

SHANGHAI

PREMIER TEFL'S GUIDE TO CHINA



Welcome to
SHANGHAI

Are you a professional looking for a change of pace? Try China on for size. China is an aspiring ESL teacher's dream—a land of creaking wooden pagodas, the hum of tai chi, rolling grasslands, fiery cuisine and equally passionate locals, there is plenty to be discovered along the bustling, ever-modernizing coast of China. Practice your kungfu then join Premier TEFL around Shanghai, Jiangsu province and Zhejiang province where your neighbors range from energetic children, studious college kids, adorably-wrinkled yeye's and nainai's... and dragons. Whether you're reviewing grammar structures or eyeing a new street food to munch on, teaching English in China will make your resume sparkle. What's more, the Chinese are famed for their hospitality—expect rock-star reverence wherever you go!

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THE SHANGHAI TEACH ABROAD EXPERTS



PLACEMENTS & LOCATIONS



Shanghai resides along the Pudong River in Central/South China, nestled right along the South China Sea. A resilient city boasting the new and old world seamlessly, the perfect place for your orientation. Your students in Jiangsu and Zhejiang province are here to work— and work hard—and you should too. But don't worry, it's not all verb conjugations and dangling modifiers. There are streets filled with businessmen and women in suits as well as chickens, flashing lights, soupy dumplings (we told you this city bridges the old and new, right?).



locations:



Hit the ground running with a full-on, 3-5 day long group orientation to life as a teacher in China. From there, you'll head out to your official teaching placement in one of several great Chinese locations like Zhejiang and Jiangsu Provinces.



school placements:



Teaching placements are in language schools or language training centers rather than in a school environment. This is exciting, as you'll get to work with students from multiple schools and with a smaller class size, typically 10-12 students instead of 30+!



the internship:



You'll have around 25 hours each week to whip your students' English speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills into shape. No need to fret about language barriers—you'll have a dedicated assistant for those sticky lingual situations. Fifteen additional hours weekly will be devoted to office work, such as marketing, parent meetings, preparing lessons, and observing classes, giving you a fun and fulfilling workload.



perks:



Your accommodations are taken care of, not to mention your airport pick ups and transfers. Talk about a soft landing! And, thanks to your personal coordinator, that amazing support remains throughout the entire duration of your program.



YOUR STUDENTS HAVE EXTRA-BUSY SCHEDULES, JUGGLING THEIR REGULAR SCHOOLWORK WITH ADDITIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES ON THE WEEKENDS. TO THAT END, GET EXCITED ABOUT HAVING TWO WEEKDAYS AND WEEKDAY MORNINGS OFF BECAUSE SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND EVENINGS WILL BE DEVOTED TO YOUR AMAZING STUDENTS!

WHO CAN APPLY



DON'T SWEAT

Don't sweat — chopsticks skills rank low on our list of minimum qualifications to become an ESL teacher in China. However, we do require that you...

20-35

Native



TEFL
QUALIFIED



- Are aged between 20 and 35 years old at time of travel
- Are a native English speaker
- Are a passport holder from USA, Canada, UK, Ireland, South Africa, Australia or New Zealand
- Have completed high school
- Are TEFL qualified (included)
- Are physically and mentally fit
- Employ soft skills like creativity and open-mindedness

We also require our internship participants to be adaptable, flexible, culturally sensitive, respectful, and yes, good at using chopsticks (we'd hate for you to starve, after all!). ;-)

ORIENTATION & TRAINING



Beyond delightful icebreakers, orientation is your chance to get the real inside scoop on living and teaching in China from local experts! Not only will we pig out at a welcome dinner (full of local delicacies like duck and fish), we'll have a crash course in Mandarin, review lesson planning techniques, dive deep into the do's and don'ts of the Chinese culture (hint: leave your wristwatch gifts at home), and discuss transport and logistics. Have you seen the Bund lit up at night? You're going to love it.

