

SOUTH AMERICA

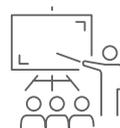
TEFL Key Facts

- ✓ Fluent English (native English speaker desirable but generally not essential)
- ✓ Degree is desirable but not usually essential
- ✓ TEFL Certification
- ✓ Clear criminal records check usually required



TYPICAL JOBS

- Private language centres
- Private tuition
- Public and private schools



TYPICAL STUDENTS

- Business professionals
- Children

» *Even those without a degree or native English can find TEFL work here*



PEAK HIRING PERIODS

- All year round
- Key hiring periods for schools are Feb-March and July-Aug. NB: Seasons, school years and recruitment periods vary widely, as this continent spans both hemispheres



VISA REQUIREMENTS

- TEFL teachers can work on tourist visas for up to six months in most countries
- Work visa / permit normally required for longer periods
- Employers should provide documentation and may cover costs for visa applications

GOOD TO KNOW

Employers prefer to interview in person, so you'll have a better chance of a job if you're already in the country. Teachers often top up their salary with private tuition to ensure a good standard of living.

Fact file:
**POPULAR
 DESTINATIONS**



ARGENTINA

Age
N/A

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Fluent speaker

Hiring Process
Face-to-face

Contract
6-12 months

Pay
\$500-\$1,100

Visa
Work/Tourist

Monthly costs
\$600-\$1,100

Degree is preferred
 but not essential



BOLIVIA

Age
N/A

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Teaching experience

Hiring Process
Face-to-face

Contract
6-12 months

Pay
\$500-\$900

Visa
Work/Tourist

Monthly costs
\$500-\$700

Native English
 preferred but not
 essential

Teaching experience
 is normally required



BRAZIL

Age
N/A

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Fluent speaker

Hiring Process
Face-to-face

Contract
6-12 months

Pay
\$800-\$1,300

Visa
Work/Tourist

Monthly costs
\$800-\$1,300

Degree is preferred
 but not essential

Native English
 preferred but not
 essential

Limited opportunities
 to interview remotely
 by phone / video call



CHILE

Age
N/A

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
EU citizens preferred

Hiring Process
Face-to-face/phone

Contract
6-12 months

Pay
\$650-\$1,000

Visa
Work/Tourist

Monthly costs
\$650-\$1,000

Degree is preferred
 but not essential

Native English
 preferred but not
 essential



COLUMBIA

Age
N/A

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Fluent speaker

Hiring Process
Face-to-face/phone

Contract
6-12 months

Pay
\$500-\$1,500

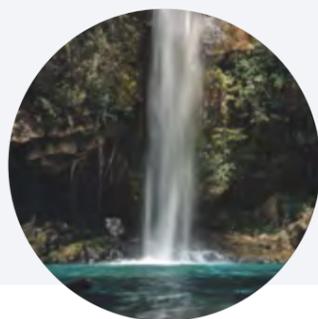
Visa
Work/Tourist

Monthly costs
\$500-\$1,100

Degree is preferred
 but not essential

Native English
 preferred but not
 essential

POPULAR DESTINATIONS



COSTA RICA

Age
N/A

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Fluent speaker

Hiring Process
Face-to-face/phone

Contract
6-12 months

Pay
\$700-\$900

Visa
Work/Tourist

Monthly costs
\$700-\$900

Degree is preferred but not essential

Native English preferred but not essential



ECUADOR

Age
N/A

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Fluent speaker

Hiring Process
Face-to-face/phone

Contract
6-12 months

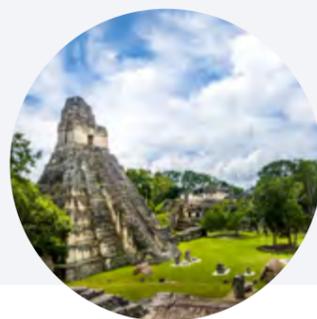
Pay
\$500-\$800

Visa
Work

Monthly costs
\$500-\$800

Degree is preferred but not essential

Native English preferred but not essential



GUATEMALA

Age
N/A

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Fluent speaker

Hiring Process
Face-to-face

Contract
6-12 months

Pay
\$500-\$600

Visa
Work/Tourist

Monthly costs
\$500-\$600

Degree is preferred but not essential

Native English preferred but not essential



MEXICO

Age
N/A

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Fluent speaker

Hiring Process
Face-to-face

Contract
6-12 months

Pay
\$500-\$800

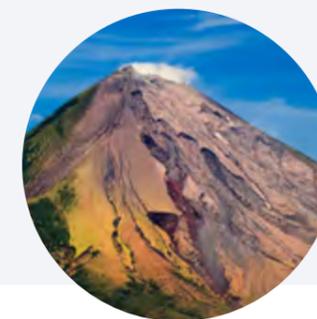
Visa
Work

Monthly costs
\$500-\$800

Degree is preferred but not essential

Native English preferred but not essential

Limited opportunities to interview remotely by phone / video call



NICARAGUA

Age
N/A

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Fluent speaker

Hiring Process
Face-to-face

Contract
3-12 months

Pay
\$300-\$700

Visa
Work/Tourist

Monthly costs
\$300-\$600

Native English speakers desirable

Teaching experience desirable



PERU

Age
N/A

Degree
BA/BSc

Restrictions
Fluent speaker

Hiring Process
Face-to-face

Contract
3-12 months

Pay
\$500-\$1,000

Visa
Work/Tourist

Monthly costs
\$500-\$1,000

Teaching experience desirable



MORE ABOUT SOUTH AMERICA...

With spectacular landscapes, fascinating cultures and a surging demand for English teachers, Latin America is fast becoming a strong rival to Asia for the position of top TEFL destination. It offers great opportunities for both newly qualified and experienced teachers. In fact, even those without a degree or native English can find TEFL work here.

TEFL in South America in particular is all about the experience - which is lucky, as you're unlikely to get rich teaching English here! However, you should earn enough for a reasonable living standard, particularly if you top up your wages with private tuition.

The comparatively stable economies of central America and the compelling appeal of Argentina, Brazil and Peru's flamboyant cities and stunning landscapes mean that these countries tend to top lists of TEFL destinations. It's worth looking beyond the obvious locations though. Nicaragua is emerging as a great new pick on the TEFL map, with its friendly, laid-back approach and gorgeous landscape. Or what about the 2,400km of coastline in Chile - stretching from close to Antarctica up to the summer heat of the exquisite Santiago?

In fact, you can find English teaching jobs in pretty much every part of Latin America. You just need to choose where to start!