



TEACH ENGLISH WHERE YOU ARE MOST NEEDED

TEACH ENGLISH IN THAILAND

PROGRAM B



Island TEFL has 100% backing and support from the Thai Ministry of Education.

TEACH THAILAND: PROGRAM B DETAILS

STEP 1: TEFL CERTIFICATION

(OPTIONAL: NOT NECESSARY IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A TEFL QUALIFICATION)

Earn your 120 hour, internationally accredited TEFL/TESOL certification with Island TEFL. You can choose to study the course online at your own pace, or on-location in a 3 week class on Phuket, Koh Samui or Bangkok, Thailand from 1st –19th October 2013 or in April, 2014.

For information on the online course please see www.onlineteflexpress.com

For information on the on-location courses please see www.islandtefl.com

STEP 2: MEET AND GREET

(22ND & 23RD OCTOBER 2013 OR EARLY MAY 2014, THAILAND)

You are invited to participate in a 2 day “meet and greet” program with your fellow program participants. With your accommodation and transfers taken care of, this will relieve you of any stress upon your arrival in Thailand. You will be free to unwind, relax and settle in to your new surroundings.

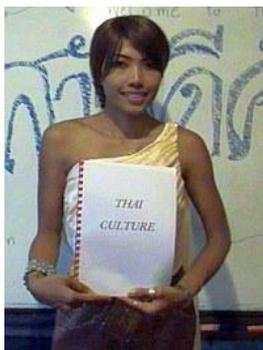
Meet

On arrival at Bangkok International airport on the designated program arrival date, (22nd October, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.) you will be **met by our staff** and taken to your **beach resort hotel accommodation** for the next six nights (approximately 2 hours from Bangkok).

At the hotel you will be greeted by our friendly representative, Khun Warunya Dunne (pictured below) who will assist you with your check in. You will receive an **international SIM card** that will enable you to keep in touch with friends and family back home.

Greet

The following morning, 23rd October, you will have the opportunity to mingle with your **fellow students** over breakfast. You will then go on a full day of **Thai cultural immersion** with a variety of trips and activities. (Or you can opt to chill by the pool or lay under a coconut palm tree on the beach – you can do whatever you want in Thailand!)



Meet and Greet Testimonial:

"When traveling so far to start my Island TEFL course, I felt both excited and nervous at the same time. Excited, to gain the necessary training to begin a new career and to experience the beauty of exotic Thailand and its magical culture, but nervous at the prospect of what may or may not happen upon arrival in Thailand. What if I couldn't find the resort or the Island TEFL training center? How would I find my fellow students or the teaching staff? My head began to spin.

I recommend to every teacher planning to do the Island TEFL Teach Thailand Program that the Meet and Greet Package is an absolute must! Not only will it take away any misplaced fears and apprehensions that you may have, it is also educational and fun. It makes for the smoothest of transition into the actual orientation course." **Danielle Cryer, U.K.**

Thailand is a safe environment to live and work in. With the programs we provide, you and your family have the peace of mind knowing that you are afforded support 24/7 from the moment you land, until you go to your next adventure!

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Requirements:

DEGREE HOLDER

NATIVE ENGLISH
SPEAKER

21-45 YRS of AGE

TEFL PREFERRED



Benefits

24/7 SUPPORT

4 - 8 month contract

30k–34k THB/Month

Renewal Bonuses

FREE Accommodation

FREE Work Permit

FREE Insurance

2 Day Meet & Greet
with airport pick up

4 Day Orientation @
Beach Resort Hotel



STEP 3: ORIENTATION (24TH – 27TH OCTOBER, 2013 OR EARLY MAY 2014, THAILAND)

Following on directly after the Meet and Greet Program you will attend a 4 day Teacher Orientation and Professional Development seminar. This is the perfect introduction and immersion into Thai Culture and you will also learn invaluable teaching techniques that will thoroughly prepare you for your teaching placement in Thailand. We will cover all areas and aspects of living, working and teaching in Thailand, including tips about living in a new culture and environment. We will look at how the Thai classroom differs to the ones you're more familiar with, and delve into the theories behind teaching English as a foreign language through conversational classes to improve fluency, confidence and ability.



