat – the Mgahinga Gorilla National Park and the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park are home to over half of the world's remaining mountain gorillas. Once you have spent enough time in the jungle you can head over to one of Uganda's many lakes where you can enjoy boat safaris, fishing and birdwatching. And let's not forget that Uganda is home to a number of national parks where you can enjoy a safari without the crowds which visit neighbouring countries.

Teaching Opportunities

English and Swahili are the two official languages of Uganda. Primary education is free but the quality of education has been affected by high student: teacher ratios. This has resulted in a need for teachers but you need a bachelor's degree in education in order to teach in a government or international school. There are, however, many different volunteer programmes to get involved with which don't require you to have any degree qualification. It's also possible to be a private tutor. The majority of jobs can be found in the urban cities of Kampala and Kira.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BEd required unless a volunteer position	Variable	Year round	Work permit	Children	2,700,000 – 3,600,000 UGX (580 – 775 GBP) \$725-\$970 €645-€860
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
Volunteer	International schools, private language schools	Up to 40	Face-to-face interviews	In some cases accommodation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Rabies, Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria.

WEATHER:

The hottest months are January and February when the average daytime range is 24-33°C (52-91°F) with peaks of up to 40°C/104°F in the far north. The south has two wet seasons: from mid-September to November and March to May. The dry season from December to February means only that it rains less and the second dry season – from June and July – is considerably drier.

TRANSPORTATION:

Taxis are a cheap and convenient way to get around. Private taxis, called special hires, are also available but rates should be negotiated before beginning the journey.

CURRENCY:

Ugandan Shilling

FOOD TO TRY:

Posho – a type of cornmeal porridge.

Sim-sim (sesame) – roasted sesame paste mixed into a stew of beans.

Matooke – green bananas boiled or steamed and mashed, cooked in or served with a sauce of peanuts, beans, fresh fish or meat.

Luwombo – a stew of either chicken, beef, mushrooms or fish steamed in banana leaves.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 85p

A litre of milk: 45p

A loaf of bread: 67p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4.05

Public transport (one-way) fare: 45p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £175

Teaching English in United Kingdom

Where the past comes to life



Country Summary

The UK consists of four distinct countries. To the north is Scotland, in the middle is England, in the west is Wales and, in the north-west away from the mainland is Northern Ireland. The UK has a well-preserved history, from the ancient ruins of Stonehenge to Hadrian's Wall, built by the Romans. It also has historical centres such as Edinburgh, Stratford-Upon-Avon (the birth place of Shakespeare), the popular town of Bath and the palaces built by the Kings and Queens of the country, littered up and down its shores.

"Every culture and country on Earth seems to be represented here."

The UK people love to walk and go out in nature. There are some stunning areas of natural beauty that have been preserved in the country. This includes Devon and Cornwall in the south west. This region has an idyllic landscape, set on the coast with 400-500-year-old cottages. The Cotswolds and the Lake District and the wild landscape of Wales and Scotland are also well worth exploring. London has its very own character. Apart from the major tourist sites, such as the River Thames, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London, it also has a vibrant multicultural population. Every culture and country on Earth seem to be represented here.

Teaching Opportunities

The EFL market is in huge demand, with EFL students coming to the country either to live for 6 months or a year, or for a summer camp to learn English. The unique element of working in the UK is that your classes will be multicultural. The learners have a direct motivation to learn and speak English, so that they can communicate with their classmates. For those staying and working in the UK, there are certain areas that are major centres for EFL jobs. These include London, Cambridge, Bath, Bournemouth, Brighton, Hastings, Edinburgh, Exeter and Belfast. There are many opportunities to teach every kind of EFL in the UK from seaside towns like Brighton to big cities like Manchester or university towns like Cambridge. While there are many private language institutes that will employ teachers, not all of them pay on time or have good working conditions. The route into permanent and secure yearly employment can also be tricky, as the majority of EFL work, outside of some of the big cities, is seasonal. To try to find a year-round job it is essential to begin teaching on one of the summer camps or schools during the summer months. Applications begin as early as April. The job competition is stiff so it will be essential to have a level 5 TEFL certificate.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	3 - 12 months	April - May, summer holidays	EU Citizenship or work visa	Business professionals, children	720 - 1,400 GBP \$900-\$1740 €800-€1550
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
1,500 - 2,500 GBP	Primary schools, secondary schools, online teaching, private language schools, universities	30 - 40 full-time, 15 - 25 part-time	Interviews via Skype	No special benefits	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies.

WEATHER:

The United Kingdom has a temperate climate, with average temperatures ranging from anywhere between 6°C (42°F) in the winter and 32°C (90°F) in the summer. Rain is common year round.

