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# Salary Guide

## Real TEFL salaries from around the world

A guide to pay and job  
benefits in 60+ countries

# What's in the guide?

## Key insights

- Global TEFL salary comparisons and regional averages
- Real insights from TEFL teachers and graduates currently working abroad
- Employee benefits like housing, flights, healthcare, and vacations
- Job requirements by country
- Cost-of-living differences worldwide
- Top countries to save money teaching English

## Who is this guide for?

- Career changers and new graduates
- Digital nomads and travel-hungry teachers
- Certified TEFL teachers looking for their next job
- People brand new to TEFL who want to learn more

Images sent by real TEFL students around the world



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# What can you *really* learn teaching English abroad?

Every year, thousands of TEFL teachers face the tough but exciting choice of where to go to teach English. And with so many countries to choose from, it can be hard to pin down the right one.

When you're planning the journey of a lifetime, the last thing you want is to be put off by the paycheque that doesn't cover your lifestyle, or ruling out a great opportunity because the pay seems a little low.

That's why we created this guide. Whatever drew you to TEFL in the first place – travel, personal growth, or making a living – salaries are going to play a big part in where you end up.

To help you find your feet, we analysed the salaries and benefits from hundreds of recent TEFL job postings in over 60 countries, giving you:

- A real sense of what TEFL teachers can earn
- How salaries compare to local living costs
- Where to find the most value for your skills
- What perks to expect from employers around the world
- Budget and saving tips from real TEFL teachers

We hope this guide gives you a better sense of what to expect so that you can find the TEFL job that's perfect for you!

– **The TEFL Org**



# How we got our data

We analysed 500+ recent job listings in 60 countries, capturing monthly salaries, benefits, and qualifications.

We also tracked:

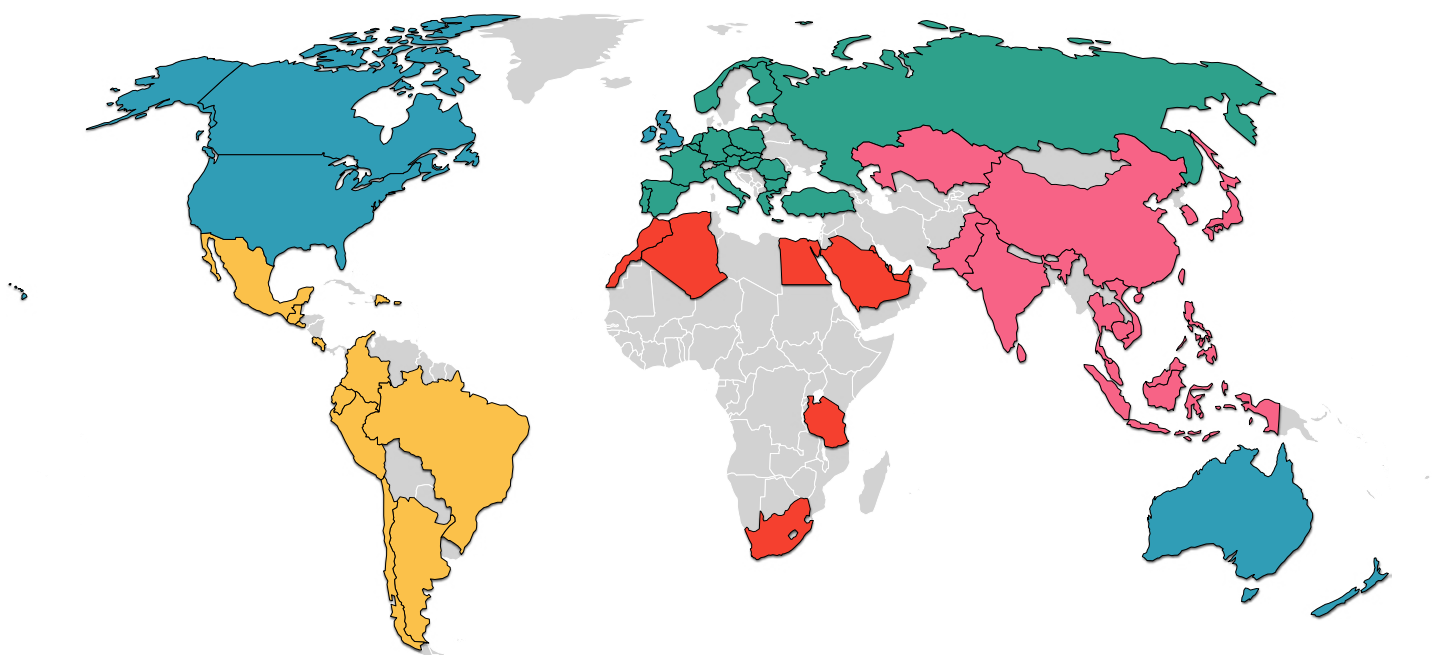
- Which jobs offered housing, airfare, and health insurance
- What qualifications were needed to teach English (e.g. a degree, TEFL certificate, and teaching experience)
- Insights from our network of TEFL teachers and graduates currently working around the world, giving you a better idea of what TEFL pay packages actually look like in practice.



# Global TEFL Salary Map

## Where we found our data

Real TEFL salaries from 60+ countries.



English-speaking world



Europe



Americas



Africa & Middle East



Asia

# Global TEFL salaries

Out of context, salary data can be misleading. For example, \$1,000 a month might not seem like much in Germany, but in Thailand, your money will go a lot further!

And when you factor in things like employee benefits (housing, flights, health insurance), the deal starts to look even better.

Below is a high-level view of TEFL pay around the world (remember – salary isn't everything!)

## Pay isn't the whole story

No two TEFL jobs are the same – and neither are the salaries. But don't be too quick to write off parts of the world with lower pay. Regional differences in salary usually reflect a lower cost of living, too.

Region	Avg Monthly Salary (USD)	Cost of Living
English-speaking countries	\$4,328	High
Middle East	\$2,702	Low
Europe	\$2,123	Fair
Asia	\$1,539	Low
Americas	\$967	Very Low
Africa	\$841	Very Low



# At a glance

## Highest salaries:

### English-speaking countries, Middle East

You'll find the biggest paycheques in English-speaking countries (like the UK and Australia) and wealthy Gulf nations (like Qatar and Saudi Arabia). Some roles in these countries pay between \$4,000 – \$7,000 USD a month!

## Mid-range salaries:

### East Asia and Western Europe

Countries in East Asia (like South Korea, Taiwan, and China) and parts of Western/Northern Europe (like Germany or the Netherlands) offer salaries between \$2,000 – \$3,500 USD a month.

## Lower salaries:

### Southeast Asia, Latin America

Southern/Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, and most of Latin America all tend to pay less – usually between \$500–\$1,500 USD. That said, the cost of living is often lower too, so your salary can go a long way.

## Lowest salaries:

### Africa, South Asia

In a few countries – especially in parts of South Asia and Africa – TEFL salaries average under \$300 USD. These jobs are often volunteer-based or offer very limited income.



## Tip:

**If you're looking to save money, there are opportunities around the world – not just in wealthier countries.**





## At a glance

### Best overall compensation

**Asia:**

Hong Kong, Singapore, China

**Europe:**

Norway, Netherlands, Finland

**Middle East:**

Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar

**Americas:**

Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Costa Rica

### Best benefits

**Asia:**

China, Taiwan, South Korea, Indonesia

**Europe:**

Norway, Netherlands, Finland, Portugal, Greece

**Middle East:**

Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait

**Americas:**

Guatemala, Costa Rica, Colombia, Chile, Dominican Republic

### Best balance of budget and travel

**Asia:**

China, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan

**Europe:**

Germany, Austria, Portugal, Spain

**Africa & Middle East:**

Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, South Africa

**Americas:**

Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Costa Rica

### Best places to save money

**Asia:**

China, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan

**Europe:**

Finland, Germany, Austria

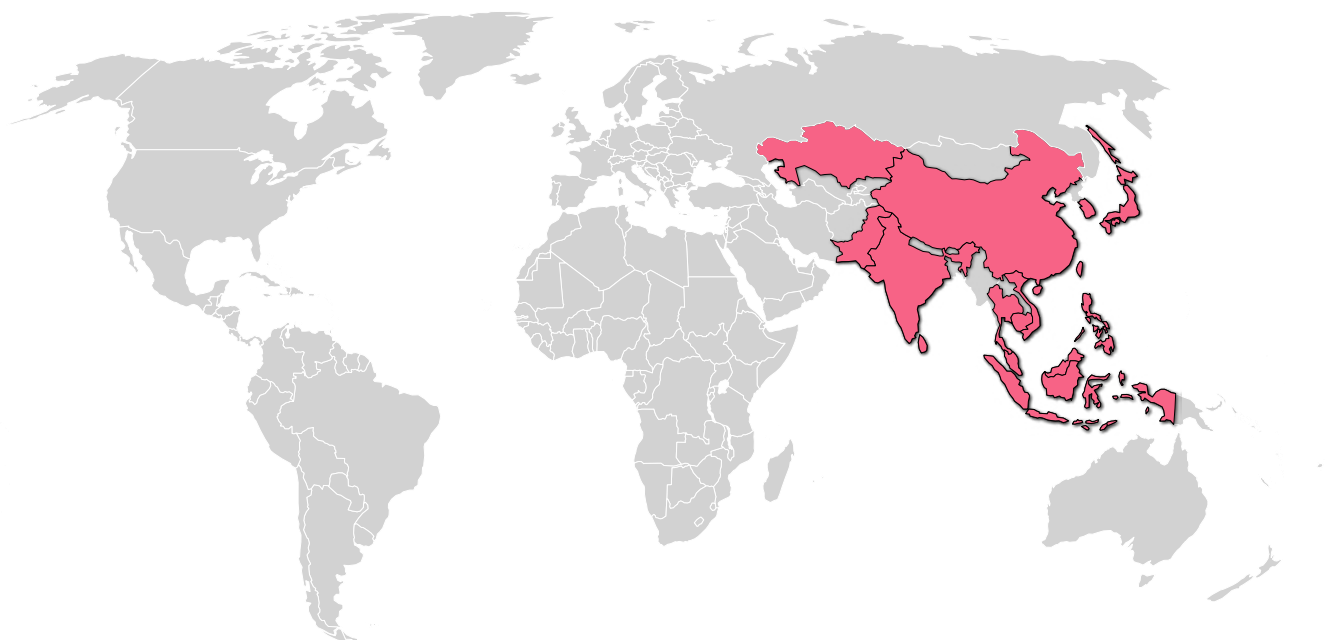
**Middle East:**

Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar

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# Asia



One of the most diverse and in-demand regions for English teachers in the world, Asia is home to some of the highest (and lowest) paying TEFL jobs out there.

From teaching roles in high-tech megacities, to remote rural classrooms, Asia has some of the widest salary differences of any region.

We pulled data from hundreds of recent job postings to give you a true picture of what Asia has to offer, pay-wise.

**Highest salaries:**

Hong Kong, Singapore, China, Taiwan, South Korea

**Best pay-to-cost of living balance:**

Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia

**Lowest salaries:**

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Philippines

**Best for savings:**

China, South Korea, Japan, Vietnam

**Best for new teachers:**

China, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand

# Asia



## An overview

There are clear differences in salaries across Asia, with pay patterns matching a country's level of wealth. However, a high salary isn't the whole story. In Asia particularly, differences in the local cost of living can make up for what seem like huge pay disparities on the surface.

