



TEACH ENGLISH IN VIETNAM

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Welcome to Vietnam

They say that the only risk in finding English teaching jobs in Vietnam is wanting to stay. Rough around the edges, but beautiful to its core, Vietnam is for anyone craving something a little different. Southeast Asia's premier nation is bursting with life, culture, and teaching opportunities. After kayaking all day in Halong Bay until your arms feel like (rice) noodles, dodging motorbikes, and admiring the uniquely French and Chinese elements of its energetic cities, you will be thoroughly enamored with Vietnam. Floating the Mekong River, crawling the Củ Chi tunnels, and sunbathing on the sparkling beaches of Mũi Né and Nha Trang must also make their way to your ESL bucketlist.

It can be charmingly baffling at times, but once you have set off into this wild, wonderful world, you won't look back. Pho' real.

The best way to get to know these incredible locals?



There as an ESL teacher with The TEFL Institute of Ireland: the Vietnam teach abroad experts

PLACEMENTS & LOCATIONS

Vietnam is an exciting country to live in, as it sees more and more advancements every year. It is an exemplary country in terms of development, with numerous successful social projects. Having recently emerged from many complicated years of civil war, Vietnam is starting to thrive, and you can be right at the center of that growth (complete with a squeeze of lime).



LOCATIONS:

They say variety is the spice of life, and we love sriracha and hoisin. That's why we have plenty of options for ESL teacher placements in Vietnam, spanning north to south, predominantly in or around Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi and their surrounding suburbs and satellite towns.



THE INTERNSHIP:

You can expect to teach conversational English for ~35 hours weekly. That breaks down to 3-4 lessons daily, 5-6 days a week for ~20 hours of active teaching. That leaves you plenty of time to mastermind your next fave backup lesson!



SCHOOL PLACEMENTS:

Schools in Vietnam vary greatly. You may be placed in a private language school, a private primary or high school, or a government school. As well, the sizes of schools can fluctuate from a few students to thousands.



PERKS:

120 hours of TEFL training is included in this four and a half month paid internship. Your pay will be US\$1200-1800 monthly — plenty to cover costs with a little extra for something special.

Vietnamese culture is unlike any other, and discovering what makes it so distinct while teaching English here is hugely rewarding. Just beware — once you get a taste of life in Vietnam (and bánh mì), you might find it hard to leave.

ORIENTATION & TRAINING

Beyond delightful icebreakers, orientation is your chance to get the real inside scoop on living and teaching in Vietnam from those who've done it already! Not only will we perfect our chopsticks skills over a fabulous welcome dinner, we'll have a crash course in Vietnamese (luckily for us, a lot of the letters look the same!), share our best advice for planning lessons effectively and efficiently, unpack the complexities of Vietnamese culture, and be sure to share the "gotta-know-it's" for life in Vietnam.

For one week, your only job will be to befriend your fellow teachers, delight in your new surroundings (water puppets, anyone?), and get ready for one of the coolest teaching gigs you'll ever have.



VERIFIED TEFL INSTITUTE TESTIMONIALS



"When I first arrived in Hanoi, I was overwhelmed by the stark contrast to the cultural norms of the UK, from the climate to standard social behavior and countless other aspects. However the crazy yet simultaneously laid-back culture of Vietnam was something I fell in love with, and my advice for future English teachers is to just seize the day and embrace unfamiliarity."

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Vietnam Intern



WHO CAN APPLY?

With an ambiance that is so distinctly Vietnamese, all you need to do is stroll by a rice paddy or sip fresh coconut outside a corner café to feel like you are completely absorbed by their way of life.

You must be/have...



**Are aged between
20-50 years old**
(Contact us if you are
older)



Passport holder
from Australia,
Canada, Ireland,
South Africa, New
Zealand, United
Kingdom, or the
United States



**Are a Native
English speaker**



**Have a Bachelor's
degree**



**Have a clean
police record**



Are in good health
(Applicants must
submit a complete
health check as part
of the work permit
process)

WHAT'S UP FOR GRABS?



