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COUNTRY DESTINATION GUIDES



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With a TEFL certificate from Via Lingua International, you can teach almost anywhere you can dream of: from sunny Spain to bustling Shanghai and everywhere in between.

Anyone with a passion for travel and culture knows that spending time in foreign countries is an educational experience to last a lifetime.

Our certificate gives you the chance to help people learn a new language that will open the world to them—in the same way our TEFL Certificate course does for you.

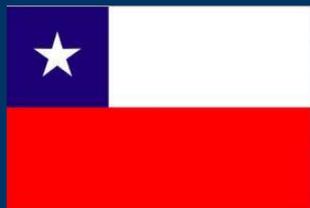
Look at the country guides we have prepared to help you set and exceed your expectations and prepare to make the most of this truly transformative opportunity! Our aim is to provide basic information about each country and although not intended to be definitive, the guides should give you a general idea as to what you can expect.

The majority of teaching jobs are from private language schools. Aside from differences in salaries, the size and focus of language schools varies globally, whether you are looking at small local schools or huge international franchises. Please note that you will also find lots of voluntary teaching opportunities to explore.

Find the country you're interested from the list below and find out more about your chosen destination!



Teach English in Chile



Capital: Santiago del Chile



Currency: Peso Cileno



Language: Spanish

Though Chile may be South America's skinniest country, stretching more than 2,600 miles down the western coast and averaging only 109 miles wide, it also may be the continent's most geographically diverse. From vast deserts and salt marshes, to snow-capped volcanoes and craggy glaciers, Chile packs an unforgettable punch with its seemingly endless natural wonders. Whether you're looking for urban nightlife in Santiago's bohemian Bellavista neighborhood, a civilized tasting of spicy shiraz wines or an outdoor adventure trekking alongside sparkling lakes in the shadow of a volcano, Chile will exceed your expectations.

Options for teaching in Chile

Private schools hire many teachers to teach onsite courses and Business English courses in companies. You may teach children or adults. There is also a booming private lesson market.

Salary and benefits when teaching in Chile

Salary will vary from city to city as will cost of living. Teaching English in Chile will usually provide teachers with a salary that allows them to live comfortably.

Teach in Chile – Hiring

Hiring for teaching jobs in Chile usually begins in January and ends in March.

Requirements:	University Degree, TEFL Certificate
Monthly Salary:	\$500 - \$1500
Typical Contract:	Six months to one year
Hiring Season:	February/March
Teaching Hours per week:	20 - 30
Private tutoring:	\$8 - \$11 per hour
Accommodations:	Usually not included
Airfare:	Usually not included
Healthcare:	Usually not included

Teach English in Greece



Population: 11,148,506

Capital: Athens

Currency: Euro

Language: Greek

A walk around the old neighborhoods reveals the coexistence of different eras. Old mansions, many of them well-preserved, luxurious department stores and small intimate shops, fancy restaurants and traditional taverns are located one next to another. All have their place here! The Greek spirit, a force of creativity and renewal throughout Greece's long history, has yet again transformed the urban landscape. Greece is a unique destination that combines business and pleasure in the best possible way! It is one of the most charismatic locations in terms of natural beauty, with mild climate conditions, a combination of landscapes from sea to mountains and appropriate for vacation and business activities throughout the year!

Options for teaching in Greece

There are hundreds of private language schools (known as frontistiria) scattered throughout the country, with a concentration of schools in Athens and Crete. Landing a teaching job at one of these private institutions typically requires a Bachelor's degree as well as a TEFL certificate.

Salary and benefits when teaching in Greece

Salary will vary from city to city as will cost of living. Teaching English in Greece will usually provide teachers with a salary that allows them to live comfortably.

Teach in Greece – Hiring

Hiring for teaching jobs in Greece usually begins in September and ends in October.

