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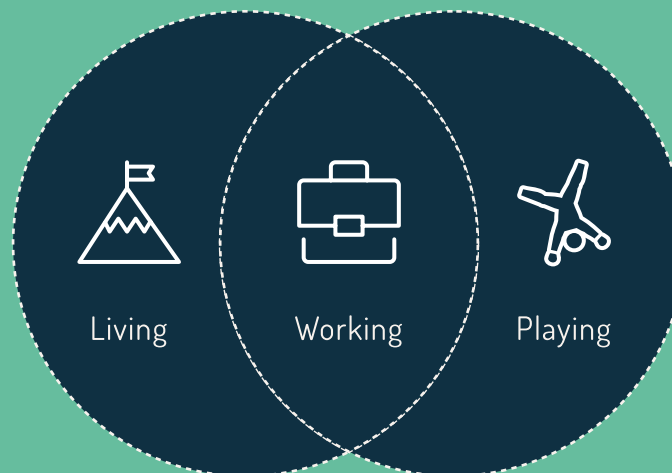
Teach English in:  
**Colombia**

# Welcome to Colombia

Lying at the crossroads of North and South America, in Colombia, you can experience something new every. single. day. It's towering Andean summits, beautiful archaeological ruins, historical colonial communities, and pipin' hot empanadas are just a few of the reasons Colombia is one of the best places to teach in South America. And that's not including the incredible energy of your soon-to-be-students — there will never be a dull moment in class when teaching in Colombia.

You can teach abroad amidst coffee farms, national parks, waterfalls, canyons, glorious festivals, all while exploring the confluence of indigenous, African, and Spanish cultures. You'll finally become a (Colombian peso) millionaire. Need we say more?

**The best way to get to know these incredible locals?**



there as an ESL teacher with Premier TEFL: the Colombia teach abroad experts.



# Placements & Locations

## “Colombia is magical realism”

— more than the country’s tourism slogan, this captures the local way of life. Immense cultural and linguistic diversity and opportunity blend to make way for creativity like you’ve never seen before. Get ready to be “Wow’d!” by your students and new amigos alike.



### locations:

Zipaquirá city is located in central Colombia just over 40km northeast of Bogotá, but feels worlds away. It’s laidback pace, soulful charm and surrounding verdant hills easily trump the capital’s noisy, colorful taxis and chaotic alleyways. It’s a TEFL teacher’s dream location.



### the internship:

Your work week typically runs weekdays, with 25 hours of classroom time. This allows up to 10 hours of lesson planning and five hours of extra curricular activities per week. There are also opportunities to stay if you never want to leave!



### school placements:

Students range in age from primary school children to adults, and all placements are at English language schools.



### perks

Your curriculum is provided, and you will have support from local teachers to help you adjust to teaching in accordance with Colombian educational standards and your school’s mission. On top of that, a TEFL course is included — you’ll be a star ESL teacher in no time!

Between constantly exploring and shaping young minds, relish in the fact that no two days teaching in Colombia will look, feel, or taste the same. This is what adventure looks like!

# Orientation & Training

Join us for two FULL weeks of glorious orientation and teacher training workshops to kickstart your time in Colombia. There's a lot to pack into your crash course: identify best practices for lesson planning, review the do's and don't's of the Colombian culture, and debunk the essentials of living in Colombia. Don't forget to brush up on a few local phrases; Colombian Spanish is considered to be the most neutral Spanish in Latin America. Phew!

Befriend your fellow teachers, crack up at the goofy experiences that have already happened ("Did you see those chickens on the bus?!"), and get ready for a magical teaching experience — one that will teach you, too.

## Your Accommodation

You will spend your first two weeks in Zipaquirá's local cosy hostel, sharing rooms with fellow interns while completing your orientation. Then you'll move into your permanent homestay accommodation, which will be a private room in an apartment or house, shared with a welcoming Colombian family.



## Verified Premier TEFL Testimonials



For me it was a year in which I fulfilled one of my dreams. This program has a mission to make all Colombians fall in love with English, but at the same time make the foreign teacher feel like a Colombian. We were learning through the lyrics of famous songs, games, acting, English breakfasts with foreigners etc. In my free time I tried to travel as much as I could. Colombia is a hidden treasure.

**Radica Nikolic**

Colombia Intern



# Who Can Apply?

Colombia's unconquerable zest for life, along with its tumultuous history and deep cultural roots, is utterly fascinating — so it's no surprise you're already under her spell. To join the ranks of other intrepid teachers in Colombia, be sure you check off the following:

You must be/have...



Between  
20-30 years old



Very fluent or  
native English  
speaker



Completed  
High School



TEFL qualified  
(included)



A clean police  
record



Have dedication,  
cultural flexibility,  
organization,  
respect, creativity,  
enthusiasm and  
professionalism.

