

# Taiwan

PREMIER TEFL'S GUIDE TO TAIWAN



welcome to  
**Taiwan**

If their amazing milk tea isn't draw enough to do your TEFL internship in Taiwan, then surely the following details will have you booking your plane tickets to this tropical island stat. As the first democratic nation in Asia — with powerful ties to its Chinese roots — it won't take you long to fit into it's incredibly modern, yet laidback, vibe. What might take you longer, though? Figuring out how to read traditional Chinese characters. They're tough, but luckily for you, it is easy to live in Taiwan without speaking Mandarin. 😊

Even despite being one of the most densely populated countries in the world, you'll still find your qi amidst its sandy beaches, dense jungles, and flowing waterfalls, not to mention it's incredibly generous and orderly people. Their thriving economy alone proves that the Taiwanese are some of the hardest working people around, poised to make your ESL classroom productive and fun.

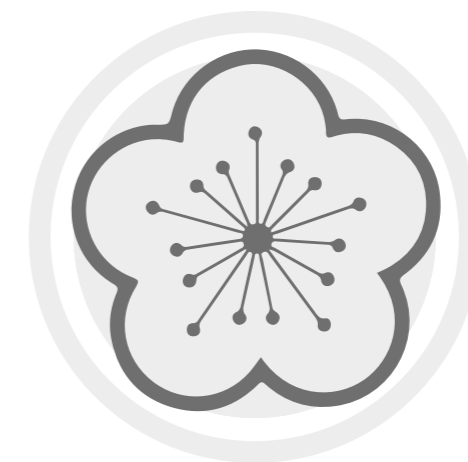
Ready to slurp some beef noodles and get this teach abroad party started? Follow the tao, and your heart, to Taiwan!

## THE BEST WAY TO GET TO KNOW THESE INCREDIBLE LOCALS?

- LIVING,
- WORKING,
- AND PLAYING

there as an ESL teacher with Premier TEFL

*the Taiwan teach abroad experts*





# PLACEMENTS & LOCATIONS



Ten bucks says the device you're reading this guide on right now was actually made in Taiwan. Why not take it back to it's homeland?! Get swept up in the Taiwanese Wave and find out all you need to know to rock your year long paid TEFL internship:



## locations:

There are dozens of locations around the island, from the chaotic (and exciting!) cities of Taipei and Kaohsiung to smaller, more rural areas. We'll do our best to accommodate your preference!



## school placements:

While teaching in Taiwan, you will be placed in an English language school with a partner teacher, and your students' ages will range from three to 16. Since you'll be working with kids and teens, be sure to memorize both primary school songs AND the latest in Tai-pop.



## the internship:

You will be working 40 hours a week, but don't worry, that's not all class time! Teachers are given ~15 hours to prepare lessons, with ~25 hours in the classroom with students Monday-Saturday.



## perks:

You can earn a monthly salary as high as 60,000 (NTD) Taiwan Dollars (US\$2,000; €1680; £1,550) — leaving you plenty of currency to devote towards a comfortable living AND adventure. You'll get public holidays off and two weeks vacation too. It's not all work and no play, #amiright?!



**TEACHING ENGLISH IN TAIWAN IS AN ABSOLUTE "DUH." FROM MOUNTAIN TO MOUNTAIN, SKYSCRAPER TO SKYSCRAPER, AND BUDDHIST TEMPLE TO TAOIST TEMPLE, THERE'S NO CHANCE YOU WON'T FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR LIFE AS AN ESL TEACHER HERE.**



## ORIENTATION & TRAINING



Join us for ten FULL days of glorious orientation to kickstart your year in Taiwan. There's a lot to pack into your crash course: teacher trainings, sightseeing, oyster omelettes, introductions to the Taiwanese culture, figuring out how to pronounce Chiang Kai-Shek, the usual. We'll share pro-tips on life both inside and outside the classroom, as well as give you plenty of time for you to get to know your new 朋友 (péngyǒu) — friends.

Last one to the KTV is the rotten century egg!