Get to know your fellow teachers, daydream tourist trips to take together, and start your experience in China with some 福 (luck!) on your side.



• CHINA FACTS •

- Cricket fighting is a popular amusement in China. Many Chinese children keep crickets as pets.
- Despite its size, all of China is in one time zone.
- Many historians believe soccer originated in China around 1000 B.C.
- Ping-pong is one of the most popular games in China, but it was not invented in China. It originated in Britain, where it is called table tennis.
- Viewed as a status symbol, stamp collecting is China's number one hobby.
- Giant Pandas ("bear cat") date back two to three million years. The early Chinese emperors kept pandas to ward off evil spirits and natural disasters. Pandas also were considered symbols of might and bravery.
- White, rather than black, is the Chinese color for mourning and funerals.
- The most important holiday in China is the Chinese New Year or Lunar New Year. Chinese traditionally believe that every person turns one year older on the New Year and, thus, that day is considered to be everyone's birthday.



WHAT'S UP FOR GRABS?

- Monthly allowance of RMB¥5,000 (US\$760/€630/£560)
- 168 hours of TEFL training
- 70+ page Grammar eBook
- Lesson Planning Guide
- Flight reimbursement of RMB¥2,500 (US\$360/€325/£280)
- Airport pick-up & transfers
- 3-5 day orientation
- Accommodation
- Mandarin lessons
- Cultural excursions
- Visa assistance
- Ongoing in-country support
- Personal Support Coordinator

FAQS

• 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 Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG), on your specific internship arrival day, for airport pick up and orientation. Peak pick up times are from 8am to 6pm.

• How do I get from orientation to my placement?

At the end of your 3 - 5 day orientation, you will travel by public transport and a representative from your school will meet you at the station. Transport costs are included.

Orientation includes cultural tips for living in China, teacher training workshops and you'll also take part in an interview that will determine your placement city.

• Will I be placed with other interns?

In most cases one intern is placed per school, however you're guaranteed to have fellow foreign teacher colleagues.

You'll get to know native English-speaking teachers in towns and in cities throughout your province of China and it will be easy to make contact with interns - you'll be joining a great community of English teachers!

• How much will I get paid?

Your RMB¥5,000 (US\$760/€630/£560) monthly allowance will be paid in cash or electronically to your Chinese bank account on the 15th of each month.

You should budget to have enough spending money to cover your five to seven weeks in China until you receive your monthly allowance.

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.

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• Who will I be teaching?

You'll be working in language training centers and teaching young learners between the age of four and 12.

• Can I be placed with a friend?

You can request to be placed as a couple however it is typically harder to place friends together. You'll have a spot on your application form to mention who you're traveling with.

Placement together is dependent on availability and can't be guaranteed, so it's best to apply early.

• Where will I be located?

There are both urban and more rural placements available throughout central and southern China, comprising of Shanghai, Jiangsu province and Zhejiang province.

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

• What will my accommodation be like?

Housing is provided rent-free throughout your entire stay on the internship which will be either a single apartment or shared with other teachers. In shared accommodation, you'll have your own single room in your local Chinese style apartment.

Interns need to budget for household utilities, on average costing RMB¥200 (US\$31/€26/£23) monthly.

Your school commute is typically around 30 minutes by public transport.

• I have dietary requirements, will I manage okay?

Yes, there are both gluten and dairy free options as well as many suitable vegetarian options. Our in-country team will be happy to assist and advise you.

• 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 - budget US\$400/€330/£290 for visa invitation administration plus the visa fee itself
- Flights

• Can I book a one-way flight?

