



Teaching English in Asia

The job market for English teachers in East and Southeast Asia is the largest in the world. Most of these nations are highly industrialized and economically strong with large populations, enormous middle classes and an extremely high demand for education. This combination has created the strongest outward recruitment market in the world and hundreds of thousands of jobs paying wages that far exceed the cost of living. The job markets for teaching both adults and young learners (children and adolescents) are both strong as native English speakers are commonly recruited to teach in public schools and many children attend English language school after their public school day finishes. The hiring seasons in language schools run year round due to the high demand for teachers. Public school jobs begin in March & September, and interviews for such jobs are typically conducted 3-6 months in advance.



In most cases, English teachers can expect to save 30-50% of their salary, though exact amounts will vary based on exchange rates and other factors. With such high competition for quality teachers, schools charge a considerable amount to their students and provide teachers with such benefits as free airfare, housing allowances, medical insurance, paid vacation and a completion bonus. Schools in most Asian countries will also recruit teachers from their home country by phone in advance of the contract start date.

Country	Degree Requirement	Typical Contract Length	Peak Hiring Seasons	Expected Down Times	Interview Procedures	Visa Info	Typical Students	Average Monthly Cost of Living in \$ USD & Local Currency	Average Monthly Salary in \$ USD & Local Currency	Estimated Start-up Costs*	Housing	Reimbursed Airfare
Cambodia	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	All Year Round	Lunar (Chinese) New Year 2 weeks late Jan-early Feb	Face-to-face in Cambodia	Tourist visa convert to work visa	Business Professionals, Children	\$600 - 800 USD (2,450,000 - 3,270,000 KHR)	\$700 – 1,000 USD (2,830,000 - 4,000,000 KHR) Can save \$100 - 300 USD/Mo	\$800 – 1,000 USD (3,270,000 - 4,000,000 KHR)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
China	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	All Year Round	Lunar (Chinese) New Year 2 weeks late Jan-early Feb	Phone/skype in advance & face-to-face in China	Work visa in advance or Tourist visa convert to work visa	Business Professionals, Children	\$600 – 1,000 USD (4,100- 6,900 RMB) Plus housing	\$1,150 – 2,600 USD plus free housing. (8,000 – 18,000 RMB) Can save \$400 - 1,000 USD/Mo	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD (6,900 – 10,350 RMB)	Free Housing or Housing Subsidy	Yes
Hong Kong	BA/BS required	12 months	All Year Round	Lunar (Chinese) New Year 2 weeks late Jan-early Feb	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$2,300 - 5,000 USD (17,900 - 39,000 HKD)	\$2,300 - 3,000 USD (17,825 - 23,250 HKD) Can save \$400 - 600 USD/Mo	\$2,000 – 3,000 USD (15,600 – 23,400 HKD)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	Sometimes

