



PANAMA CITY PANAMA



TEFL



2022 TEFL Course Dates

- August 1st – 26th
- November 7 – December 2nd

PANAMA



A land radiating with life, perfectly imperfect, and full of authenticity. Where Northern and Southern worlds connect, old and new worlds coexist, and cosmopolitan landscapes live in harmony with wild, untamed rainforests.

A country for those who seek beyond expectations, that dares you to see more. Taste more. Connect more. Feel more. A place for those who long more stimulation, connection and transformation. Panama is not the destination, but the journey to discover more of what truly matters.

Make more lasting memories through an explosion of inspiration and purpose. And let the spirit of Panama unlock a sense of belonging.

TEFL Training Center



The Via Lingua Panama City training facilities are in ELS Language Centers, Panama City. The Training Center is in the middle of the most prestigious and modern area of Panama City.



Centro Comercial Plaza Paitilla, 2nd floor, office 63.

Teaching English in Panama

Whether you are looking to relocate, retire, or just spend a few months under the tropical sun, you can easily support yourself as an English teacher.

Spanish is helpful but hardly necessary. Many Panamanians know at least some English, and in the classroom most schools demand that the teacher only speak English with students.

The typical language school offers evening and weekend classes. Students range from college age to older business people. Private primary and secondary schools teach English as a language or use English for other subjects.

School Facilities



15 modern and spacious classrooms



Air Conditioning



Internet and Multimedia Lab



Wi-Fi



Central Location



Cafeteria



Library



Opportunity to mingle with local students too!

TEFL Course Information

ELS Language Centers and Via Lingua

Via Lingua provides international TEFL certificate courses in many of the world's most popular teaching destinations. With courses in 15 countries, Via Lingua is one of the world's largest global TEFL course providers, with offices and branches in 15 different countries worldwide and now in Panama through ELS Language Centers.



ELS – Via Lingua CTEFL Course Program Overview

130 hour program for graduates who wish to gain certification as a teacher of English as a Foreign Language (TEFL). With 130 hours of training, and including 10 hours of assessed teaching practice, the Via Lingua course exceeds all professional guidelines for the regulation of international TEFL certificate courses.

Course Outline:

The course is made up of the following three components:

- Teaching Skills and Classroom Management (Pedagogy Theory & Teaching Skills)
- Language Awareness
- Personal Skills and Qualities

The Via Lingua Certificate in Teaching as a Foreign Language is also designed for those with little or no experience of teaching English. It equips you with the basic skills and knowledge needed to take up a first post as ESL teachers and gives you a firm foundation for self-evaluation and further professional development. This is achieved through attending lectures and workshops that cover language awareness, teaching methodology, learner profiling and production of classroom materials. Group work, teaching practice and observations are also included.

We believe in learning through involvement, and students are expected to participate in many different ways during the sessions where necessary information will be supplied, but more commonly, you will experience a workshop approach, where your tutor acts as a "facilitator/animator" rather than as a lecturer. The course will include the following components to be formally and individually assessed:

- Teaching Skills
- Language Awareness
- The Learner Profile
- The Materials Assignment
- The Unknown Language
- Pedagogy
- Cultural Awareness
- Life Skills

Please bear in mind that this is an intensive program. In addition to the training and teaching you should expect to spend additional hours over the duration of the course on self-study, background reading and the completion of four assessed written assignments set by your trainers throughout the course.

Assessment & Certification

In order to be awarded the Via Lingua Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, all trainees must commit themselves to meeting the following requirements:

- Attend all required workshop sessions
- Complete all assignments required by the trainers
- Successfully complete a teaching practice program
- Demonstrate a prescribed level of competence in relation to each of the five components (pedagogy theory, language awareness, teaching skills, and cultural awareness and life skills) as measured against the Via Lingua Framework for Personal and Professional Standards (FPPS).

At the end of the program, successful students receive:

Via Lingua Certificate in TEFL

Expectations

The fundamental objective of the Via Lingua program is to ensure that trainees take responsibility for their own learning. The trainers and mentors are available at all times to provide a supportive environment and a range of learning opportunities in order to facilitate growth and development. All activities and support strategies are designed to encourage the trainee to reflect on his / her needs and performance in relation to the benchmarks identified in the FPPS.

Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8:00 to 5:45 p.m.
Thursdays from 8:00 to 1:00 m.d.

Cost: USD1,750.00 (Course and weekly activities included).