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

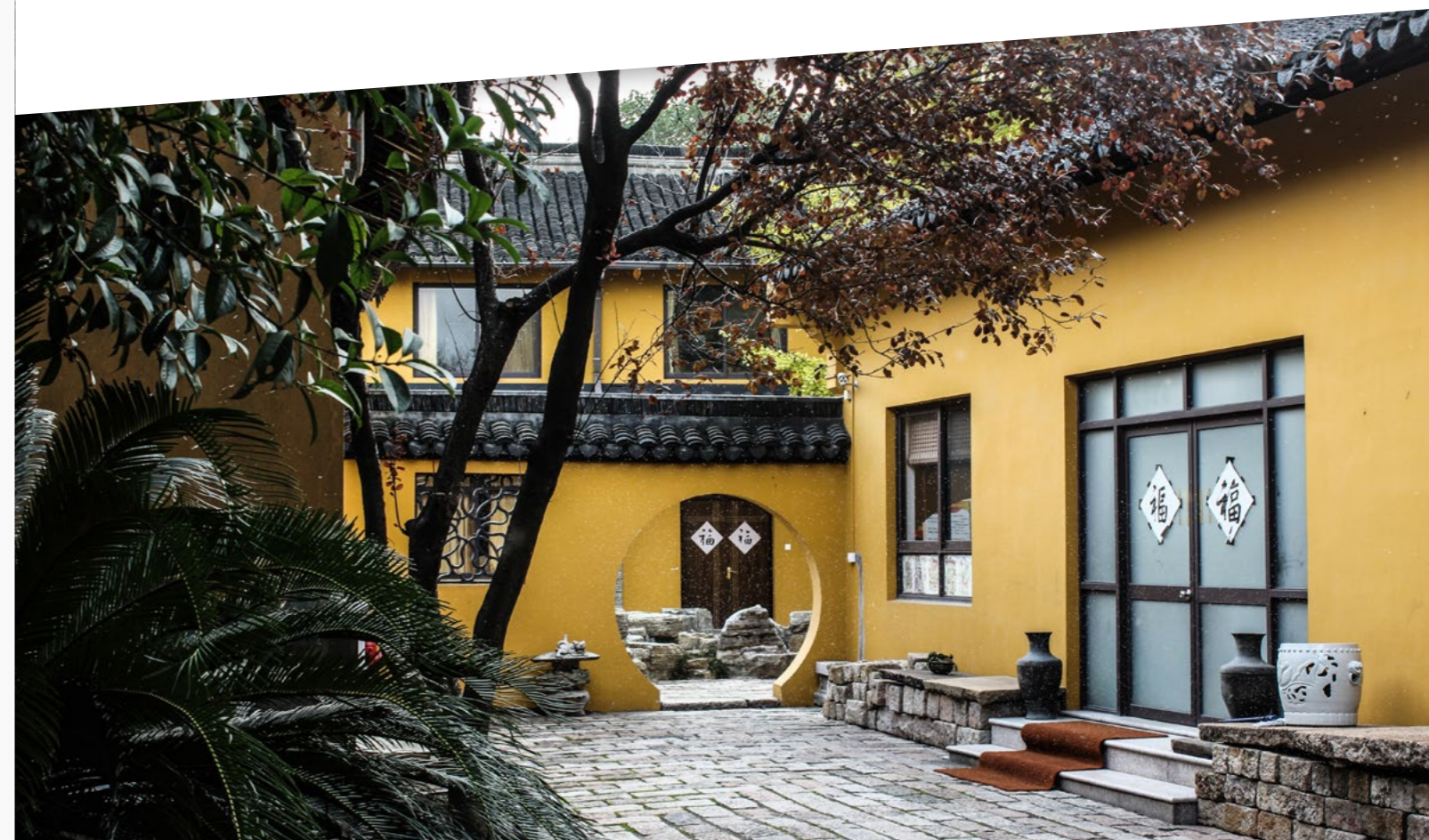
Your visa will be valid for 6 months, you'll meet other interns that you'll want to travel with afterwards!

You may have a few weeks left on your visa after internship completion. Combined with new-found friends and a flight reimbursement of RMB¥2,500 (US\$360/€325/£280) you'll have the perfect recipe to explore more of China or kick back for some post-teaching relaxation.

• 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 you're 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.





BOOK NOW

Grab your free Lesson Planning guide now!



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