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TESOL Certificate Course CORINTH, GREECE

COURSE INFORMATION

How much does the program cost?

\$500 deposit + € 920 (Euro) ≈ \$1,850
(depending on daily exchange rate: www.xe.com)

What are my accommodation options?

There are two options: the main house and apartments. All accommodations are in Vrahati, a seaside village 20 minutes from the training center. Private rooms are 350 Euro and shared rooms are 250 Euro. Rooms in the main house are allocated on a first-come, first served basis, so it's in your best interest to book as early as possible!



What is an average day like?

The initial orientation is on Monday, on the first day of the course at 9:30 a.m. The course schedule will be disseminated at the orientation. Sessions generally run between 9:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. with appropriate breaks. On Fridays, the day ends at 3:30 p.m. leaving you the weekend to explore all that Greece has to offer.

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

The maximum number of participants that you can expect is 16. The majority of the participants will be American, British, Canadian or Australian, but you may also have one or two non-native English speaking classmates who have a high proficiency in the language.

Where can I find internet access? Should I bring my laptop?

Bring a laptop if you have one. This will be very useful in preparing your written assignments. Both the training center and the house have wireless internet access. You may also use our computers at the center to access the internet.

What materials do I need to bring for class?

Please bring a pen and a notebook for taking notes during class. All relevant forms and instructions will be provided.

You may want to bring a voice recorder or walkman which records for creating listening lessons.

Various books are provided for use by trainees. However, no books should be removed from the classroom without specific permission from the Course Academic Director. Signing in and out of all books is required.

You will be required to prepare materials for your Teaching Practice. The school keeps an initial supply of basic tools necessary to make student materials. However, the trainees are responsible for providing

additional poster board, markers, glue, pens, paper, etc., for creating teaching materials. These can be purchased at a local stationery store in Ios.

What are the dress requirements during the course?

For all input and tutorial sessions at the training location, there are no specific dress requirements, yet we ask that you be mindful of your peers and respectful of the fact that you are a visitor in another country.

During Teaching Practice, however, there are specific dress requirements that adhere to the local working culture and basic ideas of professionalism. All trainees are expected to dress “casually smart” according to the following guidelines:

Women:

Shoulders should be covered, blouses with sleeves are suggested. No low-cut necklines, very short skirts and bare midriffs. Open-toed shoes are acceptable, but no hiking or flip-flop sandals.

Men:

Long pants; no raggedy jeans. Short- or long-sleeved shirt with a collar; tie is not required. Loafers or dress shoes, sandals are not acceptable. Long hair should be tied back.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR LIVING GREECE

What is the climate like?

Have you ever heard anyone complain about the weather in Greece? Probably not. This is because Greece is known for its mild Mediterranean climate and abundance of sunshine. In fact, some places in Greece have as many as 300 sunny days per year! Temperatures generally range from 5 – 18 degrees Celsius (41-64 degrees Fahrenheit) during the mild winter, 20-25 degrees Celsius in Spring and Fall (about 68 – 77 degrees Fahrenheit) and a sunny, toasty 26 – 39 degrees Celsius (78 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit) in the summer time. Most seasons are primarily dry with the slight exception of Winter, having low to moderate rainfall.

WORKING IN GREECE

What is the job market in Greece like at the moment?

The TEFL job market in Greece is very good at the moment. Those who don't delay their job search until the last minute have seen good opportunities for work, primarily in Athens and Crete, though jobs can be found elsewhere as well with a little patience and diligence. Pay a recent TEFL grad can expect is about 10 Euros per hour.

Can I work in Greece legally?

If you are a citizen of an EU country, you are automatically permitted to work in Greece. Citizens of other areas are still able to find work at many language schools, however, they are not granted the option of obtaining a work permit.

What is a typical teaching position like?

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. Some courses are taught on-site, so you may be asked to travel to area businesses.

What are the average housing and living expenses in Greece?

Most likely you will rent a room in an apartment or house with other teachers or students. A room in a shared apartment, in a pleasant neighbourhood will average about 200 Euro per month or more, with furnished apartments increasing the rent to 300 Euros or more. Of course, the cost may differ from city to city. Examples of costs of common household items have been provided on the attached spreadsheet. Please note that conversions from EUR to USD and GBP were based on the exchange rate at the time the list was created. Please base your estimates on today's exchange rate (which can be found on www.xe.com) of the price stated in Euro.

Do most schools provide accommodations for their teachers?

No, most teachers share or rent their own apartments.

Do schools provide health insurance?

If you work more than 17 hours at a school, they are required to provide social security insurance for you.

TESOL Course Arrival Info

When is my housing available?

Your accommodation is available starting on the day before the course begins. You will be required to check out of the accommodations on the Saturday immediately following the last day of class. We hope you will plan to arrive in Greece by Saturday as this will give you a chance to relax and get accustomed to your surroundings before the course begins. (Hostels are available at a rate of about 45 EUR for the night.)

Which airport should I fly into?

Corinth is just ninety minutes from Athens International Airport (E.Venizelos). We'll meet you on arrival and drive you to your accommodation. Most people arrive on the Saturday before the course starts, but you're welcome to come a few days earlier if you prefer. Just let the course center know and we'll arrange for your room to be ready for you. Whatever day you arrive, someone will be there to greet you at the airport. There is a welcome lunch for all students on the Sunday before the program begins, so if you'd like to meet the folks beforehand, please make your travel plans accordingly.

What documents do I need to bring?

Of course, you need your passport. When you secure work, you may be asked to provide translated and notarized copies of your birth certificate, college degrees and transcripts.

Please be advised that it may be necessary for you to obtain an international driving license if you plan to stay for an extended period of time.