In addition to this we will begin to prepare and arrange everything you need to live and work here. We will provide you with 4 free polo shirts which are suitable for teaching, English camps, sport and any extra-curricular activities you may undertake at school. We'll also begin to prepare your documents for your work permit, your insurance, your license to teach here in Thailand, and your ATM cards so we can distribute your salary to you each month.

STEP 4: TRANSPORT (ON OR AFTER 27TH OCTOBER)

After the orientation you will travel to your placement school location (free of charge). Once you arrive at your destination you will be met by the friendly staff from your placement school. They will take you to your private accommodation that is safe, clean and conveniently located in close proximity to your school. You will have around 5 days to fully settle in to your surroundings and get organized before your School Introduction Day on Friday 1st November, 2013! From that moment onwards, it's full steam ahead!

TEACH THAILAND: PROGRAM B PLACEMENT



Our support and assistance doesn't end, once you reach your placement; we are your employers for the duration of the contract, and so we will be your point of call for information, help or guidance during the semester. We divide Thailand into 4 areas, and each area has their own consultant team to help with the relationship with the school, your visa, work permit, and anything to do with the legal side of being in Thailand. Then you have a curriculum team, who will visit your school, read and review your lesson plans, and assist you with anything lesson related.

WHY THAILAND?

If you want to really make a **difference**, Thailand is one of the countries where your teaching skills and passion will be appreciated the most. ASEAN Economic Community 2015 (AEC) is literally just around the corner and **English** is the agreed common language for business for the 10 member **ASEAN** countries. But, out of 40 countries assessed, Thailand's education system is ranked 37th.



The Thai Government and MOE are aggressively addressing this **situation**, and one of the goals is to provide at least one **native English speaking teacher** to every government school in Thailand to help with fluency, pronunciation and confidence.

So while richer countries may offer more monetary rewards, remember that living costs in Thailand are much lower, so your monthly salary goes a long way. When you also factor in the **intangible** rewards of teaching and living the Thailand life style, you can appreciate why so many choose to go where they are most needed and appreciated. In Thailand you can truly make a **meaningful difference in the lives of others**.

We provide accommodation for the duration of the contract, and this is free of charge. (If your placement is in a city where there are plenty of accommodation options, we will provide you with an accommodation allowance, and you are able to choose your accommodation). Most of our accommodation is a private apartment, some are shared houses with the other teachers on your program. All of our accommodation is safe, and we will do our utmost to ensure your safety and comfort at all times. We aim to provide accommodation that is:

- Within walking distance to the school
- Modern design
- Furnished with bed, wardrobe and desk
- Equipped with air con, wifi, fridge and TV

As our placement locations vary greatly, so does our provided accommodation, but we aim to meet these criteria wherever possible. As soon as we inform you of your placement, in September 2013, you will receive detailed information about your accommodation.



Some accommodation we provide

TEACH THAILAND: PROGRAM B FAQs

DOES ISLAND TEFL HELP WITH THE VISA PROCESS?

Yes! We will help you to organize the documents you need in order to get a teaching visa for Thailand. We'll arrange your school contract and employment letter as well as assisting you in getting all the other documentation needed. You will pay the visa filing fee, which is currently around \$80 USD, at your nearest Thai consulate and they will issue you with your B1 (Business) Visa. You will not need to do a visa run and will save yourself around \$400 by entering Thailand on a B1 visa.

Please note that most other EFL/ESL teaching job opportunities in Thailand require that you first enter Thailand on a Tourist Visa and you then meet with the school representatives. If you are then offered a placement, which you accept, the schools only then process and issue you with the paperwork necessary to obtain your B1 Visa. To activate that Visa requires an additional trip and to a Thai consulate outside of Thailand, this is called a Visa Run and typically costs around \$400 per run.

Does ISLAND TEF pay for the cost of my work permit and accident insurance?

Yes, unlike most EFL/ESL teaching job opportunities in Thailand, we will pay for the cost of your Work Permit and mandatory accident insurance which represents a savings to you of around \$400 USD.

What is my salary?

