

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Paris, France

### **1. Where is the centre located?**

Here is the address and the contact number for our training centre in France:

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All visitors who want to enter the school need to have an appointment. As we share the college with another institution, it's not possible to just walk the hallways to get a tour of the building.

### **2. What does the tuition for the program include?**

Non-Refundable Deposit: US\$500 (to be paid to TEFL International upon registration)  
Final payment: 900 Euros (excluding accommodation) becomes payable four weeks before course start and needs to be completely paid by the fifth day before course start. The final payment includes tuition, online course manual, certificate and moderation fees. Airfares, accommodation and food are not included.

### **3. What are the program accommodations like? Where are they located?**

We can assist you in securing home stays, a single or shared room in a student residence or a hostel bed in Paris. As the accommodation is not part of the program, we charge a small fee of 85 Euros for this service.

At TEFL Paris, we offer a wide range of accommodation options to suit different lifestyles and budgets. You can choose a student residence, sharing your overseas experience with other international students, or the security of staying with a host family away from the lively city centre. You may select a hostel or opt to get a hotel room. Everything is available at different budget levels.

We know that your accommodation is one of the most important parts of your stay in Paris, and we take special care to make sure that all the families we use are top quality. We always check hostels and take on more as we find new ones which match our required standards.

### **Host Family Accommodation**

In order to offer students the best possible service and choice of home stays, we work together with a professional hosting company for placing students. Finding the best family-based accommodation is a specialist job we have chosen to work with an organization which can give us the service you need. You'll have a furnished room with a shared kitchen and bathroom. The minimum stay is generally one week. Prices for a room with breakfast start at €560/month, excluding service fees.

### **Private Residences**

The college manages private apartments in the vicinity of the school (1 to 5 minutes walking distance). Most of them are twin studios: one room with 2 single beds + kitchen and bathroom, size is about 30 m<sup>2</sup>. Price is 800 Euros per person per month all included (electricity, heat, Internet, insurance).

### **Student Houses**

Close to the subway and many shops, they all come with water, fridge, hot plate, bed and table. Linen is provided. Shower and toilet are shared. Student houses are completely self-sufficient. Prices start at €390/month and include heat and water.

### **Hostel Accommodation Year Round**

All the hostel accommodation offers self-catering facilities, usually sharing a kitchen and bathroom with other students. All residences have TVs, and some have Internet access and phones in the rooms. En-suite accommodation is available in a number of the residences. There are many hostels all over Paris. Some of them have excellent references and offer beds starting at €22/night in a multiple-bed dorm.

As organising the accommodation is not part of the program, the course provider requires a service charge of 85 Euros.

You may look for accommodation on your own at [www.fusac.fr](http://www.fusac.fr) and <http://www.appartager.com/>.

### **5. Who is the TEFL International Paris staff?**

The trainer is Veronica Torres, a native English speaker, and Course Administrator is Julie Clement.

### **6. What is an average program day like?**

The course is a very intense, challenging and fun experience. Classes generally begin at 9.30 and either run until 19.00 on days when teaching practice is scheduled in the evenings or earlier at around 17.00 when no T.P. has been arranged.

### **7. How many students on average are in the program each month?**

On average we have around eight students enrolled in each program. They come from all over the world. They are typically between 22 and 50 years old.

### **8. What are the students and classes like with whom I'll be doing my teaching practice?**

Our practice students are adults, most of them are locals. They usually stay on from course to course and form good relationships with TEFL trainees and staff.

### **9. Can I bring my laptop?**

Yes. The college has wireless Internet access.

### **10. Where can I access the Internet?**

We can offer WI-FI inside the college.

## **THE JOB MARKET IN FRANCE; TEACHING IN FRANCE; PAPERWORK AND DOCUMENTATION**

### **1. What is the job market in France like at the moment? Will I have trouble securing employment?**

The job market in France is not easy at the moment. If you are diligent and open to a variety of locations you may be able to secure work. The worst time to be looking for work in France is in

late summer, since everyone in the country is on holiday, and there are no students to be taught, and by the end of September most schools have already contracted their teachers for the year and are no longer hiring.