This includes all course tuition, materials, moderation, and examination and certificate fees. This price does not include the cost of accommodation. Monthly payments available. Tuition fees may be paid by any one of the following methods:

1. Major credit cards 2. Bank transfer 3. Cash

ELS Application Procedures and Enrollment

At ELS we have a policy of selective acceptance on to the CTEFL course. This is to ensure that we can be confident that our trainees are up to the academic and practical demands of an intensive four-week training period and that they are effective and accurate users of the English language. We believe that this helps to maintain our reputation and that of our graduates with the most respected EFL schools and organizations worldwide.

Minimum requirements for our trainees include:

- Hold a degree from a recognized university
- Be over 21 years of age
- Either be native English speaker or be able to demonstrate competence in English sufficient for study at a higher education facility

ELS Accommodation Options

To make your stay easier, or to help with your transition to living abroad, we can offer you a choice of good quality accommodation in the city of Panama.

Most of our housing options are within walking distance of the schools. Students are responsible for their own transportation and can walk, rent a bike or use public transportation (which is reasonably priced).

Please indicate which of the options you would prefer along with any special requirements (For example, if you are allergic to pets or if you prefer smoking or nonsmoking accommodation) on the application form.

Accommodation runs from USD700.00 per month for a single room with a Panamanian family. Hotels and hostels are available upon request.

Excursions and Cultural Highlights

ELS can help you arrange different trips to beautiful places a short drive or flight from the city. On the day you arrive we will provide of the activities calendar for the month, and you can decide any sightseeing trips you may be interested in participating on.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Thursdays



Casco Antiguo



Visit the Panama Canal



Biomuseo & Causeway



Shopping Mall Albrook



Enjoy of numerous hiking trails in one of the 3 national parks located in Panama City



Panama Viejo



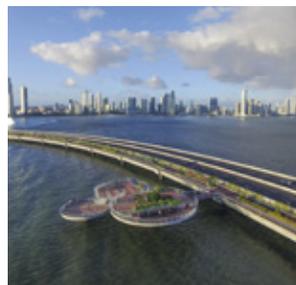
Learn how to elaborate a "tembleque" traditional headwear piece that is part of the Panamanian folk dress (pollera)



Get to visit an artisan chocolate factory



Enjoy some Latin dance class such as salsa, merengue, reggaeton and others



Cinta Costera and Mercado del Marisco



Get in a boat and visit little islands were 3 species of monkeys live.

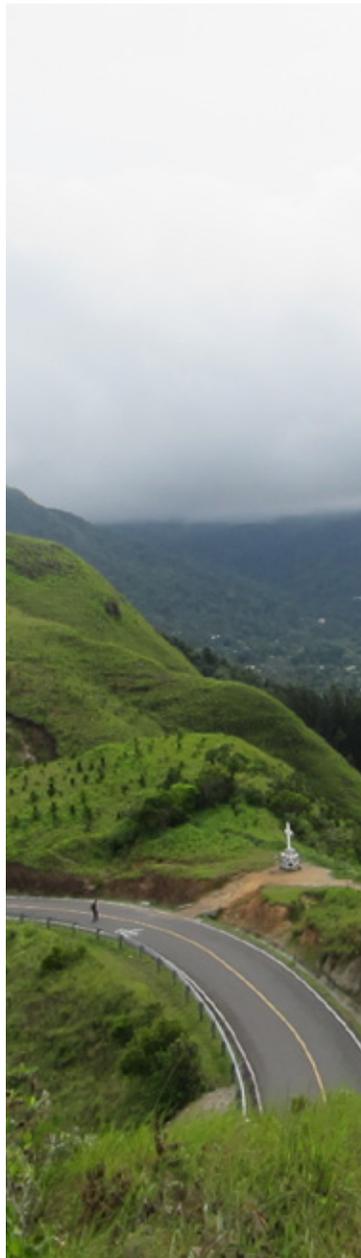
Some activities may change due weather conditions. Food or drinks during these activities are not included.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

One day trip

Week 2

Coclé
El Valle



Week 4

Visit an
indigenous
community



Week 1

San Blas
or Bocas del Toro



Week 3

Top 5 Reasons To Visit Panama

It is easy to get to

Panama is a crossroads between the Americas and almost every major airline fly's here. It is only 2.5 hours from Miami and 4 from Houston and with more and more flights to coming to Panama every year. Spain, France, the U.S. and many other countries have influenced the history of this country so you will find a lot of people speak more than 1 language. The currency is the U.S. Dollar.

The history

A small country with a big story to tell, Panama was once under water, separating the Americas. A land bridge now, in more ways than one. Yes, it connects North and South America but it was also the bridge used by the Spanish to transport gold from Peru to Spain.