Your salary will be from 30,000 – 34,000 Thai Baht per month (approx. \$1,050 – 1,150 USD) for the months that you are teaching. The cost of living is much lower in Thailand than in the U.S. or Europe so your money goes a long way. Your salary is more than 2- 3x that of what a Thai teacher would be paid and they would have to pay their rent

Itinerary

Oct 2013:

22nd – arrive in Thailand and travel to hotel

23rd – Thai cultural immersion trip

24th-27th –Orientation course

27th to 28th – Travel to placement

1st Nov – School Introduction Day at placement school



Orientation Course

Free shared accommodation for the duration of the course

4 free polo shirts for teaching (worth 1000baht)

Free professional photographs for applications (worth 350 baht)



or mortgage out of their salary. You will also receive contract re-signing bonuses if you decide to stay with us beyond your initial contract.

Is my accommodation provided and paid for?

Yes, at all of the schools we have sourced suitable and comfortable accommodation for our teachers. The accommodation is normally your own private studio apartment in a modern apartment building. The accommodation is clean and in safe neighborhoods. You do not need to worry about safety in Thailand. If you would rather find your own accommodation you will receive an allowance of 3,000 Baht per month, in addition to your salary.

When do I learn about my placement school and location?

One of the advantages of the Island TEFL Teach Thailand Program is that as soon as you pay your Program Deposit fee, you will be put in direct contact with the Program Director. She will want to know if you have any preference as to the age group of the students you wish to teach and whether you would like an urban, (city or large town) or rural (small town or village) setting or something in between. She will discuss the options available to you and she will help you come to a choice as to which placement school best suits your requirements. Perhaps you decide right then and there or perhaps you wish to take a few days to mull over your choices and make an informed decision that is best for you. Either way, the good news is that you will know your placement location and school relatively quickly after signing up for the program.

Will there be other foreign teachers at my school?

In almost all cases yes! The exception is where a teacher requests to be placed in a school where there are no other foreign teachers. We typically have 2 – 5 of our teachers in any one school. Thailand is also a popular destination for ex-pats so there is usually a lively social scene even in the smaller cities and towns.

How will my teaching schedule work?

The school day in Thailand starts around 8AM and goes through until 3.30PM or 4PM. Actual classes start around 9AM so normally you'll have an hour or so to prepare the day's lessons before you start teaching. Classes are normally between around 50 minutes and the foreign teacher would teach around 5 classes per day. The working week is from Monday to Friday.

Do I always teach the same class?

You would normally teach each class in the school once a week. If it's a big school, you might be responsible for teaching a particular year group and so would teach each class from that year group once a week.

How big are the classes?

Class size can vary quite considerably in Thailand. Some schools have a special English program and class size for these schools is relatively small. It's not unusual to teach four or five students per class where this type of program is offered. The other end of the scale is the schools where no separate English program is assigned in which case classes can vary from between 25 and 40 students!

What do I need to wear to work?

This favors a smart appearance for teachers so the usual work attire would be a shirt, tie and trousers for the guys and skirt and blouse for the girls. Please note that you will be issued with 4 Polo T shirts that the schools have agreed to let you wear. Many of our teachers like the convenience and added choice of being able to wear these T shirts.

Will the school have a curriculum?

We will provide you with the curriculum and books that you will teach from. There are usually internet facilities at the schools for printing off lesson plans and other teaching materials. Additional teaching aids, text books, CDs and quizzes are also almost always at hand.

TOP 5 REASONS TO TEACH OVERSEAS

1. Get paid to live in and **explore** a beautiful and exotic country.



2. **Experience** Thailand as a **resident**, a local – not just a fly through tourist.

3. Gain **self awareness** of your personality, **abilities, strengths** and weaknesses away from your 'comfort zone'.



4. Clarify your life **goals** and missions through new experiences.

5. Experience **growth** as a person, and a **professional**, and learn new, transferable **skills**.

When does the Thai school year start?

The Thai school year starts with term one in May. Term two starts in November.

When are the holidays?

The periods of mid-September - mid-November and mid-March – Mid-May are holiday periods. These periods are unpaid. However, it's easy to find extra work such as English camps during these months.

Can I extend my contract with the company?

Yes! You will initially choose a contract length of 4 months (1 semester) or 8 months (2 semesters). If you are unsure of whether you would like a long or short contract there is no harm in selecting a 4 month contract to see if you enjoy your placement as much as we know you will. As soon as you know you would like to stay longer with your placement school, let us know. We and our partner schools welcome teachers to stay longer than the 4 or 8 month contract that they initially selected. You will also be entitled to re-signing bonuses for extending your contract.