In East and Southeast Asia, for example, it's common for jobs to include perks like free accommodation, flight reimbursement, and bonuses. So even if your base salary seems a little low, in real terms it might actually go a lot further.

By contrast, South Asian countries like the Philippines, India, and Sri Lanka usually have much lower salaries (or volunteer-only roles), and fewer benefits to make up for the shortfall in pay. Generally, people take these positions for the unique experiences they offer – not the paycheck.



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# TEFL salaries in Asia

Country	Average Salary (monthly)		Cost of Living	Benefits Provided		
	USD	GBP		Accom.	Airfare	Insurance
Highest salaries						
Hong Kong	\$3,585	£2,786	Very High	No	No	Yes
Singapore	\$3,500	£2,716	Very High	No	No	Yes
China	\$3,008	£2,286	Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
Taiwan	\$2,220	£1,722	Low	Yes	Sometimes	Yes
South Korea	\$1,936	£1,504	Fair	Yes	Yes	Yes
Malaysia	\$1,664	£1,293	Very Low	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes
Japan	\$1,639	£1,273	Low	Yes	Sometimes	Yes
Mid-range salaries						
Kazakhstan	\$1,267	£984	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thailand	\$1,020	£792	Very Low	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes
Vietnam	\$1,510	£1,172	Very Low	Yes	Sometimes	Yes
Cambodia	\$1,220	£943	Very Low	Yes	Sometimes	Yes
Indonesia	\$953	£740	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lowest salaries						
Philippines	\$545	£423	Very Low	No	No	No
India	\$304	£235	Very Low	No	No	Sometimes
Pakistan	\$131	£102	Very Low	No	No	Sometimes
Sri Lanka	\$124	£96	Very Low	No	No	No

## Highest TEFL salaries in Asia (USD / month)

Countries like **Singapore, China** and **South Korea** are some of the most appealing destinations for TEFL teachers globally, with great salaries and tonnes of extra perks on top.

**China, Taiwan** and **South Korea**, in particular, have some of the best combinations of high wages, free accommodation, and paid flights anywhere in the world – pushing monthly salaries even further.

### Tip:

Keep in mind that whatever country you're in, **cost of living will vary depending on the type of job you get** (e.g. a state school versus a private language school), and **whether you're based in a major city or a more rural area**.

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# TEFL teacher insights

## South Korea

“For both public and private schools in Korea, flights and housing are typically covered. Most employers reimburse up to 1 million KRW [\$720/£540] for flights, some after three months, others include it in your first paycheck. Housing is usually a one room apartment provided by the school, and teachers are only responsible for utilities. Of course, it can vary slightly, but that’s been the general standard I’ve seen here!”

**Lydia – Seoul, South Korea**



## Mid-range TEFL salaries in Asia

While popular Southeast Asian countries like **Thailand**, **Cambodia**, and **Vietnam** aren't at the top of the pay scale (salaries are between \$900–\$1,500 USD), the cost of living is usually a lot lower. So while you might not save a fortune, your money will go further – and you'll get an unforgettable experience in return.



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## TEFL budget tips

### Paige Hanoi, Vietnam

#### What's your monthly salary?

53,000,000 VND per month, (~\$2000 / £1500) teaching grade 2 students\*. School working day is 8–4:45, teaching 3 hours a day and the rest dedicated to admin/tutoring students.

\*Total household income

#### What employment benefits do you get?

Basic health insurance.

#### What are your average monthly expenses for 2 people?

**Rent and utilities:** Rent varies between 300–800 USD per month depending on size/facilities etc. I'm fortunate enough to live with my boyfriend who is a teacher at one of the international schools in Hanoi, which does pay a rent allowance. Our rent allowance covers our monthly rent.

**Food:** Local meals out are 50,000–100,000 (2–3USD). Fruit and veg are cheap if bought at the markets, but supermarkets can be more expensive, especially for imported goods.

**Transport:** not covered. You can rent a motorbike for 1 million VND (~\$40 / £30) and fuel costs around 100,000 VND (\$3.80 / £2.90) a week.

**Other:** eating out in Western style restaurants will cost more (5–20 USD per meal), Vietnamese lessons 1 million VND (around \$40 / £30) a month.

#### Can you save money each month?

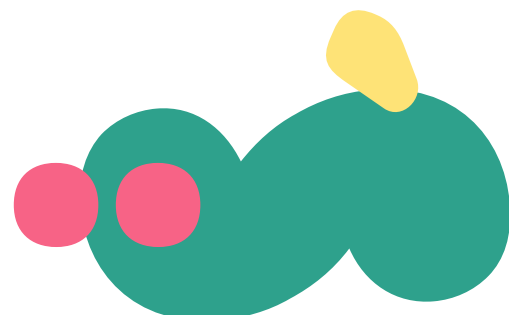
Yes, around 20 million VND/month (\$760 / £575) – but this could be a lot more!

#### Do you do any extra work outside your main job?

No, but a lot of people do second jobs tutoring or in private language centres in the evenings here.

#### Any local money-saving tips or budget hacks?

Local food spots (pho, bun cha etc) where the cost is only 1–2 USD is the best way to eat out and save money. We tend to eat out more than cook at home.



## Lowest TEFL salaries in Asia (USD/month)

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Jobs in South Asian countries like the **Philippines, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka** are consistently at the bottom of the pay scale. While paid TEFL positions do exist, many are unpaid or lower pay, and typically aimed at volunteers or gap-year teachers.

But don't rule out the South just yet. Despite the low wages, cost of living is also significantly lower. Rent in Islamabad, Pakistan's capital, is 92% cheaper than London. Manila, 79% cheaper, and Colombo (Sri Lanka's capital) 88% cheaper.<sup>1</sup>

So while the average salary for TEFL teachers in South Asia might not seem like much, it's still possible to get by. Just don't expect to save a tonne of cash in the process!

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Islamabad>

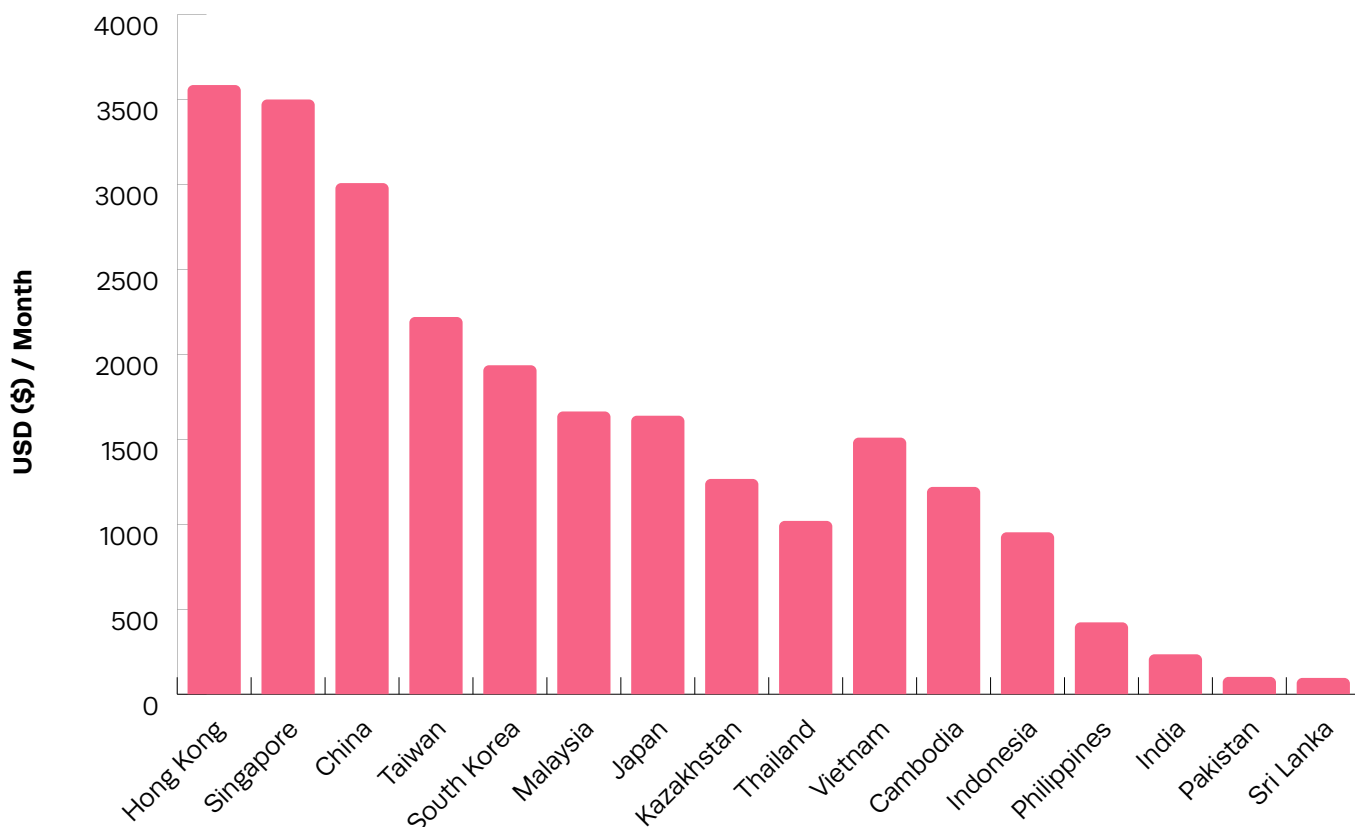


# Asia TEFL salaries & lifestyle

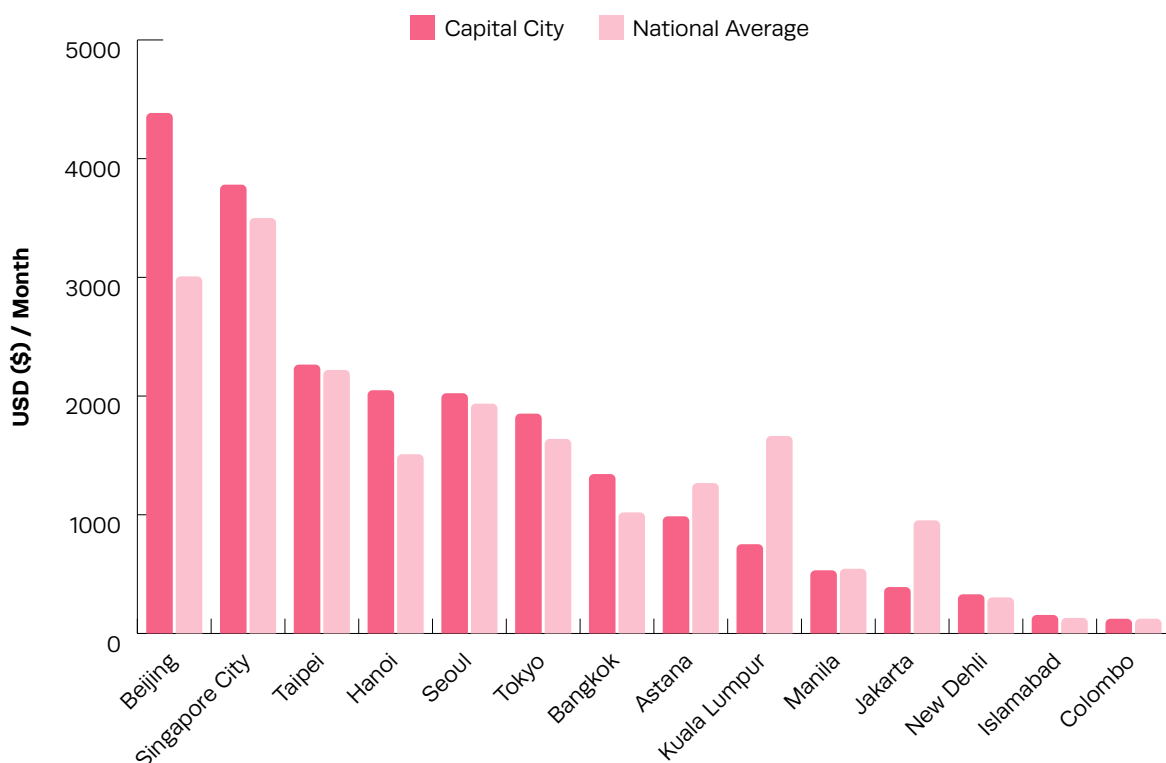
Asia is a diverse region with some of the biggest salary differences for TEFL teachers, so it depends what kind of lifestyle you're looking for.



