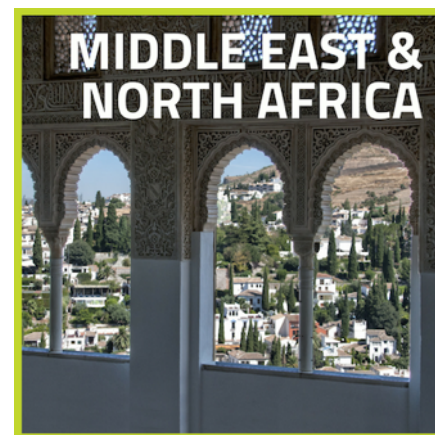


WORLD COMPARISON CHART FOR TEACHING ENGLISH ABROAD

Compare the most popular countries for teaching English abroad at a glance in Europe, Asia, Latin America & the Middle East and North Africa. The chart has information on [salaries](#), [hiring seasons](#), [degree requirements](#), [visas](#), [saving opportunities](#), and [more](#).

This country chart provides a general overview of the top English teaching markets around the globe. Refer to country profiles on our website (links in the chart) for more detailed information on hiring preferences, the job market, and links to more articles and helpful information. Make sure to check currency exchange rates, speak with an admissions advisor, and do further research to determine which teaching markets are best for you.



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TEACHING ENGLISH IN ASIA

The job market and demand for English teachers in East and South East Asia is arguably the largest in the world. Many of these nations are highly industrialized, economically strong, and culturally put an emphasis on the importance of education. This combination has created a large outward recruitment market and many open positions for certified English teachers.

Asia is an excellent region of the world to consider for your career teaching abroad if you are looking to:

- Find a job in advance of being in the country
- Save money
- Receive benefits such as accommodations, medical insurance, flight allowance, work visa assistance, bonuses, vacation time, etc.
- Find a job at virtually any time of the year
- Teach children (there are opportunities to teach adults as well!)

Keep in mind this is a general overview of all the teaching markets in Asia and a few exceptions may apply so please read the specifics of each country in the chart below.



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	\$500 - 1,000 USD	\$650 - 1,200 USD Can save \$200 - 500 USD/Mo	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
China	BA/BS 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	\$650 - 1,100 USD Plus housing	\$1,000 - 2,600 USD plus free housing. Can save \$600 - 1,000 USD/Mo	\$1,500 - 2,600 USD	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	\$2,300 - 3,800 USD Can save \$400 - 600 USD/Mo	\$2,000 - 3,000 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	Sometimes

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
Indonesia	BA/BS required	12 months	All Year Round	Islamic Holidays	Phone/skype in advance	Work visa in advance	Business Professionals , Children	\$570 - 900 USD	\$650 - 1,050 USD	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD	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	\$800 - 2,000 USD Plus housing	\$1,600 – 1,900 USD Can save \$400 - 600 USD/Mo	\$2,500 - 3,000 USD	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	\$400 – 1,000 USD	\$400 - 1,300 USD	\$800 - 1,000 USD	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	\$400 – 1,200 USD	\$800 - 1,000 USD	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	\$600 - \$1,000 USD	\$1,000 - \$1,500 USD	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	\$1,000 – 2,500 USD	\$1,200 - 2,500 USD	\$1,350 - 2,700 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Myanmar	BA/BS preferred, not required	12 months	All Year Round, May-Sept	None	Phone/skype in advance, sometimes face-to-face	Business Visa	Business Professionals , Children	\$650 - \$800 USD	\$650 - \$1,300 USD	\$1,100 - 2,000 USD	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	\$2,750 – 4,000 USD	\$2,750 – 4,000 USD	\$5,500 - 6,800 USD	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 – 1,200 USD Plus housing	\$1,500 - 2,500 USD Plus free Housing Can save \$1,200 - \$1,600 USD/Mo	\$1,000 - 2,000 USD	Free Housing or Housing Subsidy	One way or round trip
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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
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	\$750 - 1,800 USD	\$1,800 - 2,500 USD Can save up to \$500 USD/Mo	\$1,500 - 2,500 USD	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	\$500 - 800 USD	\$950 - 1,500 USD Can save \$450 - \$700 USD/Mo	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD	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	\$600 – 1,000 USD	\$950 - 1,500 USD Can save up to \$600 USD/Mo	\$1,000 - 2,000 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No