How will I get paid?

We will help you get a Thai bank account set up and you can purchase an ATM card for 400 Baht, then you will be paid electronically, in Thai Baht, into this bank account every month.

Is it easy to send money home from Thailand?

Sending money home is very easy, cheap and convenient. You can wire transfer cash back to your home bank account from any of the large banks in Thailand. The fee per transaction is usually around \$20 USD.

What are the program B requirements?

You must hold a B.A. Degree or equivalent and be 21 - 45 years of age.

You must have an internationally accredited TEFL/TESOL certification of at least 120 hours.

You must be a native English speaker from either the U.K; U.S.; CAN; IRL; AUS; NZ or South Africa.

(N.B. if you are from S.A. you will be required to take a TOEIC test once you are in Thailand)

How do I gain my TEFL or TESOL certification to apply for this program?

Island TEFL, Teach Thailand Participants have the add on program option of being able to add an Island TEFL, 120 hour, Internationally accredited TEFL/TESOL certification course before commencing the Meet and Greet, Orientation and Placement described above. They can choose to complete an on-location (Bangkok, Koh Samui or Phuket, Thailand), Island TEFL, 3-Week, 120 hour, TEFL/TESOL Certification Course, from 7th -25th October, for an additional investment cost of only \$995 USD. Please visit www.islandtefl.com for more information on these courses.

How do I apply for the Island TEFL, Teach Thailand Program

The first step in the process is to forward your Resume/C.V. along with a recent photograph of yourself and your Date of Birth to Philip@islandtefl.com. Be sure to indicate if you are applying for the May or November intake. Your materials will be reviewed by the Teach Thailand Placement committee and we will normally get back to you via email with a decision within 48 hours. If you have been accepted to the program and would like to take advantage of an early acceptance response offer which saves you 23% off the normal program fee, you will have up to 10 days from being made the offer to (1). Decide if you wish to accept the offer and (2) Make a non-refundable deposit payment of \$247.50 USD which represents 50% of your program fee of \$495 USD. The remaining 50% will be due on or before the 15th day prior to the commencement of your program date. If you need longer than 10 days to

TOP 10 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THAILAND

1. Thailand is nearly the equal size of **Spain**

2. Until 1939 Thailand was known as **Siam**



3. There are approximately **35,000 temples** in the country

4. There are **44 consonants, 18 vowels and 4 tonal notations** in the Thai **language**



5. The national flower of Thailand is the **orchid**, and if you fly with Thai Airways they will offer you an orchid as you leave the plane

decide and/or pay your deposit, that will be O.K. subject to availability but please note that you will then be charged the normal Program fee of \$645, which requires 50% initial deposit of \$322.50 to secure your place.

The remaining \$322.50 USD will be due on or before the 15th day prior to the commencement of your program date. If for some reason you are unable to take up your place on the placement program as long as you give us prior notice of at least 30 days before your program starts you can defer your entry for up to a year and not lose your initial deposit. As soon as we receive your initial 50% program deposit payment your place on the program will be confirmed.

You will then be put in direct contact with the Placement Program Director. She will arrange for a Skype conversation and the two of you will discuss your placement preferences and options. Together you will discuss placement schools and locations that best suits your requirements, and she will place you taking these requirements into consideration as much as is possible. You will also be informed at that stage of the additional documentation needed from you in order to prepare the paperwork for your B1 Business Visa. The necessary paperwork will be sent directly to you and you will forward that to your nearest Thai consulate along with your passport and a payment of around \$80 USD to secure your B1 Visa.

You will need to purchase your own one way or return air ticket to Thailand. You will be given instructions as to when to arrive in Thailand for the Meet and Greet Program and you will be met at the airport on the designated Meet and Greet day and you will be transported to your hotel for the Meet and Greet and Orientation programs.

If I have questions about the program which are not answered here, who do I contact?

Please contact Philip Dunne. His email is Philip@islandtefl.com Syype: islandtefl Phone: (USA) 760 449 7649

How much is the Teach Thailand Program Investment Cost, and what is included?

The Teach Thailand Program is heavily subsidized and your Investment cost can be as low as \$495 USD if you can take advantage of the early acceptance response and deposit payment within 10 days of receiving your acceptance offer to the program. This represents a 23% savings or \$150 USD of the regular program investment cost of \$645 USD.