**Average TEFL Salary by Country, Asia**



## Asia TEFL Salaries Capital Cities vs National Average



### Best countries for saving money

If you're focused on **saving money**, look to East Asia. **China, South Korea, Japan** and **Taiwan** offer great earning potential and generous benefits – especially for qualified TEFL teachers.

### Best countries if you don't have experience

Based on our research, **China, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam** and **Thailand** tend to be more accessible for new teachers – as long as you have a degree. A TEFL certification isn't a deal-breaker for employers, but it definitely helps.

### Best balance of salary and travel

If your goal is a **balance of cultural immersion or travel**, **Southeast Asia** could be a good fit. You'll earn less, but day-to-day life is more affordable, and cost of living is generally lower.



# What you need to TEFL in Asia

To land paying TEFL jobs across Asia, almost all countries expect you to have a **bachelor's degree** and proper **TEFL certification**. (If you do have previous teaching experience, that's a bonus!)

Below is a quick breakdown of the requirements we found in our survey of hundreds of job postings across Asia.

## Tip:

The only country outside of South Asia that **doesn't require a degree** to teach English is **Cambodia**.

All the others (like China, Japan, and South Korea) require a bachelor's degree to get a work visa.

Country / City	Key Requirements		
	Degree	TEFL Certificate (120 Hours minimum)	Experience
Hong Kong	Yes	Yes	Preferred
Singapore	Yes	Yes	Preferred
China	Yes	Yes	No
Taiwan	Yes	Yes	No
South Korea	Yes	Yes	No
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Japan	Yes	Yes	No
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Indonesia	Yes	Yes	Preferred
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India	No	Yes	Preferred
Pakistan	No	Yes	Preferred
Sri Lanka	No	Yes	Preferred





## Final thoughts

From the white beaches of Bali to the nightlife of Hongdae, Seoul, teaching English in Asia offers something for everyone. Whether you're looking to save money, build experience, or explore a new culture, knowing what you can expect to earn is a big part of planning your TEFL journey.

In all the job postings we looked at across Asia, one thing stood out – wherever you're headed, having the right qualifications was key. Along with a degree, a TEFL certificate was one of the top things employers looked for.

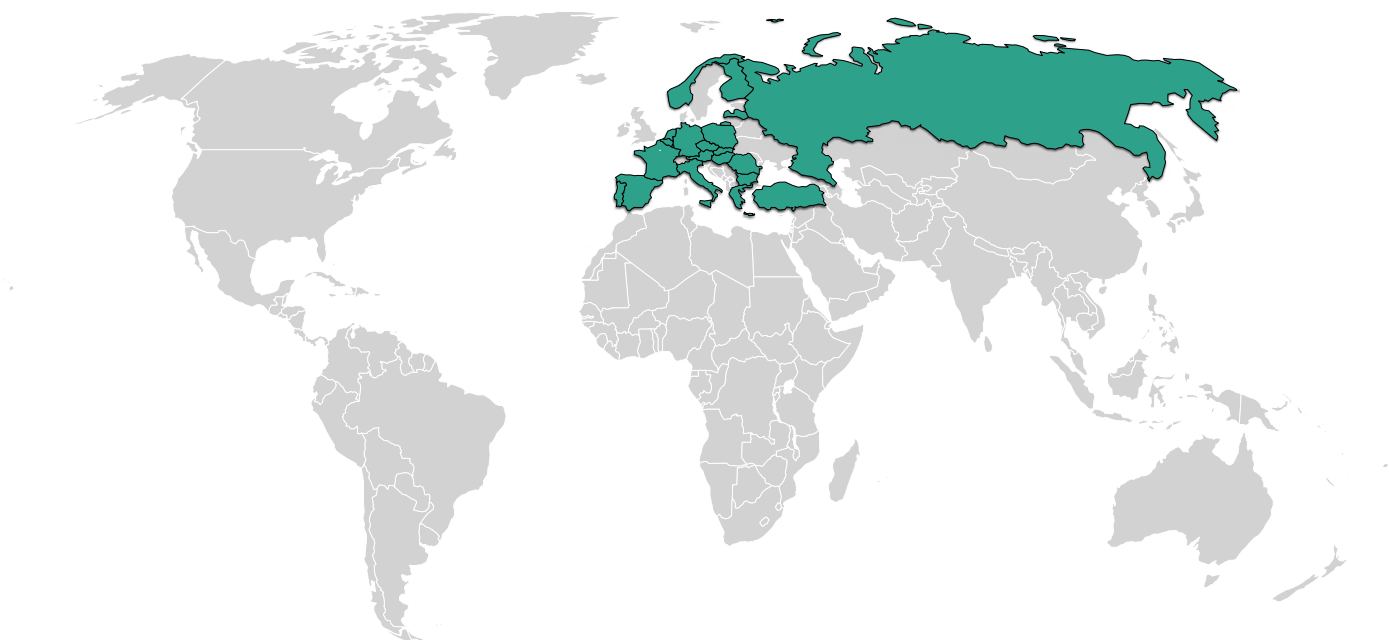
## Your passport to Asia

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# Europe



Europe has some of the most popular TEFL destinations in the world. With a mix of great pay, benefits and travel opportunities – plus lots of people looking to learn English – the European TEFL market has consistently high demand (and pretty high entry standards, as a result).

From Bavaria to the Balearic Islands, we looked at hundreds of European TEFL job listings, giving you a full picture of teacher pay throughout the continent.

**Highest salaries:**

Norway, The Netherlands, Finland, Germany

**Best pay-to-cost of living balance:**

Most of Europe

**Lowest salaries:**

Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Türkiye

**Best for savings:**

Most of Europe

**Best for new teachers:**

Spain, Portugal, Italy



# Europe



## An overview

While most of Europe shares a common currency and economic area, there are still some big differences in pay and cost of living. TEFL jobs in Western and Northern Europe – like the Netherlands, Germany, and Scandinavia – had the highest salaries on average, while Eastern Europe had some of the lowest. (Cost of living followed a similar trend, too.)

Countries with the highest pay – like Norway and the Netherlands – have the highest cost of living (interestingly, the highest paying TEFL jobs also came with the most benefits). By contrast, countries with much lower salaries – like Greece, Türkiye, and most of Eastern Europe – are also generally much cheaper to live in, with many jobs in these countries offering benefits like accommodation and flights.

So if you're thinking about teaching English in Europe, keep in mind that salary isn't everything. How much of your salary you'll be spending on things like rent, food, and bills is also important, and so are the perks of your job.

### Tip:

We found that many of the best paying TEFL jobs in Europe often came with the best benefits, too.

# TEFL salaries in Europe

Country	Average Salary (monthly)		Cost of Living	Benefits Provided		
	USD	GBP		Accom.	Airfare	Insurance
Highest salaries						
Norway	\$4,226	£3,205	High	Yes	Yes	Yes
Netherlands	\$4,012	£3,042	High	Yes	Yes	Yes
Finland	\$3,574	£2,711	Fair	Yes	Yes	Yes
Germany	\$3,384	£2,567	Fair	No	No	No
Mid-range salaries						
France	\$2,707	£2,053	Fair	No	No	No
Austria	\$2,653	£2,012	Fair	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes
Belgium	\$2,183	£1,656	Fair	No	No	No
Italy	\$1,990	£1,509	Low	No	No	No
Portugal	\$1,839	£1,395	Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mid-low salaries						
Czech Republic	\$1,774	£1,345	Low	Yes	No	Yes
Greece	\$1,728	£1,311	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
Poland	\$1,707	£1,295	Very Low	No	No	No
Spain	\$1,581	£1,199	Low	Sometimes	No	Sometimes
Russia	\$1,537	£1,166	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
Latvia	\$1,527	£1,158	Very Low	No	No	Yes
Slovakia	\$1,520	£1,152	Very Low	No	No	No
Lowest salaries						
Hungary	\$1,285	£975	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bulgaria	\$1193	£514	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
Romania	\$1,178	£893	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
Türkiye	\$857	£650	Very Low	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes



## Highest TEFL salaries in Europe (USD/ month)

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**Norway** and the **Netherlands** consistently had the **highest salaries** for listed TEFL jobs in Europe, with **Finland** following closely behind. However, these countries are quite difficult to find work in as an entry level teacher!

**Norway** and the **Netherlands** also have some of the **highest costs of living** of any TEFL country globally. This might not be much of a concern if you're trying to save and travel though, since the majority of TEFL jobs we looked at in these countries had great benefits, including housing, airfare, and health insurance.

**Finland** and **Germany** offer a **great balance of high pay and reasonable cost of living**, with Finland's benefits making it an even better deal. German TEFL jobs, by contrast, rarely included housing, travel, or health insurance in the listings we saw. (Germany is better for entry-level TEFL jobs though!)



## TEFL budget tips

**Diana**

**The Netherlands**

### What's your monthly salary?

2,000 EUR (~\$2300 / £1750) for 3 days a week teaching in the Netherlands as an English for Academic Purposes teacher, to international students doing their foundation year before their bachelor's degrees.

### What employment benefits do you get?

None. You need to have Dutch insurance to be able to work in NL. There is a health insurance allowance for individuals with low income. Insurance is around 150EUR, 100EUR of which can be reimbursed.

### What are your average monthly expenses for 2 people?

**Rent and utilities:** around 750 EUR for a studio (\$865 / £650), 500 EUR for a room in a house with shared WC and kitchen (\$575 / £435), or 1750 EUR for an apartment (\$2000 / £1500).

If you are over 21 and live on your own (in a studio or an apartment), and you have low income, you can apply for a rental allowance from the government.