TRANSPORTATION:

Transport in the United Kingdom is facilitated with road, air, rail, and water networks. There are many regional and international airports, with Heathrow Airport in London being one of the busiest in the world.

CURRENCY:

Pound Sterling

FOOD TO TRY:

English Breakfast - the traditional morning meal includes a hearty plate of eggs, bacon, sausages, grilled tomatoes, mushrooms, tea and toast with marmalade.

Salt Beef Bagel

Bara Brith Bread - Welsh Tea Bread.

Pork Pie - made of pork meat, pastry crust, and gelatine.

Haggis - Scottish sausage made from sheep's organs, oatmeal, onion, suet, and seasoning.

Fish and Chips

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £3

A litre of milk: 90p

A loaf of bread: 97p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £14

Public transport (one-way) fare: £2.40

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £715

Teaching English in United Arab Emirates

Influences from India, Malaysia, the Philippines and the UK



Country Summary

The UAE is a huge oil-producing country with influences from India, Malaysia, the Philippines and the UK. Subsequently, it is a country of fusion and of contrast. The ultra-modern architecture of Dubai sits side by side with the country's ancient Bedouin culture. The country is currently undertaking a huge investment in infrastructure and construction. The pinnacle of this is the Burj Khalifa, which is the tallest structure in the world. Dubai also has a plethora of premium shopping complexes, beaches where you can wear a bathing suit or shorts, as well as temples. This means that Dubai is more liberal than other cities in the region. However, do not be fooled by the modern appearance. For both men and women conservative clothing and behaviour is expected in public. Those who break the rules, such as with public displays of affection with the opposite sex, can find themselves facing imprisonment or deportation.

"It offers a great standard of living for anyone looking to teach English."

Abu Dhabi, another region of the UAE, is also more conservative, particularly in how women dress. This means women should not show any shoulder, cleavage or knees. Close to Abu Dhabi is the garden oasis of Al Ain, with parks and the scenic backdrop of the Hajar Mountains.

Teaching Opportunities

Despite the restrictions, the UAE is more liberal than some other countries in the region. It offers a great standard of living for anyone looking to teach English. There is a large demand for English teachers, due to the ever-growing importance of the UAE in the global economy. There are high salaries, no income tax on your earnings and great benefits. These generally include luxury furnished accommodation, health insurance, paid holidays and reimbursed airfare. The high salaries also bring with them high expectations of teachers. Teachers need to have a degree, a level 5 TEFL certificate and experience. There are some limited opportunities for newly qualified teachers. Contracts are for 35-40 hours of teaching per week. Students are motivated and open to learn, but the pace of learning might be slower than in other regions of the world. The locations where it is possible to find teaching opportunities are Abu Dhabi, Sharjah and Dubai. It is also vitally important that teachers find work before coming to the country, due to the strict work visa regulations. It is possible to find jobs advertised on online forums. EFL opportunities generally have start dates beginning in September and January respectively. This means that due to the lengthy visa-processing time, teachers need to begin applying 4 months in advance.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 – 24 months	September and January	Work visa in advance	Business professionals, children	4,820 – 12,050 AED (1,051 – 2,600 GBP) \$1300–\$3200 €1166–€2900
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
4,820 – 12,050 AED (1,051 – 2,600 GBP)	Private schools, international schools, language schools	35 – 40	Interviews in advance via Skype	Flights, accommodation, health insurance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid and Rabies.

WEATHER:

The United Arab Emirates has a desert climate, with very mild winters and very hot and sunny summers. Winter, from December to February, is very mild, or pleasantly warm: maximum temperatures range from 24°C to 26°C (76°F to 80°F). Summer is very hot and sunny, with daytime temperatures ranging from 39°C to 42°C (101°F to 107°F) between June and September.

TRANSPORTATION:

Most people own their cars or use taxis. There are also commercial taxis and buses for visitors who want to find their way around and these are relatively inexpensive and safe. There is also rail transport although it is not a very popular means of transportation.

CURRENCY:

United Arab Emirates Dirham

FOOD TO TRY:

Harees – a dish of boiled, cracked, or coarsely-ground wheat mixed with meat with a consistency between porridge and a dumpling.
Machboos – rice, onions and meat seasoned with spices.
Kousa Mahshi – courgettes stuffed with rice.
Baba Ganoush – dip made of smoked aubergine with onions, tomatoes and olive oil.
Stuffed Camel

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £6.40
A litre of milk: £1.10
A loaf of bread: 78p
Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £4.25
Public transport (one-way) fare: 85p
Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £974

Teaching English in United States of America

A country of road trips and great open skies



Country Summary

Land of the free, home of the brave, the United States is a gigantic geographical space just waiting to be explored. It's a country of so many different parts you won't know where to start. From the country music of Nashville in the south to the wilderness of Alaska in the north; the sunny climes of California in the west to the skyscrapers of New York in the east, and so much more in between.