The climate

In Panama, we get summer year round! Sure, it rains more in some month than others, but locals call the 'rainy' season the 'green' season. It rains more, but usually only for an hour/day and this IS the tropics: its hot and it is green! Can't take the heat, head to the hills. The climate certainly cools off when you reach El Valle, Boquete and the highest 'town', Cerro Punta.

The culture

7 Indian tribes still remain in Panama. Visit the Wounaan within an hours drive from modern Panama City. Go up river for a night with the Embera. Throughout the country you will see Guaymis influence.

The adventure

Panama is a playground for adventure. Snorkel/dive in some of the most amazing places on earth, Caribbean and Pacific! Catch a wave on one of the many famous or unknown beaches. Sail, kayak or enjoy any water sport off the 2000 miles of coast or around some of the 2000 islands. Hike jungle trails that take you back in time, along a volcanic crater or to the top of a mountain over 11,000ft to catch the sun rise and a view of both oceans! Raft and /or kayak the class 1-class 4 rivers. Try one of the 3 zip line/canopy tours. But for the truly adventurous.. experience the nightlife out on Panama City.

Food



Panamanian cuisine is a mix of African, Spanish, and Native American techniques, dishes, and ingredients, reflecting its diverse population. Since Panama is a land bridge between two continents, it has a large variety of tropical fruits, vegetables and herbs that are used in native cooking.

Common ingredients in Panamanian food are maize, rice, wheat flour, plantains, yuca (cassava), beef, chicken, pork and seafood.

Also, Panama City's gastronomy scene offers five-star restaurants and cuisines from cultures around the world, making Panama City the place to find top-rated chefs preparing excellent dishes. In this UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy, you can dine on rooftops looking out at the city lights or choose a table to view magnificent sunsets. You'll find culinary delights well beyond the capital city too.

F.A.Q.

What is a TEFL Certificate?

A TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) certificate is an internationally recognized qualification, which allows you to teach English abroad in most private and public schools worldwide. You will also hear it referred to as TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) or TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) certification course.

Why should I take a TEFL certification course?

English is now the language of the world. Across the Internet, in business, in tourism, in any situation where two people do not share another first language, in every country and every corner of the world, you will hear English spoken. Consequently, you have a skill, which is in enormous demand. It's a skill that you've developed unthinkingly over the course of your life and now use every day without even considering it. It is also a skill that billions of other people worldwide lack and are desperate to possess. Whether you are a schoolboy in China, a student in Greece, a banker in Berlin, a secretary in St. Petersburg, an accountant in Brazil, a hotel owner in Morocco, a travel agent in Prague or even a pensioner in rural Spain or Portugal, chances are you are looking for someone to teach you English.

Whether you are interested in teaching English to non-native speakers of the language while living in different surroundings and a foreign environment is going to be a long-term career for you, or whether you're simply eager to travel the world.

What will I learn?

You are not required to have had any previous teaching experience. During the four weeks of a TEFL course, we teach you the techniques of classroom management and teaching skills. We study the points of English Grammar and Phonology. You'll be put in the position of the student and be taught an unknown language by a native speaker of that tongue who will not speak English. You'll study and discuss every aspect of teaching with highly qualified and experienced trainers. Most importantly, you'll teach real classes of local adult students. Each of these classes will be observed by one of your trainers. Detailed post-lesson feedback and analysis is given in a thorough and professional manner.



Is one kind of TEFL certificate better than another?

Many organizations worldwide offer TEFL certification courses. While there is no one international moderating or validating body for the issue of TEFL certificates, there are certain, internationally accepted guidelines (laid down by such bodies as the British Council), which regulate the industry. In order to fulfill these guidelines, any TEFL course MUST include the following:

- 1) At least 100 hours of tuition, usually over a period of 4 weeks.
- 2) At least 6 hours of observed classroom teaching practice.

The course at Via Lingua significantly exceeds these standards. We believe that our program is the very best of its kind in the world today. The course is challenging and intensive whatever your background, you will need to work hard, be prepared for possible setbacks and a wide range of new challenges – as well as attend classes for 7- 10 hours per day.

Where can I teach with a TEFL certificate?

In short: anywhere in the world. In certain countries a university/college degree is also a standard requirement in order to obtain a work visa. For this reason we do normally expect you to either have or be in the process of obtaining such a degree. At the very least, you should have a sufficient level of education (A levels, High School etc.) to enable you to attend a university/college course.



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