



TEFL JOBS IN ARGENTINA

**A Guide to Teaching
English in Argentina**

CORDOBA

ROSARIO

**BUENOS
AIRES**

Argentina has a relatively healthy TEFL jobs market and the demand for trained TEFL teachers seems to remain pretty constant. Most TEFL jobs are to be found in the capital Buenos Aires and it's usually a lot easier to find work once you're in the country.



Opportunities for TEFL Teachers

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Most TEFL job opportunities focus on teaching business English and private tuition, rather than in teaching English in state schools. There is also a growing demand for conversational English classes and so there are more opportunities for inexperienced TEFL teachers in Argentina than in many parts of Latin America.

Our Top Three TEFL Destinations

These are our top three TEFL destinations in Argentina. They're scattered across the country and each city offers a different insight into Argentine life, but they have one thing in common: there are opportunities for foreign teachers to find work teaching English.

Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires is the largest and most developed TEFL jobs market in the country. It offers plentiful opportunities to teach English, especially for people with a reputable TEFL certificate and a little experience.





Cordoba

Cordoba is home to much of Argentina's high-tech industry and where international commerce comes, English language teaching follows. It is not the largest TEFL jobs market in the world, but people with business English experience should be able to find well paid work.

Rosario

Rosario is one of Argentina's fastest growing economic centers and offers ample opportunity for people looking for TEFL jobs in Argentina. It is also the birthplace of three of Argentina's most recognizable exports: the national flag, Che Guevara and Lionel Messi.

Show Me the Money! Wages and Cost of Living in Argentina



Wages

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Salaries for full-time jobs start at around 2,000 Pesos a month (US\$510), rising to 3,000 Pesos a month (US\$760) for experienced teachers in bigger cities.

Cost of Living

Living in Argentina, especially in big cities, is not at all cheap, but is just about affordable on a teacher's salary. A room in a shared house cost around 500 Pesos a month (US\$127), while a good, three-course meal out costs around 45 Pesos (US\$11).

Accommodation

The standard of accommodation for people teaching English in Argentina is pretty good and most teachers live in shared apartments which are usually pretty new and comfortable. However, apartments can be really expensive: especially in Buenos Aires. So it is usually a better idea to share a place with other teachers.



Flight Reimbursement

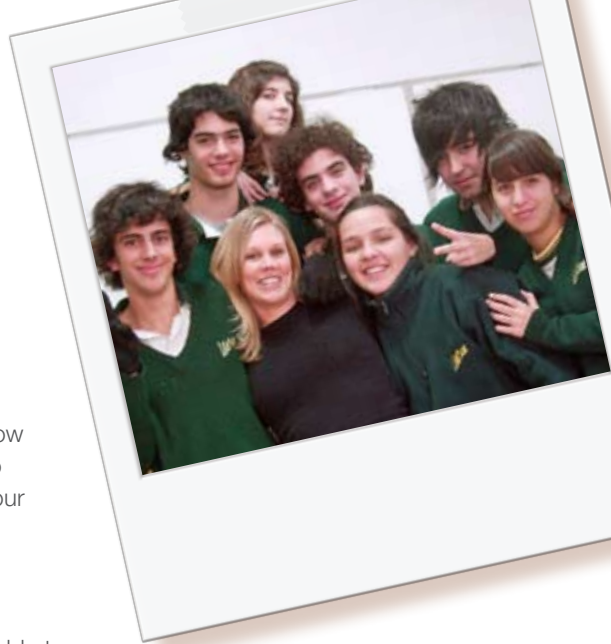
It's pretty unusual for Argentine employers to cover the cost of your flights, but if you negotiate hard enough with your employer they may include the cost of your flight as an end of contract bonus.

Taxes

How much tax you pay will depend on how much you earn, but you should expect to pay somewhere around 9% to 15% of your salary as tax.

Potential to Save Money

If you get a well-paid job, you should be able to save enough money to travel around Argentina in your spare time, but you won't be taking much back home with you.



How Much TEFL Training is Recommended?

Most schools in Argentina will want to see that you've done at least 120 hours of TEFL study either online, in the classroom, or a mixture of both, especially if you don't have previous teaching experience. These courses will all qualify you to teach in Argentina:

- ★ <http://www.onlinetefl.com/tefl-courses/combined-tefl-courses-120.html>
- ★ <http://www.onlinetefl.com/tefl-courses/combined-tefl-courses-140.html>
- ★ <http://www.onlinetefl.com/tefl-courses/online-tefl-course-120.html>

Common Teaching Conditions

If you're working in a private language school you could end up working just early mornings and evenings, but there are schools that offer regular 9 to 5 hours. On average though you'll have 25 contact hours per week with around 10 hours available for preparation. Contracts range from six to 12 months, depending on where you're working. Shorter term contracts are sometimes available, but you're unlikely to get your hands on these unless you're in-country.



Anything to Be Wary of

Although it's a pretty safe place to live and work, try to avoid certain areas of Buenos Aires like La Boca, Constitucion and Avenida Florida late at night.

Working and Visas

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Finding TEFL Jobs from Home

Strictly speaking it is possible, but it's much easier to find jobs in Argentina once you're in-country.

Finding TEFL Jobs in Argentina

Scan through classified ads in local English language magazines and websites or just go round language schools in your local area. Sometimes this is the best way to look for jobs as you'll be able to meet Directors of Studies in person and get a feel for what the school's like. If you're in the capital, check out the jobs listings in The Buenos Aires Herald.



The Hiring Process

If you're applying from home, employers will want you to fill out an application form and/or send in your resume and a covering letter. If they like the look of you, you'll probably be invited to have a Skype interview. After that it'll hopefully be a job offer! If you're in-country it's a little less formal. Usually you'll go to meet one of the school's directors for an informal interview and may be asked to do a demonstration lesson.

Getting Your Visa

To teach legally in Argentina you need to have a working visa. However due to the expense and hassle for employers to get these it's very unlikely that any school will sponsor you for one. As such, the majority of teachers work on tourist visas, hopping across the border every three months or so to renew them.

Requirements for a Working Visa:

- ★ Job offer
- ★ Certificate of good conduct from your country's police
- ★ Birth certificate

Useful Links

www.eslcafe.com
www.eslbase.com
www.tefl.com
www.tefl.net
www.eslemployment.com

Useful Books

Teaching English Abroad by Susan Griffith

This is something of a Bible for TEFLers and will give you all the info you'll need to get started.



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