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The TEFL Course in Buenos Aires

General Questions

1. What does the tuition for the program include?

Total fees: \$1490

Comprised of:

\$500 non-refundable deposit

\$990 TEFL course fee. This amount includes tuition, course materials, certification and moderation fees. Airfares, accommodation and food are not included.

2. How do I pay for the course?

Your final payment balance should be paid directly to the Buenos Aires centre one month before your course date, or as soon as you have had your deposit confirmed if there is less than one month left before your course starts. If you need assistance with this, please email info@ebc-tefl-course.com

You have the following options for final payment.

1. Cash on arrival is NOT an acceptable method of final payment and is only accepted under unusual circumstances. If you feel that your case warrants an exception to this policy, email us immediately at info@ebc-tefl-course.com and we can review your situation. If you fail to gain a special exemption beforehand, cash payments will be charged an additional 10 percent handling fee.
2. **Credit Card Payment for your final payment:** Go to our web page at http://www.ebc-tefl-course.com/application/application_payment.shtml and follow the instructions. We will respond within 1 working day to confirm the receipt of your final payment.
3. **Bank Transfer for your final payment:** Go to our web page at http://www.ebc-tefl-course.com/application/application_payment.shtml and follow the instructions. We will respond as soon as the transfer is received.

Please arrange to send the bank transfer at least 2 weeks before the course start date and bring your receipt to the center.

4. We apologize for repeating ourselves but cash on arrival is NOT an acceptable method of final payment. If you do not gain our approval beforehand by sending us an email at info@ebc-tefl-course.com, your cash payments will be charged an additional 10 percent handling charge.

Unless you are instructed otherwise by the local contact, you will be making your final payment by Credit Card. If you wish to take care of this before your arrival, just email us at admin@teflintl.com and we will assist you.



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All payments MUST be made by the end of lunch on the first day unless special arrangements have been made with the trainers. Late fees of \$25 per day may be assessed if payment is not made.

If payments have not been received by the end of class on the first Monday, you must gain permission from admin@teflintl.com to remain on the course.

3. What is an average program day like?

The course runs, full-time over 4 weeks. Course hours are: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with one hour for lunch, Thursday and Friday - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by teaching your 1 hour class during the afternoon. Once you get to the course, you will be given a detailed course timetable and your teaching practice schedule.

4. How many students on average are in the program each month?

The maximum class size on the Buenos Aires course is 24. Normally we've been having somewhere around twenty trainees. Most of the participants are American, British, Canadian or Australian, although we do accept non-native speakers of English who have a high proficiency in the language.

5. What are the teaching practice students and classes like?

We use local Thai students for the trainees' teaching practice. Thai students are very keen and enthusiastic and because we don't charge them to attend, all students come to classes purely because they want to!

6. What are the programs accommodations like? Where are they located?

We provide a list of options for you to choose from. You arrange your own accommodation so that its costs you less and you get what you want. Please refer to web page http://www.ebc-tefl-course.com/travel/accommodation_BuenosAires.shtml for a list of options

7. Can I have things shipped or mailed to me at the school?

Yes! Below is our address.

EBC TEFL International
Avda. Córdoba 1318
6th Floor
1055 Capital Federal
Buenos Aires
Argentina
Tel (+54 11) 4371 3149

8. Can I bring my laptop?

We strongly recommend it as we provide free WIFI access in the training centre. If you don't then you'll have to use local internet cafes that cost between 1.5 and 2 Pesos/hour (50 to 75 US cents)



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The job market and teaching in Argentina; Paperwork and documentation

1. What is the TEFL job market in Argentina like? Will I have trouble getting a job?

The TEFL job market in Argentina is excellent at the moment. Finding employment becomes difficult if you leave it until you start running out of your savings. The best time to look is when you finish the course and we get your resume sent out to the 200+ schools that we supply teachers to in Buenos Aires.

3. What will EBC TEFL International do to help me secure employment?

We give you 2 job workshops regarding local employment conditions, provide a web based CV/resume template that satisfies local needs, give you a list of over 200 schools and we also send your CV/resume to all these schools as well.

4. What is the average salary like?

The average salary in Buenos Aires is about 15 to 20 Pesos per hour. This varies depending on what type of school or company you work for and whether you work full or part-time. We do not recommend that you accept less than 15 Pesos an hour unless the school is also throwing in some other incentives like free Spanish lessons.

6. How many of the TEFL graduates actually find work in Argentina?

Most of our course graduates who have wanted to work in Argentina have been able to secure teaching positions.

7. Do schools provide health insurance?

Generally, no. However, everyone in Argentina (tourists included) can make free use of the national health service.

8. Do schools provide work permits?

This runs on a case by case basis, some may, others may not.