Great Salary
Monthly salary
of US\$1200-1800*



Course Included
120 hour accredited
TEFL Course



Airport pick-up
& Transfers to your
accommodation



Orientation
Orientation week in Ho
Chi Minh City



Language Lessons
Vietnamese lessons
(during orientation)



Great Schools
Teach in primary, secondary
or language schools



In Country Support
Ongoing support
wherever you are



TEFL Job Assistance
After your placement



Housing
Accommodation assistance



Placement
12 months long



Excursions
Cultural excursions



Holidays
Public holidays off



Visa
Sponsored work visa



Completion Bonus
Offered by many schools

Monthly Salary In Your Currency:
US\$1200-1800 (€1065-€1,600/£900-£1350)

*The average salary for someone without previous teaching experience is US\$1,400



8 VIETNAM FACTS

- 1 Caffeine addict like us? According to the European Coffee Federation statistics, Vietnam is the world's second largest coffee-producing nation after Brazil.
- 2 Legend has it that the peoples of this land originated from a union between an immortal Chinese princess and "The Dragon Lord of the Seas."
- 3 You don't have to fake your love for other nuts in the nut mix here — Vietnam is the largest exporter of cashews in the world.
- 4 Pack your helmet! An estimated ten million motorbikes travel on the roads of Vietnam every day.
- 5 If you thought Chinese was hard, get this: The Vietnamese language has six different tones.
- 6 Almost every household in Vietnam has a motorcycle.
- 7 Soccer is the most popular sport in Vietnam.
- 8 The Vietnamese keep potbelly pigs as pets.

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 Ho Chi Minh, Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN) on your specific internship arrival day, for airport pick up and orientation.

How do I get from orientation to my placement?

At the end of your orientation week, you'll travel by public transport (bus, train or air) to your placement location. Teachers pay for their own transport and some schools help with the cost.

Will I be placed with other interns?

Yes, in many cases there will be at least one other intern at your school. In some cases where one teacher is needed by a school you may choose to share housing with fellow interns. You'll get to know each other during orientation so it will be easy to plan meet-ups with new friends - you'll be joining a great community of teaching interns!

How much will I get paid?

Your US\$1200-1800 (€1065-€1,600/£900-£1350)

monthly allowance will be paid in Vietnamese Dong either electronically to your Vietnam bank account or by cash. You should budget to have enough spending money to cover your first month to six weeks in Vietnam until you receive your monthly allowance. Typically this is paid around the 10th of each month.

TIP: Our previous interns 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.

Who will I be teaching?

You'll be working in public primary, high schools or language schools.

Can I be placed with a friend?

Yes, you can request to be placed with a friend or as a couple. You'll have a spot on your application form to mention who you're traveling with.

Note: placement together is dependent on availability and can't be guaranteed.

Where will I be located?

There are both urban and more rural placements available throughout Vietnam including: Hanoi, Haiphong, Halong, Ho Chi Minh City, Vinh, Hue and in the Mekong Delta.

You will be asked to nominate your preference of placement (NB. due to availability preference can't be guaranteed, so it's best to be flexible and apply early).

What will my housing be like?

On arrival at your placement location you'll have support from the in-country team to visit suitable housing options according to your budget preference. Studio apartments and shared housing can start from as little as US\$150 (€130/£110) monthly. For more plush accommodation, budget up to US\$450.

Culture Tip: Aside from the inexpensive cost, dining out plays a large role in Vietnamese socializing. Due to this, your housing might not have an extensive kitchen but you should be able to boil water and refrigerate food.

I have dietary requirements, will I manage okay?

Yes, previous interns with both gluten and dairy free requirements as well as vegetarians have managed well with advice from our in-country team.

What extras do I need to pay for?

- Doctor's letter (to say you're fit and well)
- Criminal record check
- Comprehensive travel insurance
- Visa and work permit
- Travel from orientation to placement
- Flights

Can I book a one-way flight?

We advise booking a flexible ticket so you have the freedom to make travel plans while you're there. Officially those arriving to Vietnam are required to hold a departure ticket; however many travelers arrive on a one-way ticket as they plan to depart overland. Your visa will be valid for the 12 month duration of the program; you'll meet other interns that you'll want to travel with afterwards and be glad of a changeable travel ticket! Bordering Cambodia and Laos, an inexpensive bus ride will whisk you to the gateway of a new intriguing Asian culture within a few hours.

Is there a chance I won't be accepted?

As with any internship your spot isn't guaranteed. Your application is subject to local school and visa approval. If your application is not approved by our partner schools you'll be refunded all of your internship fee plus 50% of the value of your included TEFL course. Essentially, you'll get TEFL trained at half price. We'll also guide you on other internship options or independent job searches.





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Internships. Want to talk more?



We're here to make sure you have the best TEFL experience and get you living the life you've always dreamed of abroad!

Contact us with any questions - we'll help you get there.

We're available to chat Monday to Friday

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