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IN CAMBODIA

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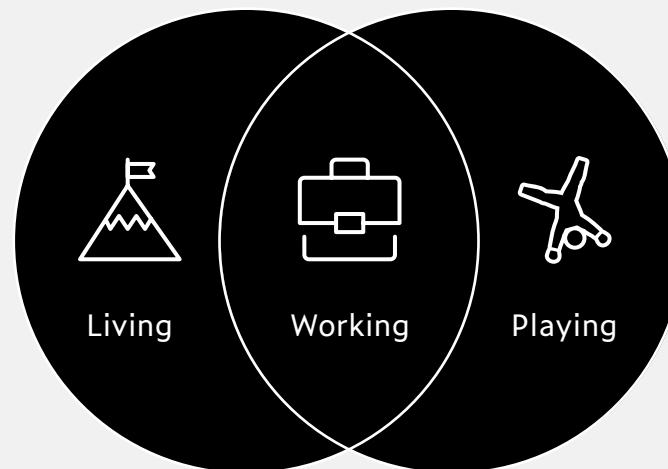
# WELCOME TO CAMBODIA

Stepping out of your tuk-tuk and into the world's most preserved temple complex, you marvel, yet again, at the vastness of the surrounding landscape. You're in Cambodia, a country whose name means "Khmer's Land," and your enchantment with its energy has not yet dwindled.

Between the wild coastline and accompanying islands, the mysticism of Angkor Wat, and the colorfully fruit-filled boats of the floating markets, you find yourself in constant awe of the rugged Cardamom mountains, vibrant wildlife, and boundless open spaces calling to be explored.

Let your adventures teaching in Cambodia begin! Teeming with temples, rice fields, eager students, and hospitable hosts, Cambodia satiates the appetite of even the most ambitious ESL teacher. Whatever your motive, this understated destination is filled with surprises.

**The best way to get to know these incredible locals?**



**There as an ESL teacher with The TEFL Insitute: the Cambodia teach abroad experts**

# PLACEMENTS & LOCATIONS

Looking for a truly unexplored, off-the-beaten path destination to teach English abroad where you can drink gobs of coconut fruit shakes with no judgment? Cambodia is the Holy Grail. Most of the country is very rural, so you're much more likely to stumble upon quaint local villages than hordes of fellow ESL teachers.



## LOCATIONS:

In terms of placement locations, the vast majority of placements are in the capital city of Phnom Penh and in the second largest city of Siem Reap, home to Angkor Wat, one of the most majestic ancient cities in the world and a very popular tourist destination.



## THE INTERNSHIP:

Over the past two decades, Cambodia has grown quickly, with increasing demand for English language education, leading to an influx of English teachers into the country, good teaching salaries, and high quality of life. It is also a very safe environment for foreigners and there is a large expat population.

For these reasons, Cambodia is a great country in which to teach English.



## SCHOOL PLACEMENTS:

English Teachers in Cambodia teach in language schools and private schools. Most people in Cambodia send their children to private schools as the quality of public-school education is very low.



## PERKS:

You can earn a monthly salary of \$1,000. There is also a 7-day welcome orientation and excursions in Phnom Penh, lesson planning guide, teacher development workshop, teacher development workshops, accommodation assistance and ongoing in-country support - These have been created to provide you with real, comprehensive knowledge of everything you need to become a confident, influential TEFL teacher — in Cambodia and beyond!



# ORIENTATION & TRAINING

Aside from fun icebreakers, local school induction is your chance to learn the real deal about teaching in Cambodia from the experts! Your school liaison will review your teaching schedule, reveal the dos and don'ts of local culture and placement, and finalise transportation and logistics. Meet your fellow teachers, plan weekend trips, and begin your experience in Cambodia with an open heart and mind!

Once you arrive, you will have a 1-week internal orientation along with training to get you set up for your once in a lifetime experience! Orientation lectures and workshops include:

- Cambodian Language
- Cambodian history, Culture, Geography and Society
- Working with Schools and Agents
- Adjusting to Working in a Local School Workshop
- Visa and Work Permit Presentation
- Overcoming Culture Shock
- Cambodian Cooking Class
- Visit to the Killing Fields and Museum to learn about Cambodia's past
- Market trip
- Visit to Buddhist Temple to learn about Religion in Cambodia



## YOUR TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Whether you are a first-time or seasoned teacher, our 120 Premier TEFL Course will cover all areas of how to teach English in Cambodia.