## **2. When do I need to start looking for work in France? Where do I start?**

We suggest you begin setting up interviews and sending resumes before your arrival in France, and we can help you with this after you have submitted the balance of your course fee. You will immediately get your personal employment advisor who will start working with you, helping you to set up your resume and cover letter. There are many language schools in Paris, and many cities in France have a demand for English teachers.

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

We can give you a list of school web sites in France and help you with resume and interview preparation. We give job placement assistance, but please note that TEFL International doesn't 'guarantee' its graduates employment in France; as with any career, it is ultimately up to you to "sell yourself".

## **4. What is the average salary like?**

The average salary in France is about 1200 Euros per month; though, of course, this varies depending on what type of school or company you work for, whether you work full- or part-time.

## **5. Are most positions contracted? Is it important to have a contract?**

If you are a U.S. citizen you will need to secure contracted employment in order to be eligible to apply for a proper work visa. You are not eligible to apply for a visa before leaving the States—you must have contracted employment first. It is difficult to get a legal work contract from a language school in France, as schools who hire non-EU citizens will do so without going through the proper legal procedures. If you are a citizen of an EU country, you are permitted to work anywhere in the EU. So this is not so much of an issue for you.

## **6. Do most schools provide accommodation for their teachers?**

No, but there are schools that do this. For example, they will provide a room for you, either shared or single, probably in an apartment with other teachers, and provide you with a monthly stipend. However, it varies from school to school.

## **7. How many of the TEFL graduates actually find work in France?**

A number of trainees have been able to secure employment in France. It all depends on your level of determination.

## **8. Do schools provide health insurance?**

Yes, if you have a contracted employment. No, if you do not. Some medical facilities in France may accept American insurance plans, or you could set up a policy with one of the private French insurance companies. EU citizens need only furnish identification to be seen.

## **9. Do schools provide work permits?**

Only few schools will help you secure a work permit. In order to be eligible for such a visa you must be contracted by your school. As a U.S. citizen, you will have to return to the States to obtain the visa. You are not eligible to apply for this visa without already having a job in France to sponsor you. So it is fruitless to go to the Embassy at home before you leave to try to obtain one. (EU members need only their EU documentation to work legally in France or elsewhere in the EU).

## **10. What is a typical teaching position like?**

This may vary from school to school. It's hard to generalize. 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.

### **11. Can I return to the States and teach with my certificate?**

Yes, you can. TEFL course graduates find employment in private ESL schools and Catholic schools. In order to enter the public school system, you have to be state certified. Each state requires its own certification.

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT PARIS; LIVING IN FRANCE**

### **1. What are the average living expenses in France?**

France is a little on the expensive side. If you do some research you should be able to find something to rent for about 400 Euros a month or less. Obviously if you choose to live in a big city such as Paris, it will be much more expensive (about 700 Euros).

### **2. How do I find housing subsequent to the program?**

There are a number of newspapers that are published weekly with apartments and rooms for rent. In addition, there are agents (agences immobiliers) who deal with rental property. You may also check

### **3. What do I do if I get sick in France?**

If you find yourself requiring medical attention, there are doctors, surgeries, pharmacies and dentists in all small towns and hospitals and clinics in the larger towns and cities.

### **4. What's the public transportation system like in Paris?**

Paris has an excellent public transport system. The Metro takes you anywhere rather quickly. And there are many taxis. Besides, the school enjoys an ideal location if you want to stroll through the historic heart of Paris. You can easily walk to:

- Luxembourg Gardens
- The Quartier Latin and the Panthéon
- Saint Germain des Prés
- Notre Dame Cathedral, Ile de la Cité and Ile Saint Louis

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

If you are coming in the winter months (November – March) bring plenty of sweaters, pants/trousers, warm pajamas, a winter coat, gloves, scarves, etc. Don't forget your umbrella!

In summer, shorts and sandals are fine; however, always have a cardigan and light long pants available for sudden cool days.

And remember! Paris, like any major world city, is a stylish city. It always helps to dress up a bit in order to get better treatment. So what does that mean for the tourist who doesn't want to stick out but does want to stand out?

Fortunately, there are ways to stay comfortable while looking fashionable on the streets and around town. The most important thing to remember is to wear what is flattering for you. In addition, while Parisians are fashionable, they are also timeless. So mix and match your classic fashionable pieces with some of this season's trends.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to meeting you in Paris--a city people instantly fall in love with.

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