**Food:** 700–800 EUR a month (~\$850 / £650)

**Transport:** 35–70EUR a month (~\$60 / £45). Plus, I bike everywhere, buying a second-hand bike is worth it, costs vary, can range between 50–200 EUR. Public transport (buses) is quite expensive. I have a train 'weekend vrij' (weekend

free) subscription that allows me to travel on weekends to any city in the Netherlands, for 35 EUR a month.

### Can you save money each month?

Yes, between 900 – 1000 EUR / month (around \$1100 / £825).

### Do you do any extra work outside your main job?

Yes, I work as a communications specialist, 2 days a week.

### Any local money-saving tips or budget hacks?

- Some grocery stores have special fridges with discounted food that will expire in the next day or so.
- Every Saturday there is an open market in each Dutch town where local farmers sell bread, meat, fish, fruits, and veggies. They taste better and are slightly cheaper than the ones in grocery stores.
- Getting a weekend subscription for trains is definitely worth it, otherwise train tickets are insanely expensive. If I didn't have a weekend one, I would pay 60EUR for a two-way journey from Enschede (where I live) to Amsterdam, with the subscription I pay 35EUR, it lets me explore the country.





## Mid-range TEFL salaries in Europe

TEFL jobs in Western, Central, and parts of Southern Europe offer a decent balance of pay to cost of living, with every country in this tier ranging from 'fair' to 'low' cost of living.

However, while pay for countries like **France** and **Austria** were high, and **Belgium** and **Italy** fairly high, perks were less common in the job listings we found.

In terms of qualifications, most of the job posts we reviewed looked for a minimum of a bachelor's degree, TEFL certificate, and a preference for some previous teaching

experience. However, **Portugal** stood out as more beginner-friendly for new TEFL graduates, with easier entry requirements, and listings for entry-level positions more common.

### Tip:

If benefits are missing from job listings, it doesn't mean you can't find TEFL jobs with great perks in those countries. Job requirements and benefits change based on where you teach, who your employer is, and how qualified you are.

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## TEFL budget tips

**Katie**  
**Italy**



### What's your monthly salary?

1,800 EUR (\$2075 / £1560) at a summer camp & 1,500 EUR (\$1730 / £1300) teaching in Italy.

### What employment benefits do you get?

- Accommodation
- Flights (summer camp only)
- Health insurance

### What are your average monthly expenses for 2 people?

**Rent and utilities:** 0, included

**Food:** included at summer camp, 30 EUR for single groceries trip in Italy (\$35 / £26)

**Transport:** Not Required

### Can you save money each month?

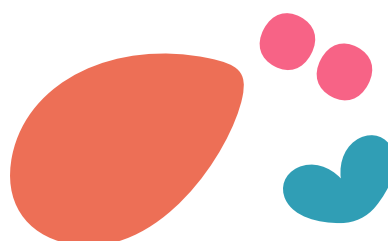
Yes, around 1000 EUR / month. (\$1155 / £865)

### Do you do any extra work outside your main job?

Yes, online 1:1 tutoring.

### Any local money-saving tips or budget hacks?

- Try to eat and shop where the locals go!
- Have a separate account to put savings in on pay day.



## Mid-low range TEFL salaries in Europe (USD/month)

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As a group, **Spain, Greece, Russia** and parts of **Eastern Europe** made up the lower to mid-range TEFL salaries in Europe. Cost of living was also consistently much lower, meaning salaries tend to go further.

Perks like housing, flights, and health insurance were varied, with countries like **Greece, Russia** and the **Czech Republic** leading the way in terms of benefits.

Like most of Europe, employers were looking for a degree, TEFL certificate, and some teaching experience – though **Russia, Greece** and **Latvia** were more relaxed in their entry standards for new teachers.





## Lowest TEFL salaries in Europe (USD/month)

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Hungary	\$1,285	£975	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bulgaria	\$1,193	£514	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
Romania	\$1,178	£893	Very Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
Türkiye	\$857	£650	Very Low	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes



The lowest TEFL salaries on the continent were typically found in parts of **Eastern Europe**, and in **Türkiye**. However, the cost of living in these countries is one of the lowest in Europe, and we found a good number of jobs with full benefits. If you're not having to worry about rent, flights, and health insurance, your salary will go a lot further (check out Matt and Perlie's budget breakdown below to see just how much you can make teaching English in Türkiye!)

Entry-level jobs were common in all these countries (except Bulgaria), but requirements for ESL teachers emphasized the need for a bachelor's degree and TEFL certificate, across the board.



## TEFL budget tips

### Matt and Perlie Istanbul, Türkiye

#### What's your monthly salary?

81,000 TL per month (~\$2000 / £1500)\*  
teaching kindergarten students.

We work from 8am – 4pm, teaching 4 hours a day with planning and taking students to other classes (drama, sports, music, art) for the rest of the day. You work with a partner teacher and split the lessons or time together.

\*Total household income

#### What employment benefits do you get?

- Accommodation
- Flights (including a return flight home every year!)
- Health insurance

#### What are your average monthly expenses for 2 people?

**Rent and utilities:** 0 (provided with contract)

**Food:** 12,000 TL per month for groceries (about \$300, or £220) and the same for eating out or delivery.

**Transport:** 0 (bus to and from work provided by school)

**Gym membership:** in our neighborhood of Etiler – which is a very nice area – the top gyms are around 4,800 TL a month (about \$120, or £90).

#### Can you save money each month?

Yes, about 20,000 TL a month (\$490 / £370) but it depends on your lifestyle (e.g. if you're traveling the country or exploring the EU).

#### Do you do any extra work outside your main job?

No.

#### Any local money-saving tips or budget hacks?

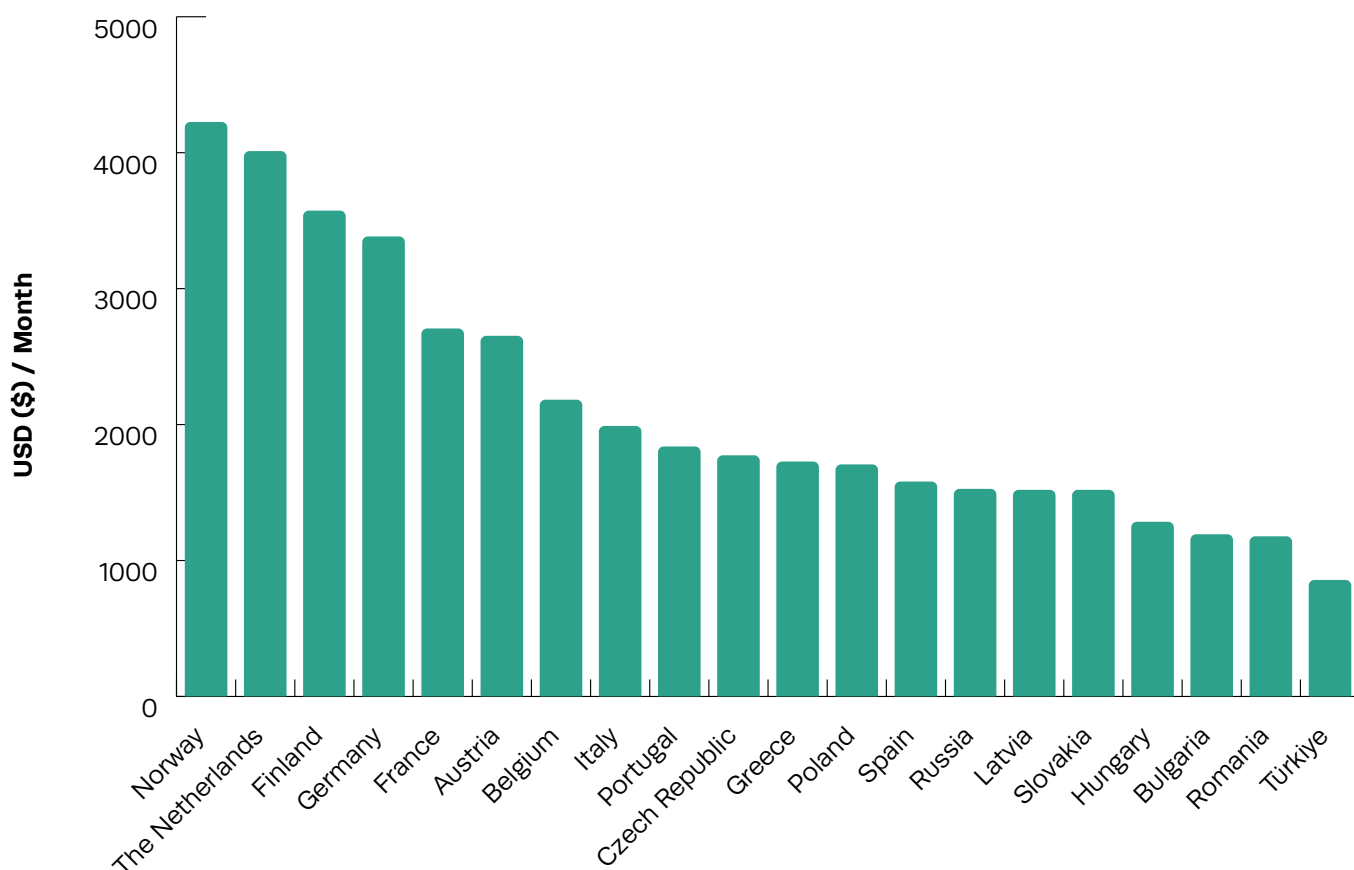
- Don't go to western style super markets as they're all imported from the UK and US for high prices.
- Street food and restaurants in Eminönü and Fatih neighborhoods offer cheap alternatives to Taksim and Beşiktaş neighborhoods.
- Use your teacher ID card for discounts to museums and events.
- Uber can be cheap but watch out for scams...also the public transport in Istanbul is quite good!

# Europe TEFL salaries & lifestyle

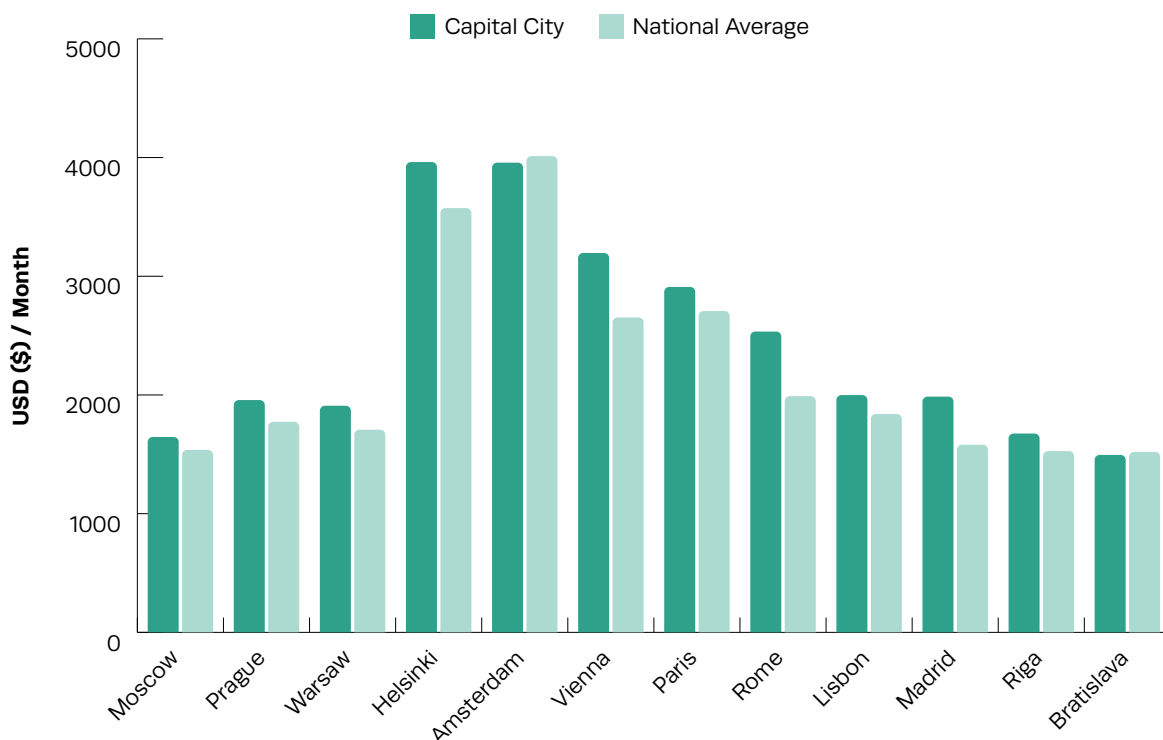
Europe isn't all the same, with a TEFL landscape that changes a lot depending on where you go. Here are our picks for the best places in Europe to earn, save, and live teaching English.



