



Teach English in South Korea

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South Korea market



Emma, South Korea Orientation



South Korea tower



South Korea temples



South Korea temple

Welcome to South Korea

Looking to teach abroad for a year in a beautiful country soaked with rich culture? Then look no further! We have teaching placements throughout South Korea in both large cities and small towns across the country. From Karaoke and K-pop to visiting Apsan Park, there is lots to do on your days off.

South Korea is known for having the fastest internet connection in the world with 92% of its population being internet users! With an option of both private and public schools, the opportunities are limitless!

With a large amount of options and a team dedicated to finding the right choice for you, this internship can suit anyone. Morning or evening person? Small or large classrooms? Rural or urban? Everyone is welcome!





Placements & Locations

Get set to rock a year long paid supported ESL job in Korea — you've got a full pre-departure training orientation to make sure you hit the ground running. We will give you the framework for success, but it is up to you to craft an experience you love. That means proactively making friends and saving your won to explore all 9 provinces (South Korea is highly connected, you know!).



locations:

This Government sponsored job program is nationwide with placements in small and medium towns to large cities including Seoul, Gyeonggi-do, Incheon, Daegu, Busan and Gwangju. The EPIK placement team will do their best to accommodate your preference; we recommend being open and flexible.



job highlights:

Together with online TEFL training, pre-departure virtual webinars and arrival orientation, you'll get a one year contract in South Korea to teach children from elementary to high school from Mon - Fri. There are also opportunities to stay if you never want to leave!



school placements:

While teaching in Korea, you will be placed in a public elementary, middle or high school, and your students' ages will typically start from six upwards. Since you'll be working with kids, be sure to memorize both primary school songs AND the latest in K-pop.



perks

You can earn a monthly salary as high as 2.7 million South Korean Won (\$2,050, \$1,950, £1,675) plus free accommodation — leaving you plenty of currency to devote towards adventure. You'll get weekends and public holidays off plus bonuses and a flight reimbursement.

Teaching English in South Korea is an absolute dream job. From mountain to mountain, skyscraper to skyscraper, and Buddhist temple to temple, there's no chance you won't fall in love with your life as an ESL teacher here.

Orientation & Training

Join us for a series of pre-departure virtual presentations and a week-long arrival orientation to fully prepare you for your year in South Korea. There's a lot to pack into your orientation: classroom management techniques, ESL games and lesson planning skills plus introductions to the Korean culture, figuring out how to pronounce 안녕하세요. (annyeonghaseyo), the usual.

Be sure to ask us for pro-tips on life both inside and outside the classroom. Last one to the Karaoke is the rotten century egg!

Your Accommodation

Your housing will be provided rent-free for your entire contract by your school. You will have a private studio apartment to call home and just need to budget \$60 towards utilities, leaving you with a huge wallet full of disposable income each month.

TIP: Some ESL teachers in Korea report saving up to 40% of their salary.



Verified Premier TEFL Testimonials



This experience has been fantastic, and I am grateful to have been chosen as part of the EPIK teacher intake. During these four months, my co-teachers and students have been a part of my growth as a teacher. It has been a new world for me. I can only wonder what the following months have in store for me. Outside of teaching in the classroom, I have taken every chance to learn more about the Korean language, culture, and lifestyle.

Irene Jimenez

South Korea EPIK Teacher



Who Can Apply?

While we'd love to show EVERYONE the joy and beauty of Korea's landscapes, there are certain minimum qualifications to becoming an ESL teacher on this internship.

You must be/have...



**Aged between
21 to 61***



**Native English
speaker**



**Bachelor's
degree**



**TEFL qualified
(included)**



Passport holder
from USA, Canada,
UK, Ireland, South
Africa, Australia or
New Zealand



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

* Although EPIK states that candidates under the age of 62 are welcome to apply, often those above the age of 45 find it difficult to be successfully accepted into the program.

What's Up For Grabs?



Great Salary
Monthly salary of
KRW2.1 - 2.7 million*



Course Included
120 hour accredited TEFL
Course



Cheaper Flights
Flight reimbursement
contribution of KRW1.3 million



In-service Training
Ongoing skills development
training (online)



1 Year Placement
With contract renewal
bonus of KRW2 million



Great Schools
Teach in public
school system



In Country Support
Ongoing support wherever
you are



Completion Bonus
Equal to 1 month's pay



Accommodation
Rent-free housing



Time to Explore
Weekends & public holidays off



Extra Holidays
18 paid vacation days



Insurance
National Health insurance



Visa Support
Assistance getting a visa



Support
Full arrival orientation

Monthly Salary In Your Currency:

*KRW2.7 million = (\$1,600-\$2,050/€1,575-€1,950/£1,300-£1,675)



8 South Korea Facts

- 1 A 'jjimjilbang' or public bathhouse in South Korea is furnished with hot tubs, traditional kiln saunas and massage tables. It's an essential part of contemporary Korean culture.
- 2 Named after the coastal city of Si Racha in Thailand, where it originates, a dietary staple is kimchi containing salted and fermented vegetables in a spicy, tangy sauce.
- 3 A staggering 51.8 million people live in South Korea. The majority of the people live in the province surrounding Seoul in the north west of the country.
- 4 South Korea is roughly the size of England or Portugal and has a coastline of about 2413 km in length.
- 5 Karaoke is a favorite national pastime (get ready for some K-pop!) and amazing food!
- 6 It is well-known for their internet speeds being the fastest in the world.
- 7 Seoul is the capital city and home to 10 million inhabitants.
- 8 The Siberian tiger is the South Korean national animal.



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 Incheon International Airport (IIA) on your specific internship arrival day, confirmed to you by our partners, for airport pick up and orientation.

How do I get from orientation to my placement?

At the end of your arrival orientation, you'll take public transport to your placement location.

Will I be placed with other interns?

There will be native English teachers placed in towns nearby one another as well in the same schools. The number of interns placed per school depends on their size and need.

You'll get to know each other during orientation so it will be easy to plan meet-ups with fellow teachers on weekends - you'll be joining a great community of English teachers!

How much will I get paid?

Your KRW2.0 million-KRW2.3 million (\$1,790-\$2,050/€1,500-€1,730/£1,300-£1,500) monthly allowance will be paid in South Korean won electronically to your South Korean bank account (which you can set up after receiving your Registration Card).

You should budget to have enough spending money to cover your first six to eight weeks in Korea 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.

Who will I be teaching?

You'll be working in either a public or private school, teaching students of primary and elementary school age.

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. If you are not a married couple, you will each be given your own studio apartments.

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 South Korea. A smaller town might have a population of 15,000 while cities can be host to up to 10 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 provided throughout your entire stay on the internship which will be a single studio apartment.

During orientation you may share a room but after that you'll have your own single room in your local style apartment.

Culture Tip: Aside from the inexpensive cost, dining out plays a large role in Korean 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 health check
- 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.

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 Taiwan and Japan. Continue your travel adventure or grab an ice-cold bottle of South Korea's most popular beer Hite and kick back for the ultimate post-teaching relaxation.

Is there a chance I won't be accepted?

As with any job application your spot isn't guaranteed. Your application is subject to local school and visa approval. If your application is not approved by EPIK, we'll guide you on private school partner options in South Korea as well as other internship destinations or independent job searches.





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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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