Requirements:	University Degree, TEFL Certificate
Monthly Salary:	€800 - €1400
Typical Contract:	Six months to one year
Hiring Season:	September/October
Teaching Hours per week:	20 – 30
Private tutoring:	Approximately €10 per hour
Accommodations:	Sometimes included
Airfare:	Usually not included
Healthcare:	Sometimes included

Teach English in Italy



Population: 59,926,394

Capital: Rome

Currency: Euro

Language: Italian

Among Italy's tourist attractions are the artistic and architectural treasures of Rome and Florence; the thousands of historic churches and galleries in smaller cities; the canals and palaces of Venice; the ruins of ancient Pompeii; the Shroud of Turin, reputed to be the burial cloth of Jesus; and the delicacies of northern Italian cooking, as well as the heartier fare of the south. Tourists are also lured by Italy's many beaches and by excellent Alpine skiing.

Options for teaching in Italy

Classroom teaching jobs in private international schools are available for teachers. These teaching jobs usually require a minimum of experience. It is possible to teach English in Italy in both public school classrooms and private language schools. Teaching English in Italy is competitive, so teachers are expected to have a TEFL certificate of a minimum of 130 hours.

Salary and benefits when teaching in Italy

Salary will vary from city to city, as will cost of living. Teaching English in Italy will usually provide teachers with a salary that allows them to live comfortably.

Teach in Italy – Hiring

Hiring for teaching jobs in Italy usually begins in September /October and Again in January/February.

Requirements:	University Degree, TEFL Certificate
Monthly Salary:	900 – 1500 Euro
Typical Contract:	Six months to one year
Hiring Season:	Fall and Winter
Teaching Hours per week:	20 – 25
Private tutoring:	15 to 25 Euro/hour
Accommodations:	Usually not included
Airfare:	Usually not included
Healthcare:	Usually not included

Teach English in Turkey



Population: 81,514,454

Capital: Ankara

Currency: Turkish Lira

Language: Turkish

A country of sun and history, Turkey is located where the three continents making up the old world, Asia, Africa and Europe are closest to each other and straddle the point where Europe and Asia meet. Because of its geographical location, the mainland, Anatolia, has witnessed the mass migration of diverse peoples shaping the course of history. The home to countless civilizations, Anatolia has developed a unique synthesis of cultures, each with its own distinct identity, yet each linked to its predecessors through insoluble treads. As an ancient land and modern nation; Turkey today is both the inheritor and conservator of the common heritage of mankind.

Options for teaching in Turkey

You can find a job in almost any decent sized city in Turkey, but the city of choice for most foreigners is, of course, Istanbul. Istanbul has by far the greatest number of schools both on the European and the Asian sides. Otherwise you can easily find work in Ankara, Izmir, Diyarbakir, or even Antalya.

Salary and benefits when teaching in Turkey

Salary will vary from city to city, as will cost of living. Teaching English in Italy will usually provide teachers with a salary that allows them to live comfortably.

Teach in Turkey – Hiring

Hiring for teaching jobs in Turkey is ongoing.

Requirements:	University Degree, TEFL Certificate
Monthly Salary:	\$1,000 to \$1,300
Typical Contract:	Six months to one year
Hiring Season:	September and January
Teaching Hours per week:	25 – 30
Private tutoring:	\$12 - \$30 YTL per hour
Accommodations:	Usually included
Airfare:	Usually reimbursed
Healthcare:	Usually included

Teach English in Peru



Population: 32,415,156

Capital: Lima

Currency: Peruvian Sol

Language: Spanish

Peru is one of the oldest civilizations in the world, it combines beautiful landscapes, modern and ancient cultures, from the mysterious Nazca lines to the enigmatic Machu Picchu.

Peru is one of the most visited destinations by foreign tourists, as it not only has Archaeological wealth and monuments, but also a rich culture, beautiful tourist cities that combine the coast, highlands and jungle, the Peruvian cuisine is well known worldwide. We also have musicians, dancers, the famous Peruvian Pisco, and friendly people who always give tourists a warm welcome.

Options for teaching in Peru

Teachers can find jobs throughout the country- from colonial towns to villages in the Andes Mountains. Since tourism is backbone of the country, the ability to speak English can help locals secure better jobs and open doors to higher education opportunities. Many Peruvians live in rural areas, where access to education and job training is limited. The chance to learn and practice English with a native speaker is extremely valuable.