**Average TEFL Salary by Country, Europe**



## Europe TEFL Salaries Capital Cities vs National Average



## Best countries for saving money

If you're focused on saving money, we recommend looking at high, mid-range, and low-to mid-range countries that provide a good balance of salary, cost of living and benefits. Some of our picks include **Norway**, the **Netherlands**, **Finland**, **Austria**, **Portugal**, **Greece**, the **Czech Republic**, **Spain**, and **Türkiye**.

## Best balance of salary and travel

Europe is a great place to travel without spending a fortune, with some of the best transport links in the world. If you want culture

and travel without living on a shoestring, check out **Germany**, **Austria**, **Portugal**, **Spain**, **Greece**, the **Czech Republic**, **France**, **Belgium**, or **Italy**. (But wherever you go in Europe, you'll be able to travel and experience different cultures quite easily.).

## Best countries if you don't have experience

If you're looking for your first TEFL job and want to prioritize accessible entry standards, try out **Latvia**, the **Czech Republic** or **Greece**.



# What you need to TEFL in Europe

Requirements for TEFL teachers are surprisingly consistent in Europe, and entry standards are quite high. Most jobs will ask for a **degree** and a **TEFL certificate** – but double check individual job listings for specifics.

## Tip:

While most employers in Europe prefer you to have a degree, it's not always needed to get a work visa (depending on the country). Because of this, applicants without a degree who have significant teaching experience are sometimes also eligible – particularly EU teachers who already have the right to work in other EU member countries.

Country	Key Requirements		
	Degree	TEFL Certificate (120 Hours minimum)	Experience
Norway	Yes	Yes	Yes
Netherlands	Yes	Yes	Yes
Finland	Yes	Yes	Yes
Germany	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
France	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
Austria	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
Belgium	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
Italy	Preferred	Yes	No
Portugal	Preferred	Yes	No
Czech Republic	Preferred	Yes	No
Greece	Preferred	Yes	No
Poland	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
Spain	Preferred	Yes	No
Russia	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
Latvia	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
Slovakia	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
Hungary	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
Bulgaria	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
Romania	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
Türkiye	Preferred	Yes	No

# Final thoughts

From the dive bars of Neukölln, Berlin, to the bazaars of Istanbul, TEFL in Europe can be as diverse as you want to make it. If you're looking for high salaries, a decent quality of life, and the chance to travel, Europe is a fantastic part of the world to teach English in.

English proficiency in Europe – particularly in the West, Scandinavia, and Baltic states – is excellent, so you'll need to do your homework if you want to land a job. If you already have a degree (and even better, a bit of teaching experience) the next step is to get your TEFL certificate!

## Your passport to Europe

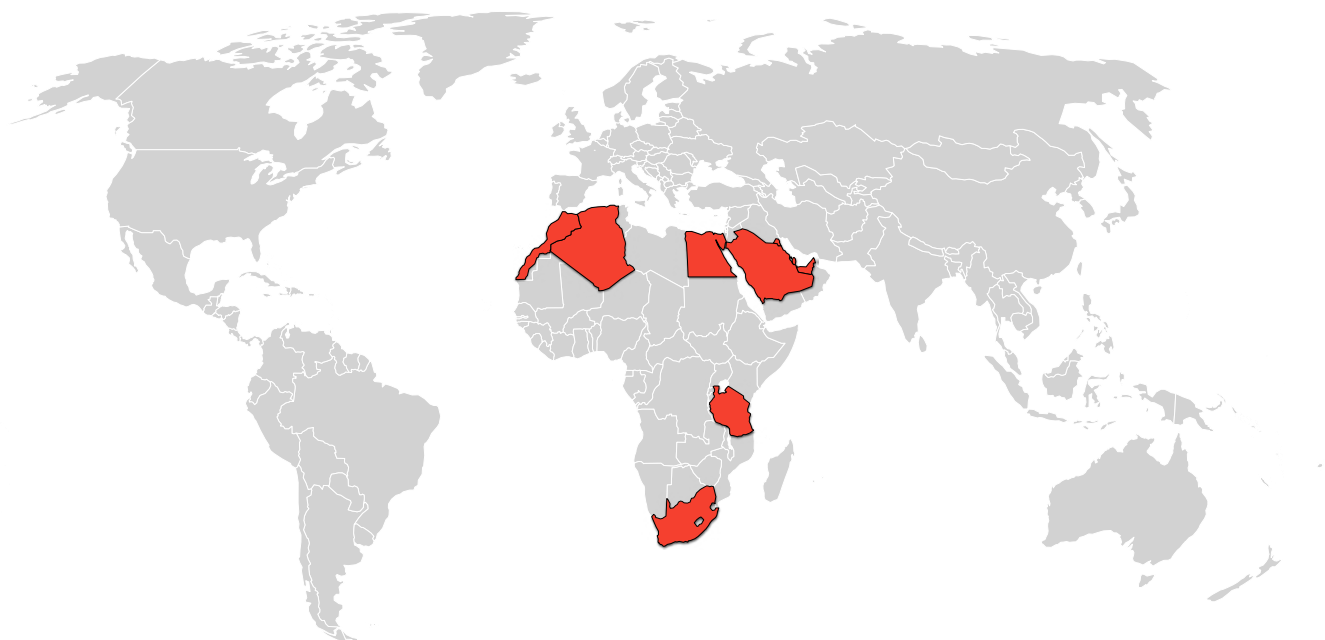
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# Africa & Middle East



TEFL in these two regions can be quite different. As a developing market, TEFL jobs in Africa are on the lower end of the global pay scale – but cost of living is very low too.

By contrast, the Middle East boasts some of the highest salaries for English teachers anywhere on the planet (and some of the best benefits, too). However, most high paying TEFL jobs in the Middle East require previous teaching experience (and maybe even a postgraduate degree!)

From Rabat to Riyadh, here's what you can expect for the pay, perks, and requirements throughout Africa and the Middle East.

**Highest salaries:**

Saudi Arabia, Qatar

**Best pay-to-cost of living balance:**

Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, UAE, Bahrain, South Africa

**Lowest salaries:**

Algeria, Egypt, Tanzania

**Best for savings:**

Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE

**Best for new teachers:**

South Africa, Tanzania, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria



# Africa & Middle East



## An overview

Two distinct regions, two very different TEFL markets. Africa has some of the lowest cost of living and salaries for TEFL teachers globally, while the Middle East – particularly the Gulf States – have some of the highest salaries in the world (even before factoring in the low cost of living).

If you're looking to make serious money teaching English, the Gulf is where it's at. Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait boast some of the most impressive TEFL salaries out there, with excellent benefits, and a surprisingly low cost of living.

By contrast, although African countries have a very low cost of living, benefits aren't consistent, and salaries are often very low. However, English teaching has a good level of demand in the region, and your experience will be like nowhere else on earth.

### Tip:

Many gulf states salaries aren't subject to income tax. If you have the experience, you can make a lot of money as an English teacher in the Middle East!



# TEFL salaries in Africa & Middle East

Country	Average Salary (monthly)		Cost of Living	Benefits Provided		
	USD	GBP		Accom.	Airfare	Insurance
Highest salaries						
Saudi Arabia*	\$3805	£2882	Low	Sometimes	Yes	Yes
Qatar**	\$3646	£2762	Fair	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mid-range salaries						
Kuwait	\$2358	£1786	Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
UAE	\$1858	£1407	Fair	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bahrain	\$1843	£1450	Low	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Africa**	\$1653	£1252	Very Low	Sometimes	No	No
Lowest salaries						
Morocco*	\$1142	£856	Very Low	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes
Algeria*	\$634	£480	Very Low	Sometimes	No	Sometimes
Egypt**	\$474	£359	Very Low	No	No	Sometimes
Tanzania*	\$304	£230	Very Low	Sometimes	No	Sometimes

\* Averages taken from a minimum of 6 job postings due to limited data

\*\* Averages taken from a minimum of 3 job postings due to limited data

## Highest TEFL salaries in Africa & Middle East (USD/ Month)

The Gulf states – **Saudi Arabia** and **Qatar**, in particular – offer some of the most complete TEFL packages in the world. Great salaries, great benefits, and low living costs put the Middle East at the top of the list for new and experienced TEFL teachers alike. Cultural differences can take some getting used to, but if you're looking for a payday, the Gulf is one of the best places on planet earth to teach English, period.



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## Mid-range TEFL salaries in Africa & Middle East

Just like their Gulf neighbours, **Kuwait**, **Bahrain**, and the **United Arab Emirates** have consistently good employee benefits, including round trip flights, accommodation, and comprehensive health insurance. Though salaries weren't quite as high, the similarly low living costs mean your overall compensation still goes a long way.

**South Africa** and **Morocco** are both unique TEFL destinations, with some of the best natural and cultural landmarks in the world. Benefits were less consistent, but this could also reflect the limited number of job postings available at the time of our research – so don't be too quick to rule either country out.

Decent pay and globally low cost of living make South Africa and Morocco two of the most exciting but overlooked TEFL markets in the world.



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## Lowest TEFL salaries in Africa & Middle East (USD/month)

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**Algeria, Egypt** and **Tanzania** are developing markets, with a healthy demand for English language education, low living costs, and low salaries. Employee benefits were patchy, with some job listings including perks like accommodation and insurance – though flights were rare.

You probably won't grow your savings teaching English in these parts of Africa, but the range of entry level jobs, relaxed requirements, and minimal living costs are worth exploring if you want a different kind of TEFL experience to most people.