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Indonesia	BA/BS required	12 months	All Year Round	Islamic Holidays	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$550 - 900 USD (7,330,000 - 12,000,000 IDR)	\$700 - 1,100 USD (9,300,000-14,700,000 IDR)	\$700 - 1,000 USD (9,300,000 - 13,300,000 IDR)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	Sometimes
Japan	BA/BS required	12 months	All Year Round	None	Interview in US, Canada, UK 3 - 6 months in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$1,700 – 2,600 USD (193,500 - 296,000 JPY)	\$2,250 - 2,600 USD (256,000 – 296,00 JPY)	\$2,600 - 4,200 USD (296,000 – 478,000 JPY)	Some free housing or housing subsidy	No
Kazakhstan	BA/BS preferred, not required	12 months	All Year Round	None	Phone/skype in advance, sometimes face-to-face	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$800 - 1,000 USD (253,000 - 316,000 KZT)	\$400 - 1,500 USD (126,000 - 474,000 KZT)	\$800 - 1,000 USD (253,000 - 316,000 KZT)	Some Free Housing	No/Some return flight
Kyrgyzstan	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	All Year Round	None	Phone/skype in advance, sometimes face-to-face	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$400 - 800 USD (27,000 - 54,000 KGS)	\$400 - 800 USD (27,000 - 54,000 KGS)	\$800 - 1,000 USD (54,000 - 68,000 KGS)	Some Free Housing	No
Laos	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	All Year Round	None	Face-to-face in Laos	Tourist Visa or Work Visa	Business Professionals, Children	\$500 - \$1,000 USD (4,180,000 LAK – 8,359,000 LAK)	\$500 - \$1,000 USD (4,180,000 LAK – 8,359,000 LAK)	\$1,000 - \$1,500 USD (8,360,000 LAK – 12,539,000 LAK)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Malaysia	BA/BS required, Master's preferred	12 months	All Year Round	Lunar (Chinese) New Year 2 weeks late Jan-early Feb	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$900 - 1,800 USD (3,900 – 7,800 MRY)	\$1,200 - 2,300 USD (5,200 – 10,000 MRY)	\$900 - 1,800 USD (3,900 – 7,800 MRY)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Myanmar	BA/BS required	12 months	All Year Round, May-Sept	None	Phone/skype in advance, sometimes face-to-face	Business Visa	Business Professionals, Children	\$750-\$900 USD (1,027,400 - 1,232,900 MMK)	\$1,000-2,000 USD (1,371,200 - 2,739,700 MMK)	\$1,000-2,000 USD (1,371,200 - 2,739,700 MMK)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Singapore	BA/BS required	12 months	All Year Round	Lunar (Chinese) New Year 2 weeks late Jan-early Feb	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$2,800 - 3,500 USD (3,900 - 5,000 SGD)	\$2,800 - 3,500 USD (3,900 - 5,000 SGD)	\$3,100 – 4,000 USD (4,400 - 5,600 SGD)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
South Korea	BA/BS required	12 months	All Year Round	None	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$650 - 950 USD (730,600 -1,068,000 KRW) Plus housing	\$1,800 - 2,000 USD (2,000,000 - 2,300,000 KRW) Plus free Housing Can save \$500 - 1,000 USD/Mo	\$700 - 1,000 USD (787,000 -1,124,000 KRW)	Free Housing or Housing Subsidy	Some round trip, most one way

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Taiwan	BA/BS required, some AA accepted	12 months	After Lunar (Chinese) New Year and July - August	Lunar (Chinese) New Year 2 weeks late Jan - early Feb	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$1,000 - 1,400 USD (30,000 - 42,100 TWD)	\$1,400 - 2,100 USD (42,000 - 63,000 TWD) Can save \$300 - 500 USD/Mo	\$1,100 - 1,500 USD (32,300 - 45,200 TWD)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Thailand	BA/BS required	5 to 12 months	Feb - April & Aug - Oct; All Year round	None	Most face-to-face in Thailand; Some phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance or in country	Business Professionals, Children	\$550 - 800 USD (19,000 - 27,000 THB)	\$850 - 1,150 USD (30,000 - 40,000 THB) Can save \$200 - \$400 USD/Mo	\$800 - 1,150 USD (27,000 - 40,000 THB)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Vietnam	BA/BS required	12 months	All Year Round	Tet Holiday 2 weeks late Jan - early Feb	Most face-to-face in Vietnam; Few phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa convert to work visa or work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$650 - 900 USD (14,864,500 - 20,500,000 VND)	\$1,100 - 1,700 USD (25,000,000 - 38,600,000 VND) Can save \$200 - \$600 USD/Mo	\$1,050 - 1,350 USD (24,000,000 - 30,700,000 VND)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No



Teaching English in Latin America

Hiring for English teachers in Mexico, Central and South America is cyclical and there are two major hiring seasons in most countries.