9. What is a typical teaching position like?

Of course, it varies from school to school, but you may be expected to teach a variety of courses, ranging from children to business professionals at all levels, in groups or in private sessions.

10. Can I return to my own country and teach with my certificate?

Yes, it's possible though the requirements for working in ESL or TEFL in many western countries are different and sometimes need graduate and/or post-graduate level education in ESL or TEFL.

Questions about Buenos Aires; Living in Argentina

1. What are the average housing and living expenses when working in Argentina?



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Most likely you will rent a room in an apartment or house with other teachers or with Argentines, and of course it depends on where you choose to live. A room in a shared house or apartment in a good neighbourhood costs about 500 to 700 Pesos a month. It is fair to say that TEFL teachers are quite well-paid by local standards in Argentina, which means they can afford a comfortable standard of living. A starting local (Argentinean) school teacher earns around 800 Pesos a month while a TEFL teacher can expect to earn between 1,200 and 1,800 Pesos per month working 20 to 30 hours per week at 15 Pesos per hour. While this may not sound a lot by international standards, it means you can live quite comfortably in Buenos Aires. As a rule of thumb, for everyday articles, 1 Peso in Argentina generally buys the equivalent of 1 Dollar in the USA.

2. What if I get sick in Buenos? Are there western-standard medical facilities?

If you find yourself requiring medical attention, you can use the Argentinean National Health service free of charge. There are a number of private hospitals that offer their own health insurance services (similar to US style HMOs), however we do recommend that you get health insurance before you travel.

3. What's the public transportation system like?

There is a metro/subway/underground rail system that reaches most parts of central Buenos Aires. Tickets cost 0.80 Pesos per trip (about 30 US cents). There is also an extensive public bus system, the "colectivos", that operates in central and outlying Buenos Aires. Tickets cost 0.85 Pesos per trip. Lastly there is a commuter rail service that services some parts of Buenos Aires. Tickets cost on a per distance travelled basis, but compared to the US, Canada, UK etc. the cost is still very cheap.

What to do before departing for Argentina

1. How do I get to downtown Buenos Aires from the airport?

Bus from Ezeiza Airport to downtown Buenos Aires:

Buses are run by Manuel Tienda León and cost about 25 Pesos (8 USD). They leave every thirty minutes from 6:00 a.m. to 00:45 a.m. They are a quick, reliable and cheap way to get downtown. The buses drop you at the company's central office on the corner of Avda. Madero and Calle San Martín. You will then need to take a taxi from the bus terminal to your accommodation.

Taxis

Go to the official taxi stand in front of the exit into the main hall. A ride downtown will cost about 70 Pesos and you have to pay up-front. You will then be taken to your taxi by an official. DO NOT go with people who walk up to you and offer you a taxi, they are not licensed and not insured to take passengers.

Private Transfer:



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TEFL International is happy to arrange a private car service to greet you at the airport and transfer you directly to your accommodation, the cost will vary slightly depending on your final destination but will cost between 55 to 70 Pesos (about 20 to 25 USD). Please email info@ebc-tefl-course.com if this option interests you. Private transfer must be arranged at least 1 week before your scheduled arrival and you will need to inform us of all your flight details.

2. What documents do I need to bring?

Of course, you need your passport. When you secure work you may be asked to provide copies of your birth certificate, college degrees and transcripts. You might also consider obtaining an international driving permit if you want to drive in Argentina.

3. What's the climate like? What kind of clothing will I need to bring?

Buenos Aires never gets really cold or really hot so bring clothes that you feel comfortable with taking into account the average seasonal temperatures shown below. Don't forget to pack some smart clothes as well as you'll be required to dress smart casual during the course's teaching practice sessions and of course your employers will also expect to be smart at interviews and when working.

Don't forget that Argentina is in the southern hemisphere so the seasons are reversed, December is in summer and June is in winter.

Quick guide:

- Winter (Jun, Jul, Aug) - cold (5° to 10° C);
- Spring (Sep, Oct, Nov) - pleasant (10° to 20° C);
- Summer (Dec, Jan, Feb) - hot and humid (20° to 34° C);
- Fall/Autumn (Mar, Apr, May) - pleasant (10° to 20° C).

As this description is an average, we highly recommend that you check current weather conditions prior to departure to assist you in your travel preparations.

Check the current Buenos Aires weather forecast here:

<http://weather.cnn.com/weather/forecast.jsp?locCode=SABE>

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have other questions or concern at info@ebc-tefl-course.com

Thank you for choosing TEFL International, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Air Ticket: Please be informed that cheap air ticketing facility can be available to our trainees. Should you require any further assistance in this regard please contact [\[admin@teflintl.com\]](mailto:admin@teflintl.com)



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