# What's Up For Grabs?



**Salary**  
Monthly salary  
of 1,000,000 COP



**Course Included**  
120 hours of  
TEFL training



**Flights**  
Airport pick-up  
& transfers



**Orientation**  
2-week orientation  
& teaching workshops



**Cultural Events**  
Experience  
Colombian hospitality



**Job assistance**  
TEFL job assistance after your  
teaching adventure!



**Great Schools**  
Opportunity to teach  
in language schools



**Teaching Placement**  
6 month contract



**Orientation Hostel**  
2 week stay



**Housing**  
Rent-free accommodation



**Time to Explore**  
Weekends off



**Certificate**  
Internship certificate



**Visa Support**  
Visa and work permit support



**In Country Support**  
Ongoing support

**Monthly Salary In Your Currency:**  
\*COP\$1,500,000 (US\$520/€460/£400)



## 8 Colombia Facts

- 1 Caño Cristales, also referred to as “The Liquid Rainbow” is considered the most colorful river in the world due to its rock formations and diversity of flora and fauna.
- 2 OneSeed’s Hidden Colombia Expedition travels to the Lost city in the Sierra Nevada region. Experts conclude that the ruins in this area are 650 years older than Machu Picchu.
- 3 Colombia has 58 National Parks, which is the same number as the US. These parks cover over 11% of the country — that is over 55,000 square miles for you to explore!
- 4 Colombia also houses the Andes? The highest peak, Pico Cristóbal Colón, reaches 18,700 feet! From top to bottom, there is a bit of everything in this country
- 5 Colombia is the only South American country with Atlantic coastlines. With over 300 beaches in the country, you can have your pick.
- 6 The Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá is an underground church found 200 meters beneath the Andean mining town.
- 7 With 340 different types of ecosystems, Colombia is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world.
- 8 Home to 1,879 bird species, Colombia has most diversity of birds in the world.



## 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 at the airport El Dorado International Airport (BOG) in Bogotá on your specific internship arrival day, for airport pick up and two-week orientation.

**How do I get from orientation to my placement?**

At the end of your orientation, with the support from staff on your first few days, you will take the local public bus to your teaching placement.

**Will I be placed with other interns?**

Yes, in most cases there will be at least one other intern at your school. In some cases where one teacher is needed by a school you'll be housed 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!

**How much will I get paid?**

Your 1,000,000 COP (US\$265/£195/€230) monthly allowance will be paid either electronically to your bank account or by cash.

You should budget to have enough spending money to cover your six weeks until you receive your monthly allowance. Typically this is paid around the 1st day 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 our partner language school. Sometimes intern teachers also have the chance to participate in teaching projects that are developed together with local public primary schools or high 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?

You will be located in an urban area of Zipaquirá city which is located in central Colombia northeast of Bogotá.

### What will my housing be like?

Rent-free homestay accommodation is provided throughout your entire stay on the internship which will be an apartment or house, shared with a Colombian family.

During your two-week orientation you'll share a room in a hostel but after that you'll have your own single room.

**TIP:** Aside from the inexpensive cost, dining out plays a large role in socializing. Due to this, your housing might not have an extensive kitchen but you should be able to cook 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
- 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 Colombia are required to hold a departure ticket; however many travelers arrive on a one-way ticket as they plan to depart overland.

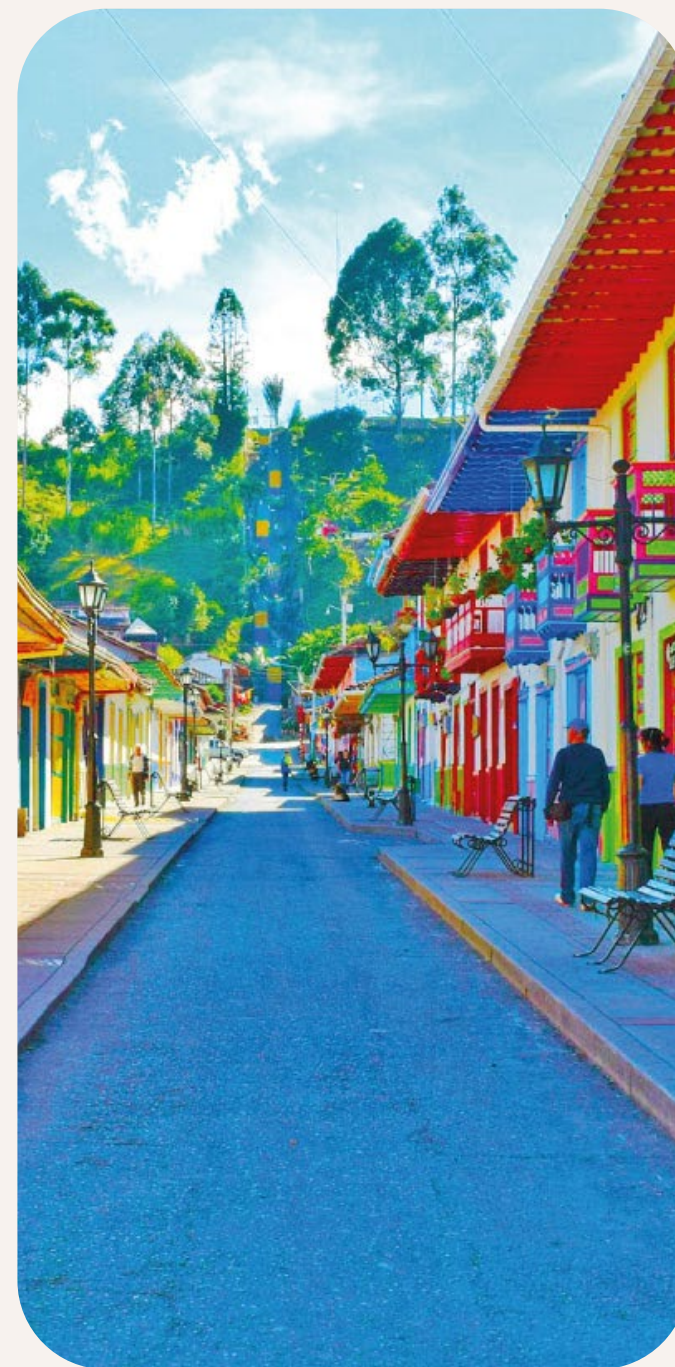
Your visa will be valid for seven months leaving you time to explore Colombia after your placement; you'll meet other interns that you'll want to travel with afterwards!

### Is there a chance I won't be accepted?

As with any internship your spot isn't guaranteed. Your application is subject to the visa approval and selection process.

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

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