Major hiring periods in Mexico and Central America will occur in January/February and then again in June/July. Because the summer in most of South America is opposite of what it is in North America and Europe, summer vacations wrap up at the end of January and so a major hiring season is February/March; the secondary hiring season is in July/August. Wages are modest but given the low cost of living full-time English teachers are able to live comfortably. Most jobs entail teaching adults at private language schools. Most job interviews are conducted locally in the country at the start of each hiring season and schools will help their employees become assimilated to the city and offer advice on finding an apartment to live in. Most teachers end up sharing accommodations with other teachers and private tutoring is a popular means of earning extra income.



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Argentina	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Mar-April, July-Aug	Christmas-End of February	Face-to-face in Argentina	Tourist visa	Business Professionals	\$800 – 1,100 USD (12,200 – 16,800 ARS)	\$650 – 1,100 USD (10,000 – 17,000 ARS)	\$1,600 - 2,200 USD (23,300 – 30,600 ARS)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Bolivia	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Feb-Mar, July-Aug	Christmas-End of January	Face-to-face in Bolivia	Tourist visa	Business Professionals	\$400 - 600 USD (2,700 – 4,000 BOB)	\$400 - 600 USD (2,700 – 4,000 BOB)	\$600 - 900 USD (4,000 – 6,150 BOB)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Brazil	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Mar-August	Christmas-End of February	Most face-to-face in Brazil; Some phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa	Business Professionals	\$1,400 - 1,600 USD (4,400 – 5,100 BRL)	\$1,400 - 1,600 USD (4,400 – 5,100 BRL)	\$2,100 - 2,450 USD (6,650 – 7,760 BRL)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No

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Chile	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Mar-April July-Aug	Christmas- End of February	Many face-to-face in Chile; Some phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa or work visa	Business Professionals, Children with Public Schools	\$900 - 1,200 USD (609,000 - 812,000 CLP)	\$900 - 1,200 USD (609,000 - 812,000 CLP)	\$2,100 - 2,550 USD (1,410,000 - 1,720,000 CLP)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Colombia	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Jan-Mar, July-Aug	Mid to end of December	Face-to-face in Colombia or Phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa or work visa	Children or Business Professionals	\$500 – 1,000 USD (1,500,000 – 3,000,000 COP)	\$500 – 1,000 USD (1,500,000 – 3,000,000 COP)	\$775 - 1,400 USD (2,300,000 – 4,150,000 COP)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Costa Rica	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	All Year Round	Christmas- 2 nd week in January Early July for 2 weeks	Face-to-face in Costa Rica; Some phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa, Independent Contractor License	Business Professionals	\$700 - 900 USD (397,000 - 510,000 CRC)	\$700 - 900 USD (397,000 - 510,000 CRC)	\$1,050 - 1,350 USD (595,500 – 765,650 CRC)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Dominican Republic	BA/BS preferred, not required	12 Months	All Year Round	Christmas- February (Carnival)	Face-to-face in the Dominican Republic; Some phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa or work visa	Business Professionals	\$500 - \$800 USD (24,050 – 38,450 DOP)	\$500 - \$800 USD (24,050 – 38,450 DOP)	\$1,000 \$1,600 USD (48,000 – 77,000 DOP)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Ecuador	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Feb-Mar, July-Aug	Christmas- End of January	Phone/skype in advance, or face-to-face in Ecuador	Work visa	Business Professionals	\$500 - 700 USD	\$500 - 700 USD	\$1,200 - 1,500 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Guatemala	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Feb-Mar, July-Aug	Christmas, Carnival, Easter	Face-to-face in Guatemala	Tourist visa	Business Professionals	\$500 - \$600 USD (3,700 – 4,400 GTQ)	\$500 - \$600 USD (3,700 – 4,400 GTQ)	\$700 - \$900 (5,100 – 6,600 GTQ)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Honduras	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	April - August	None	Face-to-face in Honduras; Some phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa	Children or Business Professionals	\$375 - \$600 (8,900 – 14,200 HNL)	\$375 - \$600 (8,900 – 14,200 HNL)	\$750 - \$1,200 (17,700 – 28,300 HNL)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Mexico	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	All Year Round	Nov & Dec	Many face-to-face in Mexico; Some phone and email in advance	Work visa	Business Professionals, Children	\$600 – 800 USD (11,000 – 14,000 MXN)	\$600 – 900 USD (11,000 – 17,000 MXN)	\$1,300 – 1,800 USD (24,000 – 33,000 MXN) *Includes a \$400 USD work visa fee	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Nicaragua	BA/BS preferred, not required	3, 6 & 12 months	All Year Round	Christmas- Mid January	Face-to-face in Nicaragua	Tourist visa	All Ages	\$300 - 600 USD (9,000 – 18,000 NIO)	\$300 - 600 USD (9,000 – 18,000 NIO)	\$500 - 900 USD (13,500 – 27,000 NIO)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Panama	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Feb-Mar, July-Aug	Christmas- End of January	Face-to-face in Panama	Tourist visa	Business Professionals	\$900 - 1,300 USD	\$900 - 1,300 USD	\$1,350 - 2,000 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Peru	BA/BS preferred, not required	3, 6 & 12 months	Feb-Mar, July-Aug	Christmas- End of January	Face-to-face in Peru	Tourist visa	Business Professionals	\$600 – 1,000 USD (2,000 – 3,500 PEN)	\$600 – 1,000 USD (2,000 – 3,500 PEN)	\$1,000 - 1,650 USD (3,000 – 5,300 PEN)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Uruguay	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Feb-Mar, July-Aug	Christmas- End of January	Face-to-face in Uruguay	Tourist visa	Business Professionals	\$1,100 – 1,500 USD (30,100 - 42,000 UYU)	\$1,100 – 1,500 USD (30,100 - 42,000 UYU)	\$ 1,600 – 2,200 USD (45,200 – 63,000 UYU)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No