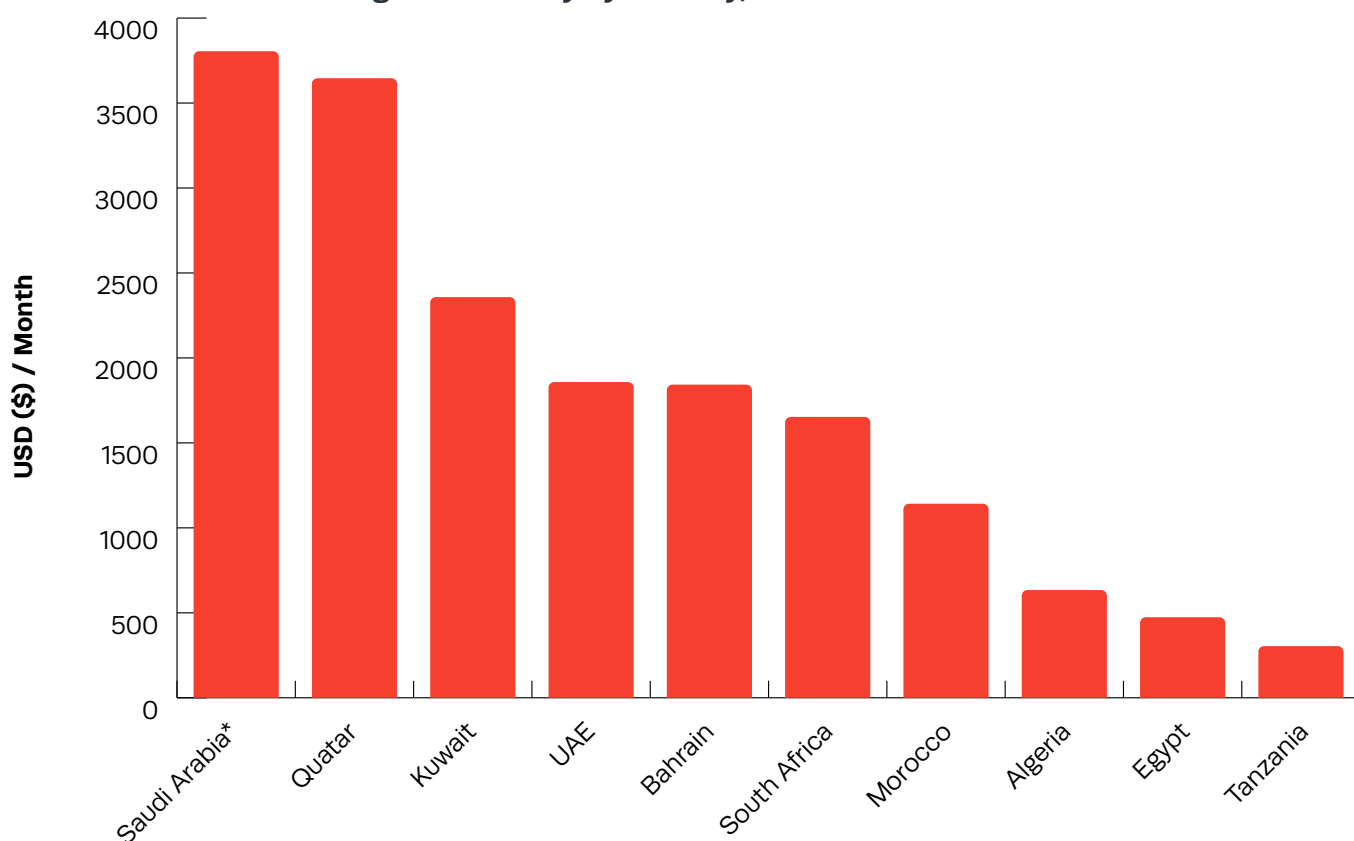


# Africa & Middle East TEFL salaries & lifestyle

As a region, Africa & the Middle East has some of the biggest differences in pay of anywhere in the world. From the high salaries, benefits, and low living costs of the Gulf states, to the low salaries and living costs of Africa, here's what to keep in mind.

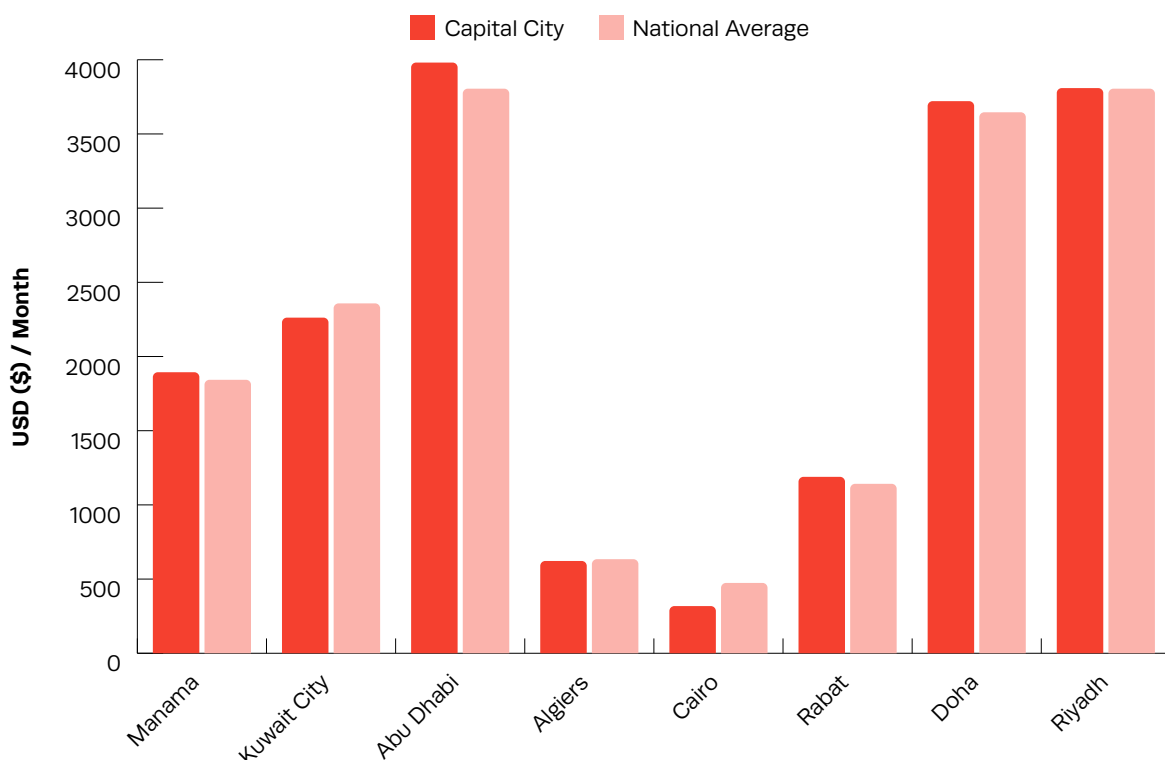


Average TEFL Salary by Country, Africa & Middle East





## Africa & Middle East TEFL Salaries Capital Cities vs National Average



## Best countries for saving money

If you're focused on **saving money**, without a doubt the best countries in the region (if not the world) are the Gulf states – **Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait**, and the **UAE**. TEFL jobs in the Middle East often include flights and accommodation as part of the deal. When you throw in generous salaries and a low local living cost, you can start to see why so many TEFL teachers choose the Middle East to build their savings..

## Best balance of salary and travel

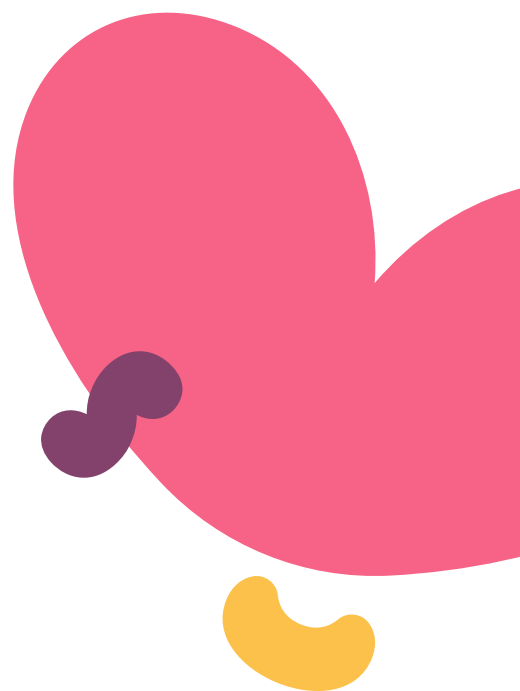
**South Africa** and **Morocco** are good choices if you're looking to cover your bases from TEFL, while getting an opportunity to explore. However, it's hard to beat the **Gulf states** in terms of pay, perks, and cost of living.

## Best countries if you don't have experience

Most employers expect you to have a degree and TEFL certificate as a minimum. As a general rule, listings in **South Africa, Tanzania, Egypt, Morocco**, and **Algeria** were more relaxed in their requirements – but it varies from one employer to another.

# What you need to TEFL in Africa & the Middle East

While it is possible to find jobs in the Middle East and Africa without teaching experience, entry level jobs aren't always the norm – and employers throughout the region expect you to have a degree and TEFL certificate as a minimum. Additionally, experience is often preferred, regardless of the location and type of TEFL job you find.



Country	Key Requirements		
	Degree	TEFL Certificate (120 Hours minimum)	Experience
<b>Saudi Arabia*</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
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<b>Egypt*</b>	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
<b>Tanzania*</b>	Preferred	Yes	Preferred

# Final thoughts

From the ancient Serengeti to the shining towers of Dubai, Africa & the Middle East are two of the world's most distinct TEFL regions.

If you want to earn a high salary and save money, the Gulf states like Saudi Arabia and Qatar are hard to beat. But if you're looking for something a bit different, Africa has some of the most exciting opportunities for TEFL teachers in the world.

If you already have a degree, the next best step to teach English abroad is to get a TEFL certificate from a globally-recognized provider.

## Your passport to the Middle East & Africa

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# Latin America



The culture of Latin America has attracted English teachers and expats for decades. A true TEFL heartland, the Americas might not have the highest salaries worldwide – but they definitely have some of the best experiences.

Vibrant, historic, authentic and raw, Latin America is a whole different beast. Here's our deep dive into the jobs, salaries, and cost of living throughout this amazing region.

**Highest salaries:**

Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Costa Rica

**Best pay-to-cost of living balance:**

Guatemala, Costa Rica, Colombia

**Lowest salaries:**

Ecuador, El Salvador, Peru

**Best for savings:**

Puerto Rico, Guatemala

# Latin America



## An overview

Beyond a handful of countries, salaries in the Americas are lower than the rest of the world. The good news? South and Central America are also some of the cheapest places to live. And while you won't save much outside of Puerto Rico or Guatemala, demand for TEFL teachers is strong throughout the region, making it a great choice for teachers looking to gain experience.

Based on our findings, the highest salaries in the region were in Puerto Rico, Guatemala, and Costa Rica – though Colombia's low cost of living pushed it up the list.

On the lower end of the pay scale: Ecuador, El Salvador, and Peru – although every country (besides Mexico) had jobs listed with extra benefits. These often included housing and healthcare, but flights were much harder to find.