## WHO CAN APPLY



### DON'T SWEAT

To join the ranks of other intrepid teachers in Taiwan, warm up your singing voice (their garbage trucks blare music, you know!) and be sure you check off the following:

21-35

Native



TEFL  
QUALIFIED



- Aged between 21 to 35
- Native English speaker
- Passport holder from USA, Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia or New Zealand
- Bachelor's or Associate's degree
- TEFL qualified (included)
- Have dedication, cultural flexibility, organization, respect, creativity, enthusiasm and professionalism.



# • TAIWAN FACTS •

- Pack your raincoat and poncho — in Taiwanese culture, people hate rain.
- Fourteen aboriginal tribes call Taiwan home, and have been living on the island for 8,000+ years. The Han Chinese didn't arrive until the 1600s.
- When the Portuguese saw the island of Taiwan back in the 16th century, they called it Ilha Formosa (Beautiful Island).
- It takes roughly eight hours to drive around the whole island.
- Most people in Taiwan are Buddhist or Taoist, and love to draw upon the wisdom of nature. Ahh. Zen.



# WHAT'S UP FOR GRABS?

- Monthly allowance NT\$46,500 – 60,000 (US\$1,550 - US\$2,000/€1,300 - €1680/£1,200 - £1,550)
- 120 hours of TEFL training
- Airport pick-up & transfers
- 10-day arrival orientation
- Full accommodation assistance
- Opportunity to teach younger learners
- 2 weeks vacation
- All public holidays off
- Mandarin lessons (3 free)
- Interest-free relocation loan up to NT\$30,000 (US\$1000/€840/£770)
- Visa and work permit sponsorship
- Access to Taiwanese health care
- In-country medical
- Ongoing in-country support
- 70+ page Grammar eBook

# 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 Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) 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 10-day orientation, you'll be collected by your school and taken to your placement location.

## • Will I be placed with other interns?

Yes, in most cases there will be at least one other native English speaking teacher at your school. You'll also have local Taiwanese English teaching colleagues.

You'll get to know fellow teachers during orientation so it will be easy to plan meet-ups with new friends - you'll be joining a great community of around 600 English teachers across Taiwan!

## • How much will I get paid?

You are guaranteed to earn at least NT\$47,000 per month. Since you're on an hourly rate, if you teach more, you get paid more! Many teachers earn over NT\$55,000 per month [dollar emoji?]

Your NT\$47,000 – 60,000 (US\$1,550 - US\$2,000/€1,300 - €1680/£1,200 - £1,550) will be paid in cash for you to deposit to your Taiwanese bank account.

You should budget to have enough spending money to cover your first month to six weeks in Taiwan until you receive your monthly allowance. Typically this is paid around the 7th 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.

## PRO TIP

Avail of the unique interest-free relocation loan to help with accommodation deposits and start up costs. You can borrow up to NT\$30,000 (US\$1000/€840/£770).

## • Who will I be teaching?

You'll be working in an English language school, teaching students ranging from 3 to sixteen years old.

## • 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 Taiwan. A smaller town might have a population of 50,000 while cities can be host to up to 7.5 million inhabitants.

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 accommodation be like?

Accommodation is arranged in collaboration with your school. During orientation you'll discuss your preferred budget with your school liaison who will arrange and accompany you to 3 - 5 apartment viewings.

During orientation you'll typically share a room with a fellow teacher.

**Culture Tip:** Aside from the inexpensive cost, dining out plays a large role in Taiwanese socializing. Due to this, your housing might not have an extensive kitchen.

## • 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
- 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 Taiwan are required to hold a departure ticket; our in-country team can offer suggestions to keep this cost minimal.

During your 12 month placement (and afterwards) you'll make friends that you'll want to travel with and be glad of a changeable travel tickets.

A short inexpensive flight will take you to explore Southeast Asian gems of Vietnam, Hong Kong and the Philippines, as well as South Korea and Japan in the north. Continue your travel adventure or grab an ice-cold bottle of Taiwan's floral craft beer Waxy Rice Ale and kick back for the ultimate 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 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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Ready to speak to a Taiwan expert?

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