"The great American experience: bluegrass and beaches, snow-covered peaks and redwood forests."

If you're not gambling away your money and partying the night away in Vegas, perhaps you're enjoying the breath-taking views of the Grand Canyon. If you enjoy a little skiing, make your way to Colorado, but if you prefer an island getaway, head to the tropical paradise of Hawaii. Maybe you'd like a taste of the rich and famous and would enjoy a celebrity tour around Hollywood. In terms of cuisine, the US offers tastes which mirror its melting-pot identity. Burgers and fries, pizza, New York-style baked cheesecake, pretzels, southern fried chicken and biscuits, Starbucks – the United States has whatever your stomach desires.

Teaching Opportunities

While the TEFL market in the US is not as big as Asia or South America, the US is home to a wide range of immigrants. In order to be successful here, a working knowledge of English is a must and for this reason there are loads of language schools dotted around the country to cater for the needs of the immigrant population. As the number of language schools grows, so too does the number of international students coming to these shores for a few weeks or months to improve their English. You are more likely to find these schools in east- or west-coast cities like New York, Boston, Miami or San Francisco. There are opportunities in the K-12 public school system and community colleges, but these fall under different laws to the private language schools so you are required to have a teaching license, which makes finding a job a bit more complicated. Also, it's such a big country that laws and requirements differ state by state, so perhaps think about where you would like to live and work before finding out the details. There are various summer camps which take place during the summer months of July and August which are also a good option. It is not easy for non-US residents to work here and employers are not guaranteed to help with visas, so working for a summer on an Exchange visa is a good way to experience the States for a few months.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	Year round	Working visa	Business professionals, children	1,500 – 2,500 USD (1,200 – 2,000 GBP) €1333-€2222
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
2,000 – 3,000 USD (1,600 – 2,400 GBP)	Private schools, public schools, private language schools	45 – 50	Interviews via Skype	In some cases, health insurance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Tetanus.

WEATHER:

State-wide averages of annual temperatures range from a high of 70.7°F (21.5°C) in Florida to a low of 26.6°F (-3.0°C) in Alaska. For the entire United States, excluding Hawaii and Alaska, the year averages 52.7°F (11.5°C).

TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation in the United States is facilitated by road, air, rail, and waterways (via boats). The majority of passenger travel occurs by automobile for shorter distances, and airplane (or railroad for some people) for longer distances.

CURRENCY:

United States Dollar

FOOD TO TRY:

Cornbread – finely ground cornmeal with baking powder.
 Apple Pie – a combination of sugar, buttery pastry and tart sliced apples.
 Hamburger
 Turkey and Cranberry Sauce
 Pumpkin Pie – a dessert pie with a spiced, pumpkin-based custard filling.
 Clam Chowder – clams and broth with potatoes, celery, cream and herbs.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £4.70
 A litre of milk: £2.50
 A loaf of bread: £1.94
 Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £14
 Public transport (one-way) fare: £1.95
 Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £545

Teaching English in Uruguay

Birthplace of Jules Supervielle and Magdalena Helguera



Country Summary

This nation is one of the smallest countries in South America, with 50% of the population living in the capital, Montevideo. It has some rain throughout the year, but Uruguay is well-known in the region for its high winds since it has no shield from the mountains that grace other neighbouring countries.

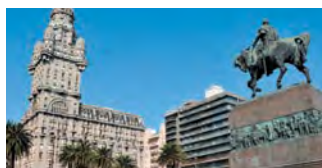
“The students in Uruguay are friendly and lively to teach.”

Having said this, Uruguay has lush grasslands with low fertile plains and hills. In the cities, it is possible to see the splendour of Spanish and Portuguese colonial architecture. As with its neighbour Argentina, the main cultural activity in Uruguay is tango. This can be found, along with other cultural pursuits, in the capital Montevideo. Uruguay has a long literary tradition, with writers such as Jules Supervielle and Magdalena Helguera. It also has many festivals. Two of the most important are Desfile de las Llamadas (a parade which is the highlight of the summer carnival) and Uruguayan Independence Day on August 25th. This is celebrated with fireworks and celebrations nationwide.

Uruguay is one of the most stable countries in South America with low crime rates and, due to increased trade with North America, it now also has a large export market.