# TEFL salaries in Latin America

Country	Average Salary (monthly)		Cost of Living	Benefits Provided		
	USD	GBP		Accom.	Airfare	Insurance
Highest salaries						
Puerto Rico	\$2376	£1800	Fair	No	No	Yes
Guatemala	\$1580	£1197	Very Low	Yes	No	Yes
Costa Rica	\$1283	£972	Low	Yes	No	Yes
Colombia	\$1014	£768	Very Low	Yes	No	Yes
Mid-Range salaries						
Chile	\$767	£581	Very Low	Yes	Yes	No
Dominican Republic	\$758	£574	Very Low	Yes	Sometimes	Yes
Argentina	\$745	£564	Very Low	No	No	Yes
Mexico	\$715	£541	Low	No	No	No
Brazil	\$703	£532	Very Low	Yes	Yes	No
Lowest salaries						
Ecuador	\$630	£477	Very Low	Yes	No	Yes
El Salvador	\$624	£473	Very Low	No	No	Yes
Peru	\$405	£306	Very Low	Yes	No	Yes

## Highest TEFL salaries in Latin America (USD/ Month)

By quite a wide margin, **Puerto Rico** consistently offered higher salaries than anywhere else in the Americas. However, employer benefits were also less common, and the cost of living was also higher.

By contrast, **Guatemala** offered a great balance of pay, perks, and a low cost of living that made it one of the region's standouts. Don't expect to walk into a job, though. Most employers are looking for qualified teachers with a degree, TEFL certification, and previous teaching experience as a starting point.



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## Mid-range TEFL salaries in Latin America

Mid-table were some of the largest countries in South America, like **Brazil**, **Mexico**, and **Argentina**, as well as coastal **Chile** and the **Dominican Republic**.

Salaries in these countries were mostly the same, with a similarly low cost of living. Chile and the Dominican Republic had more job postings with listed benefits, but that doesn't mean you won't find them elsewhere, too.

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## TEFL budget tips

### Matt & Perlie Buenos Aries, Argentina

#### What's your monthly salary?

2,000 USD a month teaching around 30 hours a week online.

#### What employment benefits do you get?

None.

#### What are your average monthly expenses for 2 people?

**Rent and utilities:** We seek AirBNB long-term rentals to get discounts instead of paying a nightly rate. We found a very central location with a 1 bedroom, living room and kitchen apartment for \$700/month.

**Food:** Groceries are quite affordable with red meat actually cheaper than chicken (very surprising compared to other countries). We paid about \$50 a week for groceries. Eating out in Argentina focuses on meat and wine – about \$15 for a large steak and wine for one person.

**Transport:** Very cheap– metro and bus cost about \$0.50 a ride.

**Other:** Travel on weekends depends on where you're going but we stayed domestically. Flights within country about \$100–150 for roundtrips, and AirBnbs about \$50 a night.

#### Can you save money each month?

Yes, we saved about \$300/ month.

#### Do you do any extra work outside your main job?

No.

#### Any local money-saving tips or budget hacks?

- Uber is cheap but public transport is very reliable.
- Groceries are an affordable way to eat but eating out won't break the bank either.



## Lowest TEFL salaries in Latin America (USD/month)

Country	Average Salary (monthly)		Cost of Living	Benefits Provided		
	USD	GBP		Accom.	Airfare	Insurance
<b>Ecuador</b>	\$630	£477	Very Low	Yes	No	Yes
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TEFL jobs in **Ecuador**, **El Salvador**, and **Peru** were among some of the lowest-paid, not just in the Americas, but across the world. But don't let this put you off – cost of living is also some of the lowest in the world, and entry requirements for TEFL teachers tend to be more relaxed.

You'll still probably need at least a TEFL certificate to find work, but there were plenty of listings at the bottom end of the table that were open to new teachers – even those without a degree.



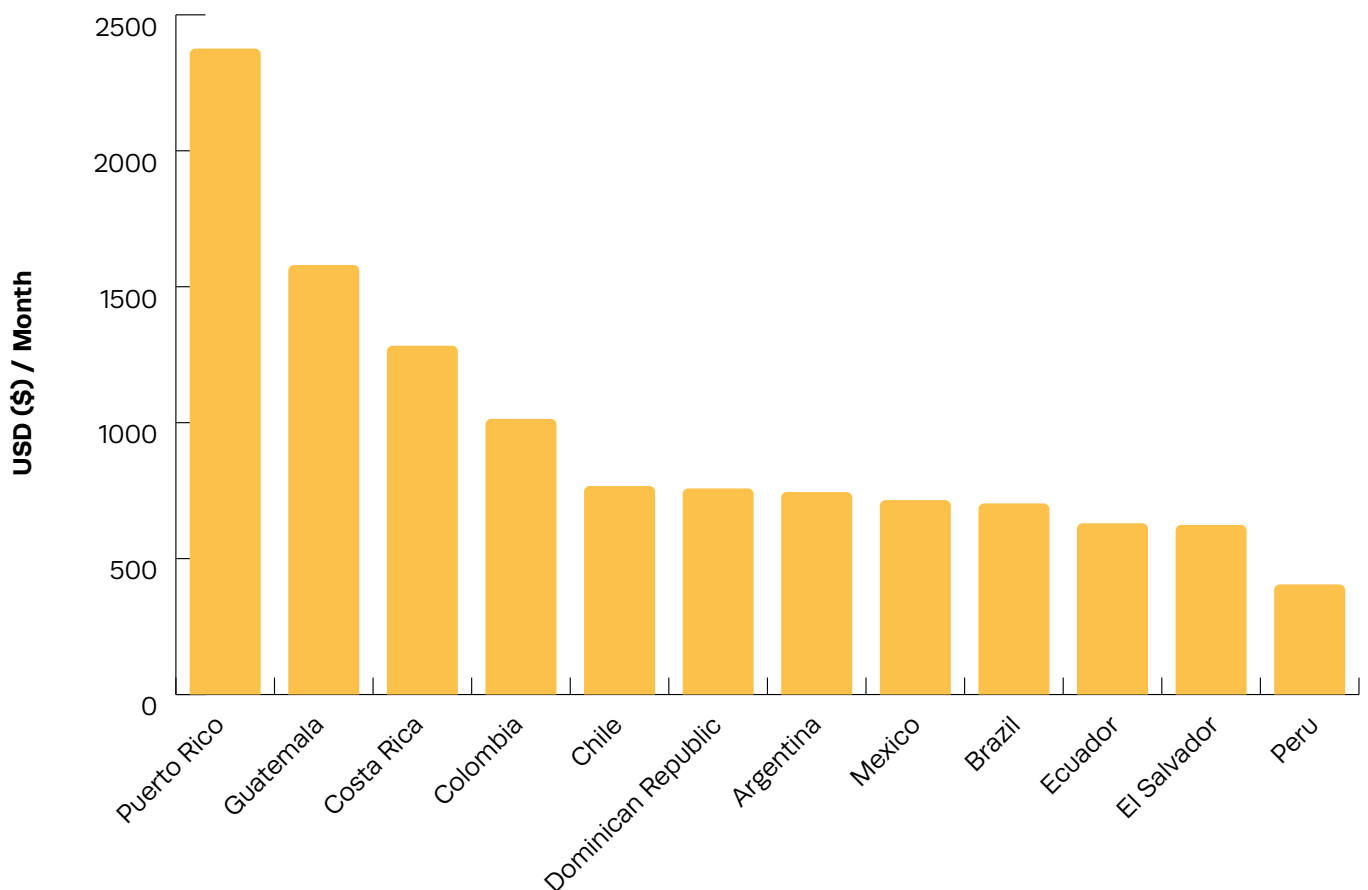


# Latin America TEFL salaries & lifestyle

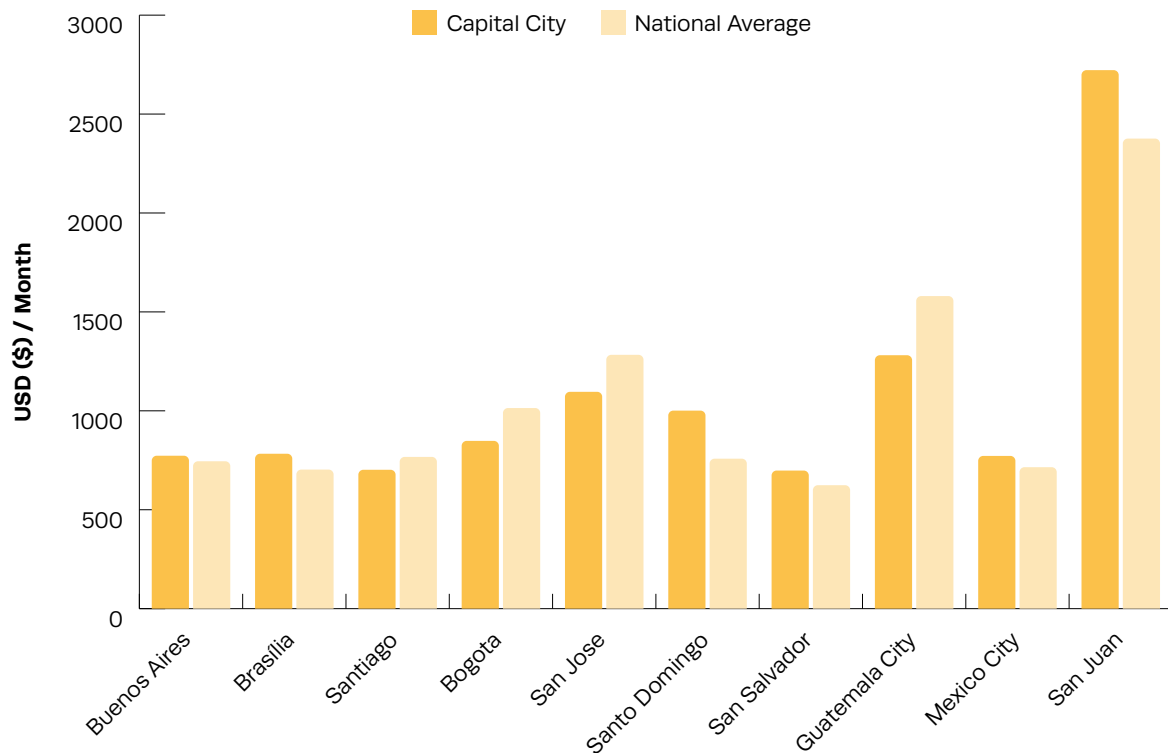
South and Central America might not be highest on your list for saving money, but they're hard to beat for culture, travel, nature, and overall experience.



Average TEFL Salary by Country, Latin America



## Latin America TEFL Salaries Capital Cities vs National Average



### Best countries for saving money

**Puerto Rico** and **Guatemala** had the highest overall salaries in the region, but **Costa Rica** and **Colombia** might be worth looking at. Both countries have a low cost of living, and we found plenty of job postings with added benefits – like housing and health insurance.

### Best balance of salary and travel

With its high salaries, low living costs, and proximity to North, South and Central America (and the Caribbean), **Puerto Rico** is our top choice if you're looking to travel comfortably.

### Best countries if you don't have experience

Standards for TEFL jobs in the Americas are quite high, with employers in several countries asking for a degree, TEFL certificate, and previous experience – as well as basic Spanish speaking skills, in many cases. However, we found listings in **Peru**, **Chile**, **Argentina**, **Ecuador**, and others where prior experience wasn't essential.