Teaching English in Europe

The English teaching market in Europe is booming. With the emergence of the European Union (EU) the use of English as a common language for business and education is now essential.



The primary hiring season begins after the summer holiday in September and a second season occurs right after Christmas in January. The majority of the hiring in Western Europe is conducted locally and face-to-face, and most teachers begin working immediately after they're hired. Interviewing in advance is more common in Central/Eastern Europe, and for EU citizens within the EU. The majority of jobs are teaching adults in private language schools, but the market for teaching young learners is emerging. Teachers are paid in the local currency and make a comfortable wage working full time. Language schools typically close after June when many English teachers take jobs in summer camps to make extra money.



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Austria	BA/BS required	10 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Face-to-face in Austria	EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$1,900 – 2,800 USD (1,750 - 2,600 EUR)	\$1,900 – 2,800 USD (1,750 - 2,600 EUR)	\$2,900 - 4,250 USD (2,650 – 3,900 EUR)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Belgium	BA/BS required	10 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Face-to-face in Belgium	EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$1,400 – 2,000 USD (1,300 - 1,800 EUR)	\$1,400 – 2,000 USD (1,300 - 1,800 EUR)	\$2,200 - 3,000 USD (2,000 – 2,700 EUR)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Bulgaria	BA/BS required	9 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Phone/skype in advance or face-to-face in Bulgaria	EU Citizenship	Business Professionals, Children	\$400 - 700 USD (750 - 1,200 BGN)	\$400 - 700 USD (750 - 1,200 BGN)	\$600 - 1,000 USD (1,100 - 1,800 BGN)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No