Teaching Opportunities

For many, Uruguay is seen more as a short-term option than one for a long-term TEFL career. The reason for this is that there are only limited opportunities for well-paid jobs. This means that a level 5 TEFL certificate will be required. The students in Uruguay are friendly and lively to teach, and classes are available for all age ranges and walks of life. This includes children as well as business professionals. The cost of living in Uruguay is low, but this also means that the salaries are low. This can become problematic when you need to teach at several sites, but your travel expenses are generally not reimbursed by your employer. There is also the danger that in some institutions they will insist that you are on call from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., which is an unreasonable request if you are not being compensated for these overtime hours. It is also extremely difficult to secure a job from outside the country meaning that you will need to pay for your own flight to the country, and have enough savings for the first 4–6 weeks of your time in the country. Teaching in Uruguay is great if you want to gain experience, or to have a job that allows you to explore a different culture.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
Not required	6 - 12 months	March – August	Work visa	Business professionals, children	6,230 – 10,435 UYU (117 192 GBP) \$146-\$240 €130-€210
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
6,230 – 10,435 UYU (117 192 GBP)	Private schools, universities and language schools	20 - 25	Face-to-face interviews	In some cases visa assistance, free Spanish lessons, in-country orientation	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Rabies, Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria.

WEATHER:

A temperate climate, with mild summers and winters. Temperatures rarely fall below freezing and range from 10°C to 16°C (50°F to 60°F) during the winter in June to September. During summer (December to March) temperatures range from 21°C to 28°C (70°F to 82°F).

TRANSPORTATION:

Metered taxis are a good way to get around in Montevideo as well as the city bus which also serves other urban areas. Micros (minibuses) form the backbone of the local transit network in smaller coastal towns such as La Paloma.

CURRENCY:

Uruguayan Peso

FOOD TO TRY:

Asado – a barbecue of meat including beef, chicken or pork.

Capeletis a la Caruso – pasta filled with meat with a sauce of cream, onions, mushrooms, ham, cheese.

Arroz con Leche – a rice pudding topped with cinnamon.

Pasta Frola – tart filled with quince jam, decorated with strips of pasta.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: £2

A litre of milk: 70p

A loaf of bread: £1.32

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £5

Public transport (one-way) fare: 90p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £380

Teaching English in Vietnam

A land of exceptional beauty and exquisite cuisine



Country Summary

A land of exceptional beauty and exquisite cuisine embodies Vietnam. From the rice field terraces, the lush, green mountains, the national parks and breath-taking coastlines to the capital city of Hanoi, Vietnam will inspire and amaze you. Influenced by Hinduism and India, infused with Chinese culture from the North, mixed with a French influence evidenced in Hanoi, along with 50 or so traditional tribes, Vietnam has its own distinct character.

“The Vietnamese are fun-loving and direct.”

Apart from exploring the country, many travellers visit Hoi An to have clothes expertly tailored in any design that they wish, at ridiculously reasonable prices. The Vietnamese are fun-loving and direct. Many TEFL teachers, however, report that the South is friendlier towards foreigners than the northern parts of Vietnam, as a result of the Vietnam War.

Teaching Opportunities

Vietnam has emerged in the past years as a country whose growing tourism industry, along with manufacturing and its hi-tech IT business, means that there are many opportunities for those wishing to teach English. Considering this economic growth, it is not surprising to find that students are eager to learn, and to develop their English skills. They are also extremely pleasant to teach. Most TEFL jobs are centred in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh or the port city of Da Nang. There are job opportunities in both the private and the public sectors, and a growing demand for Business English. Teachers wishing to work in state schools need to apply 2-3 months before the start of the school year, which begins in August. Most teaching contracts are 20-30 hours per week. The cost of living is still relatively cheap, and the salary allows you to live comfortably in the country. Compared with some other countries in South East Asia, it is rare in Vietnam to find extra benefits attached to a teaching contract. Some of the better-paid jobs might offer benefits packages. In real terms, this means that you will be responsible for your own costs in terms of flights, accommodation, visa fees and health insurance. You will need to arrive in Vietnam with enough money to cover your costs for 2 months. By law, your employer is supposed to cover your visa fees. Many places, however, make you pay up front to guarantee that you will complete the contract. This is usually reimbursed at the end of your contract. You are also required to submit a criminal records check and health certificate from your own country.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
BA/BS required	12 months	All year round	Work visa in advance or tourist visa which can be converted to work visa	Business professionals, children	14,053,974 – 21,072,004 VND (480 – 725 GBP) \$600-\$900 €530-€800
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
22,125,605 – 44,094,345 VND (760 – 1,500 GBP)	Private language schools, public schools, colleges, language institutions, international schools and online teaching	20 – 30	Face-to-face interviews, interviews by phone or via Skype	Assistance with finding accommodation, getting a work permit	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Tetanus, Diptheria, Typhoid, Hepatitis A.

