EUROPE

TEFL Key Facts

✓ Fluent English (native English often required)
✓ Bachelor’s degree for some countries
✓ TEFL certification – Trinity TESOL, CELTA or recognised Level 5 TEFL qualification usually required for western European posts. Requirements are less stringent in Eastern Europe

TYPICAL JOBS
• Private language centres
• Summer camps
• Public and private schools
• Private tuition

TYPICAL STUDENTS
• Business professionals
• Children

PEAK HIRING PERIODS
• Year round in private language centres
• Most jobs in schools start in either Sept or Jan, with applications from around 3 months in advance

VISA REQUIREMENTS
• EU members can work in any other part of the EU without visa restrictions
• Work visa/permit normally required for other parts
• Employers should provide documentation and will sometimes cover visa application costs

GOOD TO KNOW
EU member states often only recruit from within the EU, due to legal restrictions. If you’re from a non-EU country you’ll normally need to go through a government sponsored scheme.

» Europe is an enticing jumble of nationalities and cultures in every corner of its 47 countries
## Fact file: Popular Destinations

### Czech Republic
- **Age:** N/A
- **Degree:** BA/BSc
- **Restrictions:** EU citizens preferred
- **Hiring Process:** Face-to-face
- **Contract:** 10-12 months
- **Pay:** $850-$1,300
- **Visa:** EU passport/Work
- **Monthly costs:** $750-$1,500

### France
- **Age:** 21-60
- **Degree:** BA/BSc
- **Restrictions:** EU citizens preferred
- **Hiring Process:** Face-to-face
- **Contract:** 0.5-12 months
- **Pay:** $1,000-$2,000
- **Visa:** EU passport/Work/Student
- **Monthly costs:** $1,250-$1,750

### Germany
- **Age:** 21-65
- **Degree:** BA/BSc
- **Restrictions:** EU citizens preferred
- **Hiring Process:** Face-to-face
- **Contract:** 10-12 months
- **Pay:** $900-$2,200
- **Visa:** EU passport/Work
- **Monthly costs:** $1,000-$2,000

### Greece
- **Age:** N/A
- **Degree:** BA/BSc
- **Restrictions:** EU citizens preferred
- **Hiring Process:** Face-to-face
- **Contract:** 10-12 months
- **Pay:** $800-$1,200
- **Visa:** EU passport/Work
- **Monthly costs:** $800-$1,200

### Hungary
- **Age:** N/A
- **Degree:** BA/BSc
- **Restrictions:** EU citizens preferred
- **Hiring Process:** Face-to-face
- **Contract:** 10-12 months
- **Pay:** $650-$950
- **Visa:** EU passport/Work/Tourist
- **Monthly costs:** $600-$900

### N.B.
All info accurate to the best of our knowledge at time of writing!
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MORE ABOUT EUROPE...

With centuries of history bumping against modern life around every corner of its 47 countries, Europe is an enticing jumble of nationalities and cultures. Throw in TEFL opportunities galore and it’s hardly surprising Europe has long been a top TEFL destination.

Competition for TEFL jobs is fierce in much of western Europe - you’ll generally need a good TEFL certificate, Bachelor’s degree and previous teaching experience to have a chance of paid TEFL work here. However, there are bucket loads of opportunities for newly qualified TEFL teachers in eastern European countries, where English teachers are in high demand and requirements less stringent.

Wages aren’t brilliant across the continent, particularly when compared to the generally high costs of living. Europe is not the place to come to make your fortune in TEFL. However, you should earn enough for a decent standard of living, particularly if you top up your wages with private tuition.

One big factor in Europe is the European Union (EU), which allows EU citizens to work in any other country in the EU bloc without the need for a visa. For EU passport holders, this makes working across Europe enticing - you can simply turn up and look for work. On the flip side, if you’re a non-EU citizen, you’re largely shut out of this market unless you apply through a state-sponsored programme. If this option doesn’t appeal, why not base yourself in one of the fascinating European countries outside of the EU bloc and use your free time to explore the rest of the continent? The close proximity and good travel transport links make this an exciting and viable option. Europe is a continent you’ll definitely want to experience!