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Croatia	BA/BS required	10 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Face-to-face in Croatia	EU Citizenship	Business Professionals, Children	\$700 - 1,000 USD (4,900 - 7,000 HRK)	\$800 - 1,200 USD (5,600 - 8,400 HRK)	\$1,050 - 1,500 USD (7,350 - 10,500 HRK)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Czech Republic	BA/BS required	10 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Most face-to-face in Czech Republic; Some phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa, convert to contractor visa or EU Citizenship	Business Professionals, Children	\$850 – 1,550 USD (20,000 - 37,800 CZK)	\$700 – 1,100 USD (16,550 - 26,900 CZK)	\$2,550 – 4,800 USD (60,000 – 113,400 CZK)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
France	BA/BS required	10 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Face-to-face in France	Student visa, work visa through government program, EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$1,700 – 2,150 USD (1,530 - 1,950 EUR)	\$1,050 – 2,150 USD (965 - 1,950 EUR) *TAPIF Stipend: 965 EUR	\$3,100 - 3,600 USD (2,830 - 3,450 EUR)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Georgia	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 Months	Year Round	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Phone/skype in advance or Face-to-face in Georgia	Tourist Visa	Children	\$220 USD (600 GEL) *Stipend for TLG	\$220 USD (600 GEL) *Stipend for TLG	\$300-400 USD (800 GEL – 1,100 GEL)	Housing provided by TLG program	Yes
Germany	BA/BS preferred, not required	10 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Face-to-face in Germany	Tourist visa, convert to contractor visa or EU Citizenship	Business Professionals, Children	\$1,100 – 2,150 USD (1,000 – 2,000 EUR)	\$1,100 - 2,150 USD (1,000 - 2,000 EUR)	\$3,000 - 4,500 USD (2,750 – 4,100 EUR)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Greece	BA/BS required	10 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Face-to-face in Greece	EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$850 - 1,200 USD (750 - 1000 EUR)	\$800 - 1,200 USD (850 - 1000 EUR)	\$1,500 - 1,950 USD (1,400 - 1,800 EUR)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Hungary	BA/BS required	10 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Phone/skype in advance or Face-to-face in Hungary	Tourist visa, convert to work visa or EU Citizenship	Business Professionals, Children	\$600 - 850 USD (164,100 - 234,450 HUF)	\$600 – 850 USD (164,100 - 234,450 HUF)	\$1,050 - 1,450 USD (290,000 - 413,000 HUF)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Italy	BA/BS required	10 & 12 months	Sept, Oct & Jan	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Face-to-face in Italy	Tourist visa, student visa, EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$1,250 - 1,500 USD (1,150 - 1,350 EUR)	\$1,200 - 1,550 USD (1,100 - 1,450 EUR)	\$2,250 - 2,700 USD (2,000 - 2,500 EUR)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Lithuania	BA/BS required	10 & 12 months	May and Aug for a Sept start	Aug, Christmas	Face-to-face in Lithuania	EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$500 – 850 USD (1,550 – 2,580 LTL)	\$500 - 850 USD (1,550 – 2,580 LTL)	\$900 - 1,500 USD (2,750 - 4,600 LTL)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Poland	BA/BS required	9 & 12 months	Sept, Oct & Jan	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Phone/Skype in advance	Tourist visa, convert to work visa EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$650 - 900 USD (2,500 - 3,400 PLN)	\$650 - 950 USD (2,500 - 3,600 PLN)	\$1,200 - 1,350 USD (4,500 – 5,100 PLN)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Portugal	BA/BS required	10 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug, Christmas- 2 nd week in Jan	Face-to-face in Portugal	EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$1,150 - 1,550 USD (1,050 - 1,400 EUR)	\$1,100 - 1,650 USD (1,000 - 1,500 EUR)	\$2,100 - 2,700 USD (1,950 - 2,500 EUR)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No