WEATHER:

Southern Vietnam is generally dry from November to April. May to October is warm, with heavy showers and the odd overcast day with annual average temperatures of 25°C – 30°C. Northern areas are cooler and drier from January to May and September to December. June to August can be hot, humid and showery. Temperatures range from 15°C to 40°C.

TRANSPORTATION:

The main modes of transportation in Vietnam are buses, rickshaws, bicycles, motorbikes, taxis and cars. Taxis, cars or motorbikes are popular in Vietnam.

CURRENCY:

Vietnamese Dong

FOOD TO TRY:

Pho – flat rice noodles, a warming broth and usually chicken or beef.

Bun Cha – a mix of barbecued pork, fresh noodles and fish sauce, as well as handfuls of sliced papaya, carrot and herbs.

Goi Cuon – Vietnamese spring rolls consisting of thin vermicelli noodles, pork slices, shrimp, basil and lettuce, wrapped in translucent rice papers.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 70p

A litre of milk: £1.15

A loaf of bread: 52p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £1.35

Public transport (one-way) fare: 24p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £300

Teaching English in Zambia

Where wildlife looms large



Country Summary

One of the safest countries in the world, Zambia offers natural beauty on an unparalleled level. The home of Victoria Falls and the walking safari, Zambia is a must-visit destination for adventurers who love the great outdoors and getting close to nature.

“A visit to Zambia isn’t complete without a trip to Vic Falls, the largest waterfall on the planet.”

Walking safaris and bush-camping ensure that you can get up close and personal to the wildlife here and you can even go canoeing on the Zambezi alongside crocodiles, elephants and hippos. The sheer size of Zambia means that it can take a while to travel between destinations but this also means that you are likely to experience every safari-goer’s dream and find yourself alone in a vast wilderness with nothing but the landscape and wildlife for company. And of course, no visit to Zambia would be complete without a trip to Vic Falls, the largest waterfall on the planet. Situated on the border with Zambia and Zimbabwe, Vic Falls is also known as ‘the Smoke that Thunders’ and is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Teaching Opportunities

English is the official language of Zambia and it is used to conduct business and is the medium of instruction in schools, but Nyanja and Bemba are also widely spoken, as well as other indigenous languages. In fact, with more than 70 ethnic groups, a total of 73 languages are spoken in Zambia. Though there are plenty of teaching positions available in Zambia, the majority of these are for teachers with a degree in education. There is still a demand for EFL teachers but this is usually on a volunteer basis. Private schools usually offer housing and volunteer positions offer shared accommodation. Most positions, regardless of whether they are paid or volunteer, are in the capital Lusaka.



degree requirement	typical contract length	peak hiring seasons	visa info	typical students	average monthly cost of living
None for volunteer placements, otherwise BA/BS/BEd required	Variable	August – May, year round for volunteer placements	Work permit or a business visa if volunteering	Children	5,500 – 6,500 ZMW (244 – 290 GBP) \$450-\$360 €300-€20
average monthly salary	type of jobs	average teaching hours per week	typical hiring process	benefits may include	
15,000 – 25,000 ZMW (670 – 1,100 GBP)	Private schools and international schools, volunteering	30	Face-to-face interviews	In most cases free accommodation and round-trip airfare and health insurance	

Travel Information

VACCINES:

Recommended: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Yellow Fever, Polio.

WEATHER:

The average temperature in Zambia in the summer is 30 °C and in the winter (colder season) it can get as low as 5 °C.

TRANSPORTATION:

There are many taxis available. Prices are negotiable. Long range buses frequently leave from Lusaka to all the main towns.

Minibuses and taxis are all painted blue.

If you are driving, roads range from reasonable to bad dirt roads.

CURRENCY:

Zambian Kwacha

FOOD TO TRY:

Nshima – fried chicken (or fish or sausage), salad, tomato and onion sauce and pumpkin leaves.

The Special Thali – three curry dishes, rice, fried potato/ onion and naan bread.

Crepes – with sweet or savoury fillings.

Ifisashi – vegetarian stew of peanuts, tomatoes, spinach and cabbage.

SAMPLE COST GUIDE (PRICES IN POUNDS STERLING):

A local beer: 80p

A litre of milk: 84p

A loaf of bread: 56p

Lunch at a local restaurant (mid-range): £3.20

Public transport (one-way) fare: 46p

Monthly rent one-bed apartment: £443