Remember your teaching hours will differ between language schools and private schools. Private language schools are busiest Saturday and Sunday so teachers work many classes on the weekends and then have time off during the week. Private and international schools usually run Monday to Friday and so teachers work during the week and have the weekends off.

Note that for language schools teaching days vary from 5 to 6 days of teaching per week. If teaching 6 days per week, the teacher is given multiple paid vacation days to offset.

Most positions are teaching young learners but there are also some high school positions. Teaching hours per week range from 22 to 30 or 4.5 to 6 hours of teaching per day.

Schools provide an English teaching curriculum for teachers to follow. Class sizes range from 15 to 25 students.

## LIVING IN CAMBODIA

Cambodia is a country that is yet to be fully explored. The people and culture are profoundly unique to their neighbours. So with our free Khmer lessons, you can strike up new friendships and dive into Cambodia's history and ancient civilisation.

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodations in Cambodia range from free to around USD 250 per month for one room studio with private bath. Free options are typically provided by schools in the provinces in medium sized towns. Below are some examples of accommodations at different price ranges. For apartments across Cambodia, you can see many more examples at this [link](#):

LEARN MORE

Note that these accommodations are in Phnom Penh. Accommodations in the provinces are not quite as modern but they are also much less expensive.





## FIVE REASONS WHY TO TEACH IN CAMBODIA

- 1 Highest Paid Vacation.** It has the highest number of paid vacation days of any country that we know of, with 18 Days! That doesn't even count public holidays which are about 20 per year. This means that the average teacher will have nearly 40 days a year to do extensive traveling throughout the region.
- 2 Highest Salary for Non-degree Holders.** While we put the low end of salary at 700 the average non-degree holder is making around USD 1,000 per month and that can go all the way up to USD 1,800. This makes Cambodia one of the highest paying countries for non-degree holders.
- 3 Highest Savings Potential.** With the generous wages and very low cost of living, Cambodia has some of the highest savings potential of any country in the TESOL / TEFL universe with up to and even exceeding 50%.
- 4 Highest Guaranteed Income Growth.** In many countries, teachers' salaries from the first to the second contract are flat or only go up by around USD 50-100 per month. Not Cambodia! There are many teaching positions and demand for teachers with Cambodia teaching experience is high, making Cambodia the teaching income growth destination for those serious about building a career in TESOL. This holds especially true for non-degree holders.
- 5 Easiest Country to Obtain a Work Permit.** We drop the "Highest" superlative for this final reason, but it is still a major one. It's super easy to get a work permit in Cambodia. Forget about legalized docs, original docs, transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc. None of that stuff is needed. Just a copy of your diploma and a third party criminal check and you're good to go. Also, NO VISA TRIPS!

## VERIFIED TEFL INSTITUTE TESTIMONIALS



“If I had one thing to say to future TEFL-ers: do it! I promise you will never regret it. If you are a professional teacher, you might have never had such nice students. If you are a first time teacher, it will help you step out of your comfort zone and teach you so much about life. Even if you are not planning on teaching forever, you will gain so many skills, and you will be able to re-use them for anything you will do after.”

**Alyssa**

Cambodia Intern



# WHO CAN APPLY?

Love monkeys, the jungle, and making a meaningful impact on young peoples' lives?  
We invite you to get out there and explore the world with us.

## You must be/have...



**Age Between  
21- 40 years old**



**A native English  
speaker**



**Both degree  
holders and non-  
degree holders are  
welcome to apply**



**TEFL qualified  
(included)**



**A clean  
criminal record**



**In-country health  
check is required  
for the work permit  
(once in Cambodia)**

In-country health check is required for the work permit (once in Cambodia). Participants must have sufficient funds to live comfortably until their first salary. Housing deposit might be required. \*If you are from a non-native English speaking country, your English needs to be fluent with a clear accent. Please get in touch with our team to fill in an eligibility form before applying.



## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THIS PROFESSIONAL TEACHING PLACEMENT



### **Salary**

Monthly allowance of  
€660/\$700/£580 -  
€940/\$1000/£830



### **Course Included**

120 hour accredited  
TEFL Course



### **Airport pick-up & Transfers to your accommodation**



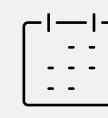
### **7-Day Orientation**

Welcome orientation &  
Excursions in Phnom Penh



### **Teacher Workshops**

Teacher development  
workshops



### **12 Month Placement**

Please enquire for  
shorter placements  
(6 months might be possible)



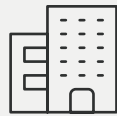
### **In Country Support**

Ongoing support  
wherever you are



### **Cookery Lessons**

During orientation



### **Housing Assistance**

Accommodation assistance



### **30 Hour Course**

Teaching Young Learners



### **Yoga Course**

Yoga & Mindfulness



### **Lesson Planning Guide**

36 page guide



### **Visa Support**

Visa guidance provided



### **Sim Card**

Sim card set-up



## 8 CAMBODIA FACTS

- 1 In Cambodia, the head is regarded as the highest part of the body and shouldn't be touched even in the kindest manner.
- 2 Around half of Cambodia's population is younger than 15 years old Elementary school TEFL job security, anyone?
- 3 Cambodia's New Year's celebrations (called Choul Chnam Thmey) is held in mid-April, marking the end of the harvest season.
- 4 Traditionally, birthdays are not celebrated in Cambodia. Older people usually don't even know their birthdays!
- 5 The English word Cambodia has been derived from Cambodge, the French word.
- 6 Cambodia has the largest inland lake in Southeast Asia, Tonle Sap — it's perfect for paddle boarding!
- 7 Cambodia's flag is the only one in the world to feature a building. Wat? Angkor Wat!
- 8 In Khmer, (the Cambodian language), the words for "rice" and "food" mean the same.

## FAQ

### I've already completed a TEFL course, can I get a discount?

Yes! So long as you've completed comprehensive TEFL training, you'll be eligible for a further discount. [Contact us](#) to find out how much extra you'll save.

### How long before my start date should I arrive?

You should book flights to arrive into the nominated airport on your specific placement arrival day, for airport pick up. Our partners will confirm when you should secure your flights.

### How much spending money will I need?

You should budget to have enough spending money to cover your basic living expenses and for socialising, accommodation + deposit.

**TIP:** Our previous teachers say your first month can often be when you spend more - excursions, socialising and getting settled in. We recommend you try to budget a little extra per month for trips and then an emergency fund / credit card for unexpected events.

### Can couples be placed together?

This can be done, but not always at the same school. The schools may be within the same town. For participants travelling in couples or friends, they need to be extremely flexible and open to placement location.

### What is living expense per day?

It's best to plan on around USD 10 per day living costs.

### What is the cost of transport?

Taxis can range from 1-3 USD for a 15-30 minute trip. Motorbike taxi is roughly USD 1. Tuk Tuks are among the cheapest options for transport. There are also local two-row trucks that act as buses and will have a set route and can cost anywhere between 50 cents to USD 1 per trip. In the big cities, such as Phnom Penh and Siem Riep, there is also Grab taxi, which is like Uber.

### Is transportation from my accommodation to work included?

Some schools will assist teachers with transportation but this is very rare. However, public transport is available.

### How long is the working visa valid for?

It depends. Typically, 6 months or 1 year depending on length of contract.

### What type of visa will I be arriving on?

You will be arriving on tourist visa exemption, otherwise known as a visa on arrival.



**Can I book a one-way flight?**

Yes, you can book a one-way flight to Cambodia. We advise you to book a one-way or flexible ticket so you have the freedom to make travel plans while you're there.

You'll meet other people that you'll want to travel with afterwards and be glad of a changeable travel ticket!

**Is there a chance I won't be accepted?**

As with any placement your spot isn't guaranteed. Your application is subject to local school approval. Be sure to complete a comprehensive application form and perform an energetic and engaged interview for the best possible outcome.

If your application is not approved by our partner schools you'll be refunded all of your placement fee minus the value of your included TEFL course. We'll also guide you on other placement options or independent job searches.





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We're available to chat Monday to Friday

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