TEACHING ENGLISH IN LATIN AMERICA

A combination of rising living standards, integration with the globalized economy, and rapid growth in tourism has caused a surge in the demand for English instruction throughout Mexico, Central America, South America and a few countries in the Caribbean. While outward recruitment and the chance to save money aren't as strong in this part of the world as in other regions, there are still many great opportunities and experiences to be had.

Latin America is an excellent region of the world to consider for your career teaching abroad if you are looking to:

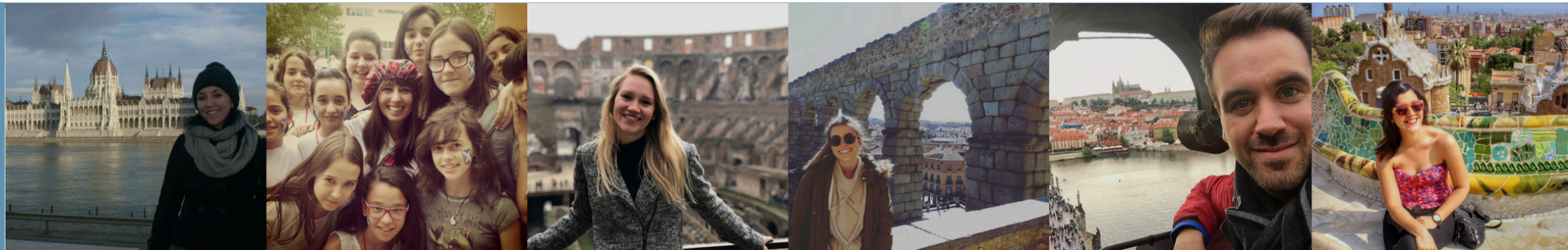
- Head overseas in January/February or July/August
- Teach adult students (there are some opportunities to teach children as well!)
- Interview with potential employers face-to-face in country
- Live a comfortable lifestyle while breaking even financially
- Teach in a country that doesn't necessarily require a bachelor's degree

Keep in mind this is a general overview of all the teaching markets in Latin America and a few exceptions may apply so please read the specific of each country in the chart below.



Country	Degree Requirement	Typical Contract Length	Peak Hiring Season	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	Approximate Start-up Costs*	Housing	Reimbursed Airfare
Argentina	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Feb-Mar, July-Aug	Christmas-End of February	Face-to-face in Argentina	Tourist visa	Business Professionals	\$500 - 1800 USD	\$600 - 1200 USD	\$1,500 - 2,500 USD	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	\$500 - 700 USD	\$600 - 1,000 USD	\$1,000 - 1,200 USD	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	\$800 - 1,300 USD	\$800 - 1,400 USD	\$1,200 - 2,000 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Country	Degree Requirement	Typical Contract Length	Peak Hiring Seasons	Expected Down Times	Interview Procedures	Visa Info	Typical Students	Average Monthly Cost of Living	Average Monthly Salary in \$ USD & Local Currency	Estimated Start-up Costs*	Housing	Reimbursed Airfare