# What you need to TEFL in Latin America

Latin America is one of the best parts of the world to teach English if you don't have a degree. While most employers expect a TEFL certificate (at least 120 hours), job postings vary when it comes to previous experience – with many employers in the region open to hiring entry-level candidates.

Country	Key Requirements		
	Degree	TEFL Certificate (120 Hours minimum)	Experience
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	No	Yes	Preferred
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<b>Chile</b>	No	Yes	No
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	No	Yes	Preferred
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<b>Mexico</b>	No	Yes	No
<b>Brazil</b>	Preferred	Yes	Preferred
<b>Ecuador</b>	No	Yes	No
<b>El Salvador</b>	No	Yes	No
<b>Peru</b>	Preferred	Yes	Preferred



## Final thoughts

Vibrant, tropical, bustling and urban – Latin America is one of the best parts of the world to teach English in. You might not make a life-changing amount of money, but with the right job, the low cost of living and life experience will make it worth it.

And whether you see yourself in a classroom in San José or São Paulo, a TEFL certificate is the first step to getting there.

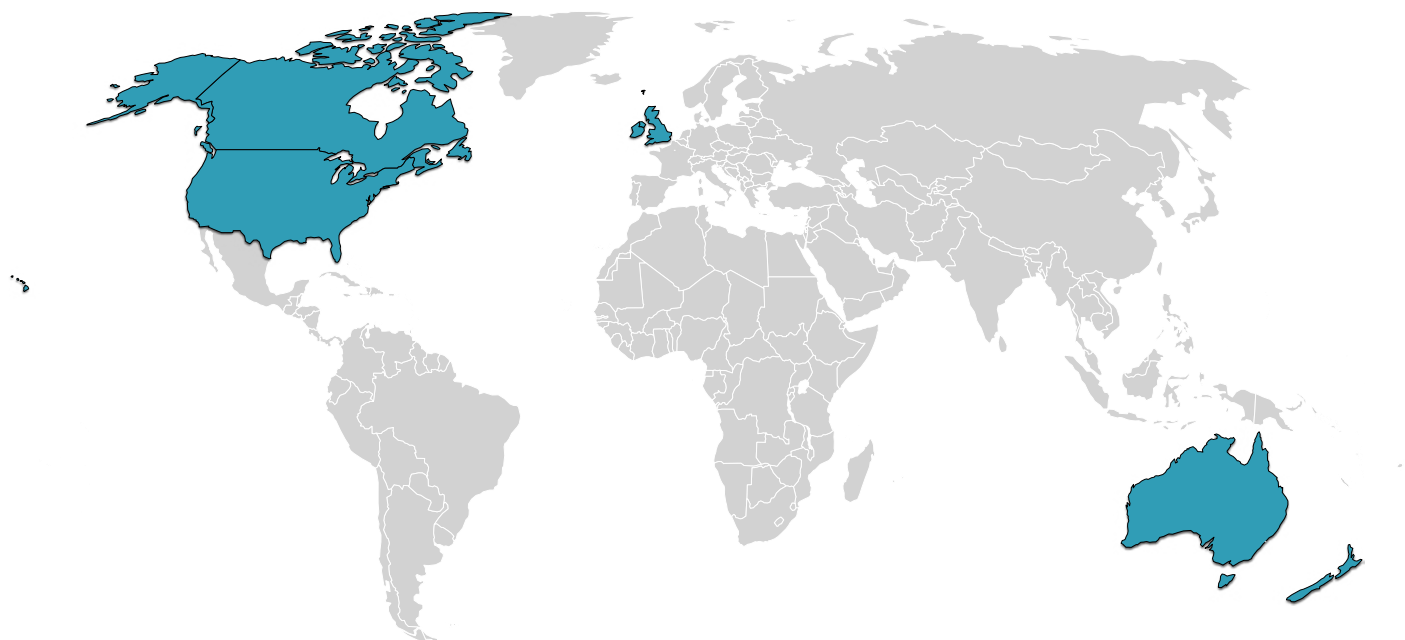
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# English speaking countries



Working in an English-speaking country might not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of TEFL, but there are tonnes of great teaching opportunities out there – as long as you have the right to work in one of these countries already.

From the UK to Australia, some of the highest TEFL salaries can be found in the English-speaking world. A lot of these jobs are geared towards helping new and existing immigrants work on their English. As a result, private language centres and 1-on-1 tutoring are some of the most common places to work.

Don't expect an easy way in, though – entry standards are consistently high, and competition

can be fierce. You'll generally need a minimum of a degree, 120 hours of TEFL certification, and previous teaching experience in most English-speaking countries to land a TEFL job.

**Highest salaries:**

Australia, UK, New Zealand

**Best pay-to-cost of living balance:**

New Zealand

**Lowest salaries:**

Ireland, Canada

**Best for savings:**

Australia, UK, New Zealand



# English speaking countries



## An overview

Teaching English at home can be just as impactful as heading abroad. Across the English-speaking world, huge numbers of people need help learning the language, particularly in bigger cities.

With large immigrant and international student communities across the English-speaking world, TEFL-qualified teachers are in high demand. In the UK, nearly a million people don't speak English as their first language. In the US, almost one in ten speak English as a second language, and in Canada, one in four have a first language other than English.

While the bulk of TEFL roles are at private language schools or through one-on-one tutoring, it's also possible to find jobs in international schools, universities, or by volunteering with refugees and asylum-seekers.

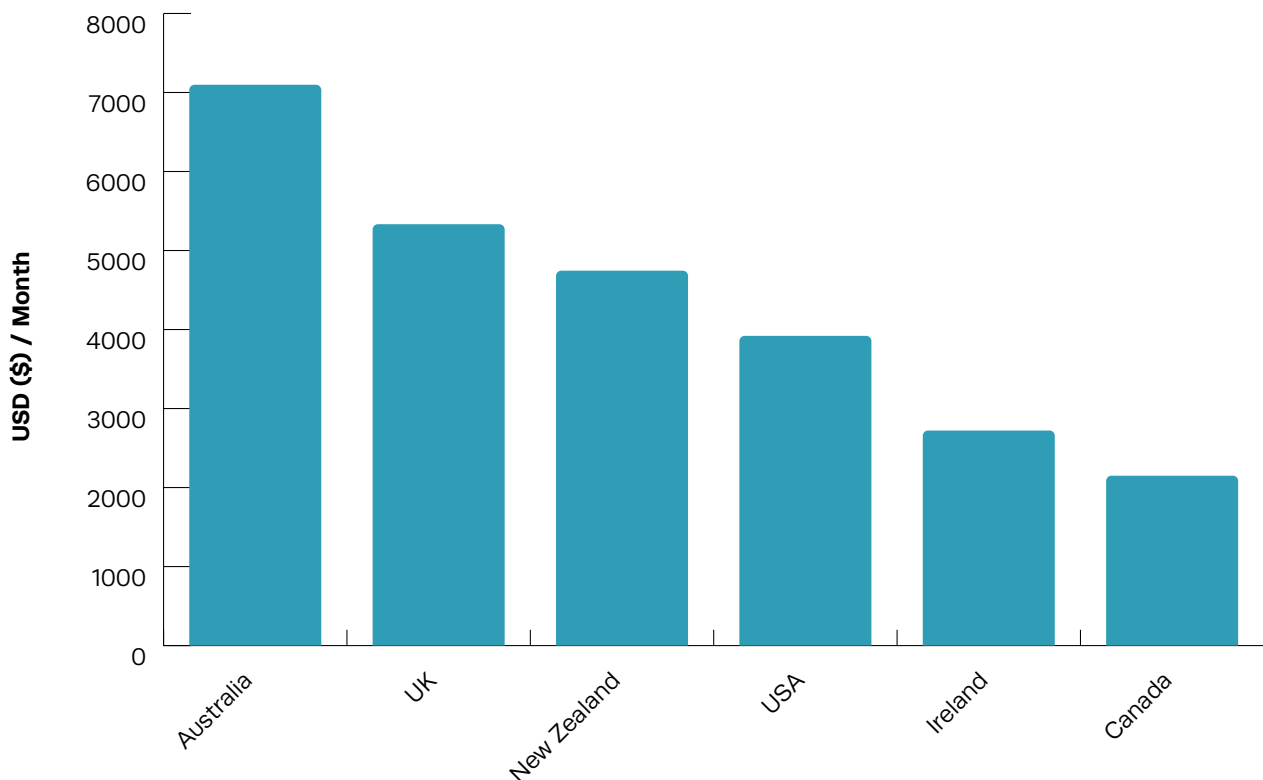
### Tip:

TEFL jobs in the English-speaking world are usually only open to teachers who already have the right to work in that country already. It's almost impossible to get a visa to teach English in many of these countries.

# TEFL salaries in English-speaking countries

Country	Average Salary (monthly)		Cost of Living	Benefits Provided		
	USD	GBP		Accom.	Airfare	Insurance
<b>Australia</b>	\$7,098	£5,377	High	Sometimes	Sometimes	Yes
<b>UK</b>	\$5,333	£4,040	High	No	No	No
<b>New Zealand</b>	\$4,745	£3,595	Fair	Sometimes	Sometimes	Yes
<b>USA</b>	\$3,920	£2,969	Very High	No	No	Yes
<b>Ireland</b>	\$2,722	£2,062	Very High	No	No	No
<b>Canada</b>	\$2,150	£1,629	High	No	No	Yes

Average TEFL Salary by Country, English-speaking countries



# English-speaking countries TEFL salaries & lifestyle

Australia and the UK boast some of the highest salaries for TEFL teachers in the English-speaking world – but wherever you go, salaries will be fairly high by global standards.

Although visa requirements can be strict, nearly all English-speaking countries have some kind of working holiday or youth mobility scheme for young people looking to work and travel (depending on which country they come from).

## Tip:

Cost of living across the English-speaking world can be quite high, particularly in more expensive major cities like London, Los Angeles, Wellington, Toronto, Vancouver, and Melbourne.

**English-speaking Countries TEFL Salaries  
Capital Cities vs National Average**





# What you need to TEFL in the English-speaking world

Standards for TEFL teachers across the English-teaching world tend to be very high, and you'll probably need a degree, TEFL certification, and some teaching experience to find even a temporary ESL role.

Country	Key Requirements		
	Degree	TEFL Certificate (120 Hours minimum)	Experience
<b>Australia</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>United Kingdom*</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>New Zealand</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>USA</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Canada</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes

\*You may also need a PGCE and UK QTS to teach English in the United Kingdom.



## Final thoughts

TEFL in the English-speaking world can be just as rewarding as teaching English abroad.

As long as you meet the entry requirements, it's possible to find a salary that's competitive with even the best-paid TEFL markets.

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# What makes a TEFL job worth it?

Yes, salary matters – but when it comes to teaching English abroad, it's **only one part of the equation**.

A well-paying job that doesn't suit your lifestyle, or costs more to start than you expected, might not be the best deal in the long run. And a lower-paid job in a cheaper place could offer you much more than just a paycheck!

## When you're weighing up TEFL salaries, keep in mind:

- Whether perks like housing, flights, or health insurance are included
- How much you'll need to budget for visas, travel, and setting up abroad.
- What day-to-day living expenses look like in that country
- Whether you can supplement your income by tutoring or teaching online.

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