

TEFL in HANIA, CRETE- GREECE



COURSE DATES 2024

- June 10th- July 5th, 2024
- July 15th- August 9th, 2024

Get TEFL certified on one of the world's most beautiful islands!

Wherever you decide to do your TEFL course, you are unlikely to find a more charming and beautiful location than Crete. From the life and vitality of the old town of Hania to the medieval mountain villages, from the sundrenched sandy beaches with their all-year-round sunshine to the Minoan ruins of Knossos - Crete seems to offer everything. The wild landscapes of the interior and the majestically unspoiled trekking opportunities of the nearby Samaria Gorge make you forget sometimes that you are never more than a few miles from a palm-fringed beach.

Via Lingua TEFL Training Center

The Via Lingua School in Crete is situated in the centre of Hania, Crete's second city (and former capital) on the North-West coast. Hania is a beautiful old Cretan town with a population of around 60,000. The old town centre is clustered around the 14th century Venetian harbour where much of the city's life and light is to be found. The town is large enough to offer a cosmopolitan atmosphere and a ready range of nightlife and places to see, but small enough that it's normally easy to get around on foot - whether from the school to your apartment or from the local bar down to the nearest beach.

Teaching English in Greece

There is a considerable demand for the teaching of English as a foreign language and there are opportunities for regular and part-time employment. In Crete there are literally hundreds of "frontistiria" (private language schools) and the majority of Greek school children attend one after school hours. Many native English speakers work teaching English either in frontistiria or by giving private English lessons to pupils. Frontistiria are open during the school year, September to June, and usually close for 3 months in the summer. More information about teacher requirements, plus details of vacancies from the Panhellenic Association of Language School Owners (PALSO).



FOOD AND CLOTHING

A Cretan specialty is Stifado Salingariko - snail stew, and Chirino Kritiko - pork chops. One of the many local cheeses is Myzithra and Anthotiro, you must try also the Graviera Kritis (Cretan Gruyere). The Cretan olive oil is one of the best in Greece. Other traditional products of Crete is the Cretan Paximadia (Crisps). Apart from the many Greek taverns all over the island, you'll also find many international restaurants in the bigger summer resorts and the cities.

Dress code in monasteries and churches: No shorts, bikinis or sleeveless shirts. Take your hat off when you enter a church and do not use flash for photographs. Casual business attire is always a good bet! During the winter it can get a little cold at night and a coat or jersey of some sort is recommended. During the summer t-shirts and shorts are more suitable. For working as an English teacher in Greece, smart casual clothes are normally expected.



CLIMATE

The weather is mild throughout the winter and normally warm enough to sit outside the cafés in shirtsleeves all through the year. During the summer the temperature can rise to 40 degrees Centigrade (100° F) but the fact that you're never far from a palm-fringed beach helps to make this a little more bearable.



EXCURSIONS AND CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Weekends are free except for the course project and we run a variety of social programs to some of the most fascinating parts of the island of Crete. These include (but are not necessary limited to) a trek down the Samaria Gorge, visits to the beaches of Elafonisi, Falasarna and Gramvousa, trips to the Minoan ruins of Knossos (home of the Labyrinth and the Minotaur) and stays in one or more of the small villages on the South coast of the island where you can experience some more traditional Greek life, music, food and ambience in a relaxed and beautiful setting.



ACCOMMODATION

We offer fully furnished apartments with kitchenettes for your stay during the course. The apartments have a sea view and are located just 100 metres from a beautiful beach. Prices are Euro 350 for double and Euro 450 for single.

"I just finished the TEFL course and it was challenging! I now feel prepared to teach around the world! "

-Erin

SPECIAL OFFERS

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