What is included in your \$495 Investment Cost?

4 or 8 month (or longer if you wish) teaching placement in a school in Thailand

30,000 – 34,000 Thai Baht Monthly Salary (Currently around \$1,160 USD)

Paid Accommodation (private studio room) is provided for you for the duration of your contract (Note: if you prefer to choose your own accommodation you will receive a monthly allowance of 3,000 THB)

Full visa support enabling you to enter Thailand on a B1 Business Visa rather than a tourist visa

Your Work Permit and Accident Insurance are provided and paid for

2 day Meet and Greet Program including airport pick up and transport to orientation hotel

Full day sightseeing and cultural tour as part of the Meet and Greet Program

4 day Teacher Orientation and Professional Development Seminar

6 nights shared accommodation and breakfasts are included in Meet and Greet & Orientation and Professional Development Seminar

Transportation from the beach resort hotel to your placement school

International SIM Card to enable you to keep in touch with friends and family back home

4 Polo T Shirts which you are allowed to wear to teach in at your placement school

THAILAND IS PREPARING FOR THE ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY 2015



“AEC 2015, as known as ASEAN Economic Community 2015, is a uniting of 10 ASEAN countries, which are Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, Cambodia, and Brunei. AEC 2015 will bring a new era of economical cooperation to all 10 countries. Investors can invest anywhere in these countries. Workers can go work anywhere in these countries also with no tight restriction like before. Competition will get fiercer for those who are not well-prepared. **All 10 countries agree to use English as the language for business.**”

“**Language;** English will be the language for business in AEC 2015. Many countries that used to be a colony of the British Empire will have little trouble when having to communicate in English. In the near future, China, Japan, and South Korea, will join the AEC as well. This means learning English will become even more crucial.”

Wall Street English

<http://www.wallstreet.in.th/index.php/wall-street-english/asec/?lang=en>



Teacher bag

Curriculum and books to teach at your placement school

24/7 support throughout your entire stay in Thailand

What is not included in your investment cost?

The cost of your airfare to Thailand

Your B1 Visa filing fee which is currently around \$80 USD

The cost to obtain your CRB (Criminal Record Background) check, currently around \$20 USD

Living expenses (other than accommodation), such as food, travel, shopping for the first month until you receive your monthly salary

I have my BA degree and TEFL certification, and just wish to work in Thailand. Is it possible to do this program without paying the program fee?

We can also find placements for outstanding, qualified teachers who already have BA degrees (in a relevant field), TEFL certification, and substantial experience of TEFL teaching and extensive experience living abroad in Thailand or a similar setting. You could opt to be one of our 'Direct Teachers', and so would not be required to pay the program fee.

In this case, you would not be eligible for airport pick up, and we would meet you at the orientation hotel on the morning of the 23rd of October for your check in to the shared accommodation at the Orientation hotel. (The Thai culture immersion trip would not be included, you would check in only, and be at your leisure). The course would begin the following day, on the 24th, and run for four days.

During this time you will undergo the same course and orientation as the other teachers, however the fees you would encounter would be as follows:

- 350 baht for official photos and document photocopying for your work permit applications
- 1000 baht (deducted from your first salary) for the issuance of 4 MK t-shirts to wear when teaching
- 400 baht (deducted from your first salary) as a deposit for the ATM card we provide you with

You would then be required to cover travel costs to your placement, however we would still advise you on this, and provide someone to meet you at the public bus station/train station/airport to take you to your accommodation.

Accommodation, work permit costs and accident insurance are provided for free.

Additional Information

Take a look at the following article and video for an in depth look at teaching in Thailand:

www.workingabroad.com/uploads/documents/TEFL_Article.pdf

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeZnj7jACK0>

For more information on anything included here, or for any advice, please contact Philip Dunne at philip@islandtefl.com, or call on USA 7604497649

'AMAZING THAILAND'



"Amazing Thailand" has something to offer everybody and there is a reason why it is referred to as the land of 1000 smiles. Whether it is the warm weather, the exotic food, the powdery white beaches, the laid back atmosphere and lifestyle, the many stunningly beautiful tropical islands, the rich and unique culture and that it is home to perhaps the friendliest people in the world, once you experience Thailand for yourself you will never want to leave."

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