Salary and benefits when teaching in Peru

Peru has a growing tourism industry and, with new trade agreements with the US as well as privatization of its key industries, the economy is growing and the need for English with it.

Salary will vary from city to city as will cost of living. Teachers will find, however, that rent costs are relatively low, and that even when paying rent from your take-home salary, it is possible to maintain a modest, comfortable lifestyle.

Teach in Peru – Hiring

Hiring for teaching jobs in Peru usually begins in March and December.

Requirements:	University Degree, TEFL Certificate
Monthly Salary:	\$500 - \$700
Typical Contract:	Six months to one year
Hiring Season:	March and December
Teaching Hours per week:	20 – 25
Private tutoring:	\$5 - \$8 per hour
Accommodations:	Sometimes included
Airfare:	Usually not included
Healthcare:	Sometimes included

Teach English in Russia



Population: 143,973,531

Capital: Moscow

Currency: Ruble

Language: Russian

Russia is one of the most extraordinary countries in the world, with almost matchless depth of cultural and historical riches, and landscapes that have inspired artists and poets for generations. For so long, Russia was out of bounds under the Soviet system and many people still think of it as difficult and inaccessible. Yet Russia has opened up tremendously, and those who have taken the plunge and traveled to Russia come back with a wonderful treasure trove of memories.

Options for teaching in Russia

With a huge population and an economy increasingly dependent on international commerce and trade, Russia is one of the largest job markets for teaching English abroad in the world. In fact, demand is so high that language schools and institutes Russia hire year-round for English teachers.

Salary and benefits when teaching in Russia

Many school contracts include accommodation. For those that do not, most schools will provide assistance for teachers searching for an apartment. New residents might consider searching for housing outside of the city. Teachers often have roommates in order to share the cost of an apartment. The average monthly salary is 12,000 - 25,000 RUB, the average monthly cost of living is 7,000 - 12,000 RUB

Teach in Russia – Hiring

Hiring for teaching jobs in Russia is ongoing.

Requirements:	University Degree, TEFL Certificate
Monthly Salary:	12,000 – 25,000 rubles per month (\$300 to \$500)
Typical Contract:	Six months to one year
Hiring Season:	Ongoing
Teaching Hours per week:	25 – 30
Private tutoring:	\$5 - \$8 per hour
Accommodations:	Usually included
Airfare:	Usually reimbursed
Healthcare:	Usually included

Teach English in Morocco



Population: 36,031,672

Capital: Rabat

Currency: Moroccan Dirham

Language: Arabic, Berber, French

Morocco is a wondrous, eye-opening taste of the exotic, with snake charmers and conjurers, souks piled high with hordes of treasures, and endless glasses of mint tea. It's also an adventure into some of North Africa's most stunning scenery, with the desert on its doorstep and the craggy heights of the Atlas Mountains beyond. Morocco is also a journey into a timeless, tranquil world of cute coastal villages, colorful-painted towns that cling to hillsides, and remote outposts defended by fairy-tale adobe forts.

Options for teaching in Morocco

There is no shortage of interest in learning ESL in Morocco. English teaching jobs in Morocco are concentrated in major cities such as Fez, Rabat, Marrakesh, Tangier, and Casablanca. Language schools offer various from teenagers to business professionals.

Salary and benefits when teaching in Morocco

Salary will vary from city to city as will cost of living. Teachers will find, however, that rent costs are relatively low, and that even when paying rent from your take-home salary, it is possible to maintain a modest lifestyle.

Teach in Morocco – Hiring

Hiring for teaching jobs in Morocco usually begins in September and February

Requirements:	University Degree, TEFL Certificate
Monthly Salary:	\$500 - \$1000
Typical Contract:	Six months to one year
Hiring Season:	September and February
Teaching Hours per week:	20 – 30
Private tutoring:	\$15 - \$20 per hour
Accommodations:	Usually not included
Airfare:	Usually not included
Healthcare:	Usually not included

Teach English in Panama



Population: 4,139,599

Capital: Panama City

Currency: Balboa

Language: Spanish

Although Panama is a small country, about the size of South Carolina, it has a great variety of world-class attractions: exotic tropical rainforests, beautiful mountain refuges, two coasts for Caribbean and Pacific style beaches, more than a 1000 islands, seven living Indian cultures in their own reservations, a Miami-style sophisticated capital city, a vibrant nightlife, full service resorts, exotic off-the-beaten-path getaways, scads of Spanish colonial historical sites, world class golfing, diving, sport fishing, and surfing, not to mention that 8th wonder of the world and engineering marvel, the Panama Canal. It is hard to think of any other destination in the world that has such a variety of attractions so close by and so easy to get to.