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Chile	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Feb-Mar 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	\$650 - 1,000 USD	\$650 - 1,000 USD	\$1,850 - 2,250 USD Includes a \$400 - \$720 visa fee that teacher must pay for in Chile.	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	\$600 - 1,200 USD	\$700 - 1,500 USD	\$1,000 - 1,600 USD	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 Contract or License	Business Professionals	\$700 - 900 USD	\$700 - 900 USD	\$1,200 - 1,800 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Dominican Republic	BA/BS preferred, not required	12 Months	All Year Round	Christmas-F ebruary (Carnival)	Face-to-face in the Dominican Republic; Some phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa or work visa	Business Professionals	\$800 - \$1,200 USD	\$700 - \$2,000 USD	\$1,000 - 1,200 USD	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 – 1,000 USD	\$500 – 1,000 USD	\$1,000 - 1,200 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 - \$900 USD	\$500 - \$900 USD	\$1,000 - \$1,200 USD	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	\$400 - \$700 USD	\$500 - \$1,000 USD	\$1,000 - \$1,200 USD	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	\$500 - 1,000 USD	\$500 – 1,000 USD	\$1,300 - 1,800 USD Includes a \$150-\$400 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	\$800 – 1,200 USD	\$600 – 1,100 USD	\$1,000 - 1,200 USD	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	\$800 - 1,500 USD	\$800 - 1,500 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	\$800 - 1,200 USD	\$800 - 1,200 USD	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD	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	\$800 - 1,300 USD	\$800 - 1,300 USD	\$1,600 - 2,200 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No



TEACHING ENGLISH IN EUROPE

The English teaching market in Europe is vast. Learning English has become more essential since 1993 when the EU was founded, making English a common language for business and education. Although there are many member countries of the EU, each country has their own hiring practices and visa rules for non-EU citizens. However, if you have EU citizenship, you will not need to apply separately for a work visa.

Europe is an excellent region of the world to consider for your career teaching abroad if you are looking to:

- Head overseas in September or January for the two main hiring seasons
- Interview with potential employers face-to-face in country (there are some opportunities to find work in advance!)
- Teach adult students (there are some opportunities to teach children as well!)
- Live a comfortable lifestyle while breaking even financially

Keep in mind this is a general overview of all the teaching markets in Europe and a few exceptions may apply so please read the specifics of each country in the chart below.



Country	Degree Requirement	Typical Contract Length	Peak Hiring Season	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	Approximate Start-up Costs*	Housing	Reimbursed Airfare
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	\$1,800 - 2,500 USD	\$1,800 - 2,800 USD	\$2,550 - 3,800 USD	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	\$1,500 - 2,000 USD	\$1,900 - 2,800 USD	\$2,250 - 3,000 USD	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	\$650 - 1,100 USD	\$650 - 1,100 USD	\$1,000 - 1,450 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No

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
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	\$900 - 1,250 USD	\$900 - 1,250 USD	\$1,350 - 2,000 USD	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	\$800 - 1,600 USD	\$800 - 1,600 USD	\$2,400 - 4,500 USD **Zivno Visa costs not included	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	\$1,200 - 2,300 USD	\$1,000 – 2,000 USD *TAPIF Stipend: 810 EUR	\$2,500 – 4,000 USD	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	\$500 - 600 USD (750 GEL) *Stipend for TLG	\$300 - 560 USD (750 GEL) *Stipend for TLG	\$500 - 800 USD	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 - 2,200 USD	\$1,300 - 2,700 USD	\$3,000 - 4,500 USD	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	\$800 - 1,100 USD	\$800 - 1,100 USD (\$1,200 - 2,000 USD	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	\$700 – 1,100 USD	\$600 – 1,200 USD	\$1,050 - 1,450 USD	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	\$1,100 – 2,000 USD	\$1,000-1500 USD	\$1,200 - \$2,100 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Lithuania	BA/BS required	10 & 12 months	May and Aug for a Sept start	Aug, Christmas	Phone/skype in advance or Face-to-face in Lithuania	EU Citizenship	Business Professionals, Children	\$1,000 – 1,200 USD	\$1,000 – 1,500 USD	\$1,200 - 1,800 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Poland	BA/BS preferred, not required	9 & 12 months	Sept, Oct & Jan	Aug, Christmas-2 nd week in Jan	Phone/skype in advance or Face-to-face in Poland	Tourist visa, convert to work visa EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$800 - 1,200 USD (2,500 - 3,400 PLN)	\$800 - 1,400 USD	\$900 - 1,800 USD	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	\$800 - 1,700 USD	\$850 – 1,700 USD	\$2,300 - 2,900 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No