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Romania	BA/BS preferred, not required	9 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug	Most face-to-face in Romania; Some phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa, convert to work visa or EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$300 - 350 USD (1,150 - 1,500 RON)	\$300 - 350 USD (1,150 - 1,500 RON)	\$600 - 700 USD (2,500 - 2,900 RON)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Russia	BA/BS preferred, not required	12 months	All Year Round	Aug	Phone/skype in advance or face-to-face in Russia	Work visa	Business Professionals	\$650 - 1,200 USD (36,500 - 70,000 RUB)	\$650 - 1,200 USD (36,500 - 70,000 RUB)	\$1,800 - 2,650 USD (103,000 - 153,000 RUB)	Some Free Housing	No/Some return flight
Slovakia	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug	Phone/skype in advance or face-to-face in Slovakia	Tourist visa, convert to work visa or EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$450 - 750 USD (400 - 650 EUR)	\$450 - 750 USD (400 - 650 EUR)	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD (\$900 - 1,400 EUR)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Slovenia	BA/BS preferred, not required	10 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug	Most face-to-face in Slovenia; Some phone/skype in advance	EU Citizenship, Student Visa or Youth Mobility Visa	Business Professionals	\$800 - 1,100 USD (670 - 920 EUR)	\$900 - 1,150 USD (670 - 950 EUR)	\$1,200 - 1,650 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Spain	BA/BS preferred, not required	10 & 12 months	Late Sept-early Oct & Jan	Aug	Face-to-face in Spain except government program in advance	Tourist visa, student visa, work visa via Government program, EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$1,250 - 1,650 USD (1,120 - 1,500 EUR)	\$1,250 - 1,650 USD (1,120 - 1,500 EUR)	\$ 2,250 - 3,000 USD (2,050 - 2,750 EUR)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Turkey	BA/BS required	12 months	All Year Round	Aug	Phone/skype in advance or face-to-face in Turkey	Work visa	Business Professionals	\$500 - 1,000 USD (1,700 - 3,500 TRY)	\$500 - 1,000 USD (1,700 - 3,500 TRY)	\$1,200 - 2,400 USD (4,300 - 8,600 TRY)	Some free housing or housing subsidy	No
Ukraine	BA/BS preferred	10 & 12 months	Mostly Sept / All year around	Aug	Phone/skype in advance or face-to-face in Ukraine	Tourist visa, EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$300 - 450 USD (7,250 - 12,100 UAH)	\$300 - 450 USD (7,250 - 12,100 UAH)	\$900 - 1,500 USD (24,000 - 40,000 UAH)	Some Free Housing	No



Teaching English in the Middle East and North Africa

Stretching from the western shores of North Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf, the Middle East incorporates a broad array of job markets for English teachers. Oil rich nations of the Persian Gulf offer some of the most lucrative ESL teaching positions in the world, but job markets are small and competitive, and many jobs require previous experience and advanced credentials. For these positions, teachers will typically interview in advance from their home country. First-time teachers will find more opportunities in countries like Turkey, Egypt, and Morocco, where salaries and benefits are more modest, but the cost of living is low and the experience of living in one of the world's most historic and culturally rich societies is second to none.



The majority of jobs will be found in private schools and language institutes teaching both adults and children. Positions open throughout the year, but months leading to the beginning of the school year in late August and September offer the most opportunities.

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Bahrain	BA/BS required/ MA preferred	12 months	All Year Round/ May – Aug preferred	Islamic Holidays	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$700 - 1,050 USD (250 - 400 BHD) Plus housing	\$1,500 - 3,000 USD (550 - 1,150 BHD) Can save \$800-2,300 USD/Mo	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD (400 - 550 BHD)	Free Housing or Housing Subsidy	Yes
Egypt	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	All Year Round/ May – Aug preferred	Islamic Holidays	Face-to-face in Egypt; Some phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa convert to work visa	Business Professionals, Children	\$200 - 400 USD (3,600 - 7,150 EGP)	\$250 - 500 USD (4,300 - 8,600 EGP)	\$1,000 – 1,500 USD (18,100 - 27,150 EGP)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	Rarely

