

- 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

» Europe is an enticing jumble of nationalities and cultures in every corner of its 47 countries



### TYPICAL STUDENTS

- Business professionals
- Children

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### 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.

# Fact file: POPULAR DESTINATIONS



CZECH REPUBLIC

Age N/A

Degree BA/BSc

Restrictions EU citizens preferred

> Hiring Process Face-to-face

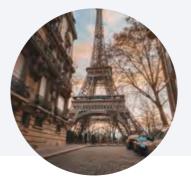
Contract 10-12 months

Pay \$850-\$1,300

Visa **EU** passport/Work

> Monthly costs \$750-\$1,500

Face-to-face interview in country or by phone / video call



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

TAPIF/FACC programmes can be routes in for non-EU citizens

10-12 months contracts for language centres and 2 weeks-3 months contracts for summer camps



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

Most teaching jobs

are with adults

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

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



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

Face-to-face interview in country or by phone / video call



ITALY

Age 21-60

Degree BA/BSc

POPULAR DESTINATIONS

Restrictions EU citizens preferred

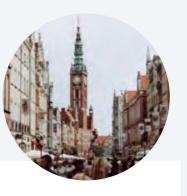
> Hiring Process Face-to-face

Contract 0.5-12 months

Pay \$1,000-\$1,750

Visa EU passport/Work/ Student Monthly costs \$900-\$1,100

10-12 months contracts for language centres and 2 weeks-3 months contracts for summer camps



POLAND

Age 21+

Degree BA/BSc

Restrictions EU citizens preferred

Hiring Process Face-to-face/phone

> Contract 9-12 months

Pay \$750-\$1,000

Visa EU passport/Work

> Monthly costs \$750-\$1,000

**CELTA / Trinity TESOL** desirable

Teaching experience desirable

EU citizens strongly preferred



PORTUGAL

Age N/A

Degree **BA/BSc** 

Restrictions EU citizens preferred

> Hiring Process Face-to-face

Contract 10-12 months

Pay \$1,200-\$1,700

Visa EU passport/Work

> Monthly costs \$1,200-\$1,700

Teaching experience desirable

Degree is preferred but not essential

**RUSSIA** 

Age

21-60

Degree

BA/BSc

Restrictions

Native speaker

Hiring Process

Face-to-face/phone

Contract

12 months

Pay

\$500-\$1,750

Visa

Work

Monthly costs

\$500-\$1,500

Native English speakers desirable

Teaching experience sometimes required

Flight sometimes included

**SLOVAKIA** 

Age N/A

Degree **BA/BSc** 

Restrictions Teaching exprience

Hiring Process Face-to-face/phone

> Contract 10-12 months

Pay \$450-\$950

Visa EU passport/Work

> Monthly costs \$500-\$800

Degree is preferred but not essential

EU citizen strongly preferred







### **SLOVENIA**

Age N/A

Degree

## **BA/BSc**

Restrictions

EU citizens preferred

Hiring Process Face-to-face/phone

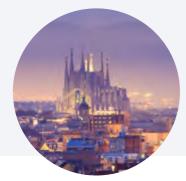
> Contract 10-12 months

Pay \$750-\$1,200

Visa EU passport/Work/ Student Monthly costs \$750-\$1,200

Degree is preferred but not essential

Teaching experience desirable





#### SPAIN

Age **21-60** 

Degree **BA/BSc** 

Restrictions EU citizens preferred

> Hiring Process Face-to-face

Contract 10-12 months

Pay \$800-\$2,000

Visa EU passport/Work/ Student Monthly costs \$1,000-\$1,900

Degree is preferred but not essential

Age **Under 65** 

> Degree **BA/BSc**

Restrictions
Teaching exprience

Hiring Process Face-to-face/phone

> Contract 12 months

Pay **\$750-\$1,500** 

Visa **Work/Tourist** 

Monthly costs **\$500-\$1,000** 

Degree is preferred but not essential

Native English speaker desirable

### 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!