

# Top 10 Places to Teach English

A CELTA qualification from Stafford House International can take you anywhere in the world, but there are so many countries and cities to consider when looking for a destination to teach English. We've broken it down for you and have come up with a diverse list of popular destinations all over the world based on what is most important to our trainees in their job search; opportunities to explore, salaries, and available teaching jobs.



## THAILAND

Throughout Thailand there are many teaching jobs available and expatriates teaching English are common. Even though this is good news for people who are looking to teach there, it can also make the job market for teachers much more competitive.

Having CELTA can lead to higher paying jobs and give you an advantage in a competitive market like Thailand. The average teaching salary for ESL teachers in Thailand is around USD 1,000 per month.

With Thailand having such a diverse landscape exploration opportunities abound, from Jungles and beaches to mountains and cities.

Because of Thailand's warm weather and overall climate some would call it paradise. Throughout Thailand you'll find great food and in larger cities there is great nightlife, many past travelers also claim that it is a safe and friendly country.





## **SOUTH AFRICA**

Many schools are based in or very close to Cape Town; this has led to a large and growing market for CELTA qualified teachers in the capital city.

Many jobs are also on a volunteer basis, especially when teaching children, so by teaching in South Africa, specifically Cape Town, you are giving so many young peoples a chance at quality education. If volunteering is an option for you this is the place to go.

At an average of USD 1,200-1,800 per month, South Africa has the highest ESL teaching salary in Africa.

Throughout South Africa there is a lot of shopping to do and great opportunities to pick up handmade, cultural crafts. The long coastlines make for some of the world's most beautiful beaches and great adventures, and it is home to some of the world's best wine and seafood.





## COLOMBIA

For teachers who are looking to teach English in Colombia, a CELTA qualification or equivalent is necessary for a work visa.

The growth of the tourism industry and business with the US has meant that there is an ever increasing demand for English teachers in Colombia, especially in major cities such as Bogota and Medellin.

Because of the growing economy and the high demand for English teachers the salaries are at an average of USD 700-1,500 per month depending on the type of school.

The west coast of South America offers beautiful and diverse scenery and much of the Amazon rainforest is located in the south of Colombia, which is great for hiking. If you're looking to relax, to the north there are beautiful Caribbean beaches and don't forget the salsa dancing!





## CZECH REPUBLIC

A CELTA qualification gives you the advantage you need in a competitive market where English is emerging. There are also opportunities to hold private lessons where there is potential to earn more money.

With a democratic system emerging over the past 20 years the Czech Republic is developing economically and politically, expanding international business. This makes for a high demand in English teachers and learners.

The growing economy comes with growing salaries, and right now the Czech Republic is at an average of USD 600-1,200 per month for ESL teachers.

The famous monuments, cathedrals and old world charm throughout the capital city of Prague and castles in the outskirts make the Czech Republic one of the greatest countries to sightsee in the world.

Bonus! All over Prague you'll find world-class beer halls, making the Czech Republic a beer connoisseur's paradise.





## **SOUTH KOREA**

The people of South Korea hold English the English language in high esteem. English is taught in public schools beginning in elementary school. This allows for many English teaching jobs to be available, although many private schools require a CELTA qualification. This also comes with the potential to earn more money teaching ESL in South Korea.

The average teaching salaries in South Korea are relatively high; around USD 2,000 per month.

A beautiful country from Seoul to the southern shores, South Korea has great nightlife, and is considered a safe country by many previous visitors.





## JAPAN

With Japan's literacy rate at almost 100%, there are many well educated people looking for expansion in their English language skills, especially Business English.

Despite this, employers are accepting of inexperienced teachers, but those with CELTA qualification can earn significantly more than the average inexperienced teachers, specifically teaching at higher levels with a specialism, such as Business English.

Teaching salaries in much of Asia are very high because of the cost of living and the high demand for English teachers. The average teaching salary for Japan is around USD 2,000 per month.

The capital city, Tokyo is a futuristic and bustling capital city. There is also natural scenery all over the country. From Mt. Fuji to the tropical island of Okinawa, Japan is a beautiful country in many different ways.





## **COSTA RICA**

Costa Rica is becoming a travel destination for more and more people every year. This puts speakers of English in high demand. Not only is Costa Rica a holiday destination, it is also a popular destination for many other English teachers and expatriates.

Throughout South America there is a growing demand for speakers of English; because of this the average teaching salary is high. The average ESL teaching salary is about USD 1,000 per month in Costa Rica.

Costa Rica is an environmentally concentrated country which makes for amazing, natural and untouched landscapes and rainforests. A great climate (15-30°C average) all over the country makes Costa Rica a tropical paradise with a relaxing lifestyle. As the Costa Ricans say "Pura vida" or "Life is good"!





## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Because of the booming oil industry, the UAE and Saudi Arabia are among the richest countries in the world. Their strong economy creates a high demand for English speakers and teachers.

Because of this demand, the salaries throughout the Middle East are the highest in the world at an average of USD 2,700- 5,000 per month.

These countries do a lot of global business where English is a common theme. Having a CELTA qualification will definitely benefit your job search, and if you follow up with a DELTA you will be able to work in universities out there teaching English for Academic Purposes.

The UAE has a lot to offer throughout their high-tech, very modern cities and beautiful beaches. Compared to other Middle Eastern countries the UAE is much less strict when it comes to abiding by their social beliefs (i.e. women required to be completely covered from head to toe except their eyes, and prohibition).





## SPAIN

A CELTA qualification will benefit your job search in Spain, as almost all private language schools require a recognised English teaching qualification.

The average teaching salary for Spain can range from USD 2,000-2,500 per month, which is relatively high for Southern Europe. There are a great many opportunities to teach English in Spain, whether you want a more relaxed pace of life in the south of the country or the buzz of cities such as Madrid or Barcelona.

Throughout Spain you'll find world-class food and wine to indulge in and beautiful cities, towns and wineries or vineyards to explore.





## CHILE

Chile is one of the strongest economies in Latin America, and English has also recently become a requirement in government-established school curriculums. These aspects have put teachers of English in very high demand. As with many other countries having a CELTA is very beneficial in your job search.

One of the highest ESL teaching salaries in South America is in Chile at an average between USD 1,200 and 2,000 per month.

Patagonia and the Andes Mountain range are just a part of Chile's beautiful scenery. There is a wide range of land- Mountains, rain forests and the Pacific Ocean, making for very diverse scenery from north to south and east to west.

Chile starts just below the equator and reaches all the way to Antarctica, surfing in the Pacific Ocean, skiing in the Andes Mountains and visiting local vineyards are just some of the experiences you can have in Chile.

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