Country	Degree Requirement	Typical Contract Length	Peak Hiring Seasons	Expected Down Times	Interview Procedures	Visa Info	Typical Students	Average Monthly Cost of Living in \$ USD & Local Currency	Average Monthly Salary in \$ USD & Local Currency	Estimated Start-up Costs*	Housing	Reimbursed Airfare
Israel	BA/BS required	6 & 12 months	All Year Round	Jewish Holidays	Face-to-face in Israel	Tourist visa convert to work visa	Business Professionals, Children	\$950 - 1,450 USD (3,450 - 5,150 ILS)	\$600 - 1,150 USD (2,050 - 4,100 ILS)	\$1,050 – 1,600 USD (3,800 – 5,700 ILS)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Jordan	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	All Year Round/ May – Aug preferred	Islamic Holidays	Face-to-face in Jordan; Some phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa convert to work visa	Business Professionals, Children	\$650 - 1,000 USD (450 - 700 JOD)	\$650 - 1,200 USD (450 - 850 JOD)	\$1,000 – 1,500 USD (700 – 1,050 JOD)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	Rarely
Kuwait	BA/BS required/ MA preferred	12 months	All Year Round/ May – Aug preferred	Islamic Holidays	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$650 – 1,000 USD (200 - 300 KWD) Plus housing	\$1,500 – 3,200 USD (450 – 1,000 KWD) Can save \$850+ USD/Mo	\$1,000 – 1,500 USD (300 - 450 KWD)	Free Housing or Housing Subsidy	Yes
Lebanon	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	All Year Round	Islamic Holidays	Face-to-face in Lebanon	Tourist visa convert to work visa	Business Professionals, Children	\$900 - 1,500 USD (1,400,000 – 2,300,000 LBP)	\$900 - 1,500 USD (1,400,000 – 2,300,000 LBP)	\$1,800 – 3,000 USD (2,800,000 – 4,600,000 LBP)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Morocco	BA/BS required	6 & 12 months	All Year Round	Islamic Holidays	Face-to-face in Morocco	Tourist visa convert to work visa	Business Professionals, Children	\$500 – 1,000 USD (5,000 – 10,000 MAD)	\$500 – 1,000 USD (5,000 – 10,000 MAD)	\$1,000 – 1,500 USD (10,000 – 15,000 MAD)	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Oman	BA/BS required/ MA preferred	12 months	All Year Round/ May – Aug preferred	Islamic Holidays	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$800 - 1,500 USD (300 - 600 OMR) Plus housing	\$1,600 - 3,000 USD (600 – 1,200 OMR) Can save \$800+ USD/Mo	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD (400 - 600 OMR)	Free Housing or Housing Subsidy	Yes
Qatar	BA/BS required/MA preferred	12 months	All Year Round	Islamic Holidays	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$800 - 2,000 USD (2,900 – 7,400 QAR) Plus housing	\$1,600 – 4,000 USD (5,800 – 14,600 QAR) Can save \$800+ USD/Mo	\$1,000 - 2,000 USD (3,700 – 7,400 QAR)	Free Housing or Housing Subsidy	Yes
Saudi Arabia	BA/BS required/ MA preferred	12 months	All Year Round/ May – Aug preferred	Islamic Holidays	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$700 - 1,000 USD (2,600 - 3,750 SAR) Plus housing	\$1,500 - 3,000 USD (5,600 - 11,200 SAR) Can save \$800+ USD/Mo	\$1,000 – 1,500 USD (3,750 – 5,600 SAR)	Free Housing or Housing Subsidy	Yes
Turkey	BA/BS required	12 months	All Year Round	Aug	Phone/skype in advance or face-to-face in Turkey	Work visa	Business Professionals	\$500 - 1,000 USD (1,700 - 3,500 TRY)	\$500 - 1,000 USD (1,700 - 3,500 TRY)	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD (3,550 – 5,300 TRY)	Some free housing or housing subsidy	No
UAE (including Dubai & Abu Dhabi)	BA/BS required/ MA preferred	12 months	All Year Round	Islamic Holidays	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals, Children	\$800 - 1,000 USD (3,000 - 3,700 AED) Plus housing	\$1,800 - 5,000 USD (6,700 - 18,500 AED) Can save \$1,000+ USD/Mo	\$1,000 – 1,500 USD (3,700 - 5,500 AED)	Free Housing or Housing Subsidy	Yes

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*Startup costs are estimates in a country for housing, food, expenses until receiving first paycheck which is typically 30 days after start of contract.

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