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
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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	\$600 – 1,000 USD	\$600 - 1,000 USD	\$800 - 1500 USD	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 , Children	\$600 - 1,200 USD	\$650 - 1,400 USD	\$1,000 - 1,800 USD	Some Free Housing	No/Some return flight
Slovakia	BA/BS preferred, not required	6 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug, Christmas-2nd week in Jan	Phone/skype in advance or face-to-face in Slovakia	Tourist visa, convert to work visa or EU Citizenship	Business Professionals	\$700 – 1.100 USD	\$700 – 1,100 USD	\$1,100 - 1,700 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Slovenia	BA/BS preferred, not required	10 & 12 months	Sept & Jan	Aug, Christmas-2nd week in Jan	Most face-to-face in Slovenia; Some phone/skype in advance	EU Citizenship, Student Visa or Youth Mobility Visa	Business Professionals	\$900 - 1,300 USD	\$900 - 1,300 USD	\$1,200 - 1,850 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	No
Spain	BA/BS preferred, not required	10 & 12 months	Sept-early Oct & Jan	Aug, Christmas-2nd week in Jan	Face-to-face in Spain except government program in advance	Student visa, EU Citizenship	Business Professionals , Children (esp. government program)	\$700 - 1,000 USD	\$800- 1,500 USD	\$1,700 - 2,850 USD	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	\$600 – 1,000 USD	\$6500 - 1,300 USD	\$1,100 - 1,800 USD	Some free housing or housing subsidy	No
Ukraine	BA/BS preferred	10 & 12 months	Mostly Sept / All year around	Aug, Christmas-2nd week in Jan	Phone/skype in advance or face-to-face in Ukraine	Tourist visa, EU Citizenship	Business Professionals , Children	\$600 - \$1,200 USD	\$600 – 1,300 USD	\$1,200 - 1,800 USD	Some Free Housing	No



TEACHING ENGLISH IN THE MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

From the 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 these markets can be small, competitive, and require advanced teaching credentials. There is also a high demand in other Middle Eastern countries, but the positions are more break-even in nature and don't require advanced teaching credentials.

The Middle East is an excellent region of the world to consider for your career teaching abroad if you are looking to:

- Find a job in advance of being in the country
- Save money
- Receive benefits such as accommodations, medical insurance, flight allowance, work visa assistance, etc.
- Find a job at virtually any time of the year
- Teach children or adults

Keep in mind this is a general overview of all the teaching markets in the Middle East and few exceptions may apply so please read the specifics of each country in the chart below.



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
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 - 1,100 USD Plus housing	\$2,500 - 4,000 USD Can save \$800+ USD/Mo	\$1,100 - 1,500 USD	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	\$300 - 700 USD	\$300 - 800 USD	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD	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; Some phone/skype in advance	Tourist visa convert to work visa; right of return	Business Professionals, Children	\$1,000 – 2,000 USD	\$1,400 – 2,800 USD	\$1,500 - 2,000 USD	Self-pay, Housing advice provided by employer	Rarely
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	\$850 - 1,400 USD	\$850 – 2,000 USD	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD	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	\$750 - 1,500 USD Plus housing	\$2,100 - 3,500 USD Can save \$850+ USD/Mo	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD	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	\$1,000 - 2,000 USD	\$1,800 - 3,000 USD	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	\$600 - 1,200 USD	\$600 - 1,200 USD	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD	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	\$900 - 1,650 USD Plus housing	\$2,000 - 3,500 USD Can save \$800+ USD/Mo	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD	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	\$1,000 - 2,500 USD Plus housing	\$1,600 - 4,000 USD Can save \$800+ USD/Mo	\$1,500 - 2,500 USD	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	\$1,000 - 1,500 USD Plus housing	\$2,000 - 4,000 USD Can save \$800+ USD/Mo	\$1,500 – 2,000 USD	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	\$600 – 1,200 USD	\$600 - 1,600 USD	\$1,100 - 1,800 USD	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	\$1,500 – 2,000 USD Plus housing	\$2,100 - 5,500 USD Can save \$800+ USD/Mo	\$1,800 - 2,800 USD	Free Housing or Housing Subsidy	Yes