Options for teaching in Panama

Private Schools, Language Schools, Private tutor

Salary and benefits when teaching in Panama

There is no shortage of interest in learning ESL in Panama. In and around the bigger cities, language schools offer various programs to different learning groups, from teenagers to business professionals. Classes usually start in the afternoon and run into the evening. Weekend classes are also a possibility.

Salary will vary from city to city as will cost of living. Teachers will find, however, that rent costs are relatively low, and that even when paying rent from your take-home salary, it is possible to maintain a modest, comfortable lifestyle.

Teach in Panama – Hiring

Hiring for teaching jobs in Panama usually begins in January and June.

Requirements:	University Degree, TEFL Certificate
Monthly Salary:	\$1000 - \$1300
Typical Contract:	Six months to one year
Hiring Season:	January/February and May/June
Teaching Hours per week:	20 – 25
Private tutoring:	\$15 - \$25 per hour
Accommodations:	Sometimes included
Airfare:	Usually not included
Healthcare:	Sometimes included

Teach English in Mexico



Population: 130,196,143

Capital: Mexico City

Currency: Mexican Peso

Language: Spanish

Mexico's vibrant cultures, beautiful landscapes and incredible food are just a few reasons why it is one of the world's best destinations for teaching English abroad. Whether you are teaching in a major metropolitan area or small rural city, Mexico is sure to offer you a wonderful teach abroad experience.

Options for teaching in Mexico

Because of its close ties with the United States, Mexico places a great emphasis on the English language. English is commonly used to do business, so you can rest assured that there is a high demand for English language teachers in Mexico.

Salary and benefits when teaching in Mexico

As in most locations, salary will usually vary based on the qualifications and experience of the teacher. Because the cost of living is low (average cost of living in Mexico is \$300 USD per month), teachers are usually able to live comfortably on the salaries provided by schools.

Teach in Mexico – Hiring

Hiring for teaching jobs in Mexico usually begins in September and February

Requirements:	University Degree, TEFL Certificate
Monthly Salary:	6000 – 7000 MXN
Typical Contract:	Six months to one year
Hiring Season:	August and Year Round
Teaching Hours per week:	20 – 30
Private tutoring:	100 to 300 MXN per hour
Accommodations:	Sometimes not included
Airfare:	Usually not included
Healthcare:	Sometimes not included

Teach English in Hungary



Population: 9,700,624



Capital: Budapest



Currency: Hungarian Forint

Language: Hungarian

Budapest has a lot to offer. Museums and galleries, churches and synagogues, palaces and historic buildings, baths and pools are presented together with the influence of Secession in the city.

There is an unmistakable feeling that something out of the ordinary is just around the corner, but what it will be is up to you to find out...

Options for teaching in Hungary

Certified teachers looking for teaching jobs in Hungary can find positions in the primary and secondary Public-School system, as well as private language schools, international schools and colleges and universities throughout the country. There are also opportunities to teach business English and to find private tutoring jobs teaching English in Hungary.

Salary and benefits when teaching in Hungary

Salary will vary from city to city as will cost of living. Teaching English in Hungary will usually provide teachers with a salary that allows them to live comfortably.

Teach in Hungary – Hiring

Hiring for teaching jobs in Hungary usually begins in September and ends in October.

Requirements:	University Degree, TEFL Certificate
Monthly Salary:	\$900 - \$1000
Typical Contract:	Six months to one year
Hiring Season:	September/October
Teaching Hours per week:	20 – 25
Private tutoring:	Approximately €10 per hour
Accommodations:	Sometimes included
Airfare:	Usually not included
Healthcare:	Sometimes included

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