



## Location and Course Information: Corinth, Greece

The following contains very important information to help you pack and prepare for your stay in Corinth, Greece as well as details regarding the training location and training course itself. Please read this thoroughly and keep it for future reference.

### Payment

#### US\$ 500 - Non-refundable deposit

If you have not yet paid a deposit and received confirmation of payment, you are not yet registered for a course. Should you still need to make a deposit, please review the available payment methods in your original acceptance letter.

#### 920 Euros - Final Payment

The payment covers:

- Meeting at Athens airport & transportation to accommodation
- Welcome lunch
- Course fee (tuition, all course materials, unlimited use of all training center facilities including internet access, course moderation fee, certification)
- ~~Transportation from the house to the training center every day in our own minibus~~
- Choice of excursions each weekend
- Graduation ceremony & party

**+250 Euros** - for shared room accommodation

**+350 Euros** - for private room accommodation

*Note: Airfares and food are not included.*

You have the following options for final payment:

1. Cash, cheque (check) in any currency or credit card upon arrival
2. Bank deposit into our UK bank:

Account Number: 90063061  
Sort Code: 20-44-90  
Swift Code BARC GB 22  
IBAN: GB82BARC20449090063061

Barclays Bank Jersey  
PO Box 8  
St. Helier  
Jersey  
JE4 8NE  
Channel Islands  
UK

3. Bank deposit to our Greek bank for Greek residents only:

National Bank of Greece  
Account Number: 333 / 74431105

All payments MUST be made by the first day of the course.

### **Visa and Passport Information**

All visitors to Greece are required to carry a passport valid for at least six months after arrival date.

American and Canadian citizens entering Greece for a period of less than 3 months require a valid passport, not a visa. For visits exceeding 3 months, authorization must be obtained in person by applying to the Aliens Bureau at least 20 days prior to the 3-month expiration date.

Citizens of countries other than the U.S. or Canada should contact the nearest [Greek Consulate office](#) or the Greek Embassy with regard to visa requirements.

All persons regardless of nationality, traveling with documents other than a valid passport, must have a visa.

Provided that the stay in Greece or Schengen area is for no more than 90 days, nationals of the following countries do not require a visa to enter or transit through Greece, as long as the passport is valid for at least 3 months from the date of return from Greece:

Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, El Salvador, Honduras, Hong Kong (holders of passports Hong Kong Special

Administrative Region), Israel, Japan, Macao(holders of passports Regiao Administrativa Especial de Macau), Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Romania, South Korea, San Marino, Singapore, United States, Uruguay, The Vatican and Venezuela.

Citizens of all countries not mentioned above do need a visa to enter Greece

For more info on visa application please visit the following sites:

Greek Embassy in Washington, D.C., USA: <http://www.greekembassy.org>

Greek Embassy in London, UK: <http://www.greekembassy.org.uk/>

*\*As this information is subject to change at any time, we advise everyone to contact your local consulate for current travel regulations prior to planning your trip.*

### **Working in Greece**

If you are planning on seeking work in Greece, please bring either notarized copies or the originals of any degree certificates and diplomas you have.

A current copy of your C.V./resume should be brought on disc for the purpose of searching for employment during and after the course. You will receive expert individual guidance on any necessary changes or updates to this document

TEFL Corinth is operated by Anglo-Hellenic Teacher Recruitment, the main source of TEFL jobs in Greece, so we are in a unique position to help you find the job you want in Greece on completion of the TEFL course in Corinth. Greece is a European Union country and it is easier for EU nationals to find teaching jobs than for non-EU nationals. Through our international network of schools and contacts, we can also help you find a job anywhere else in the world. ~~Eighty five percent of the people who took the course with us last year had already found a job in their chosen location before the end of the course.~~

### Transportation upon Arrival

Corinth is just ninety minutes from Athens International Airport (E. Venizelos). You should plan to arrive on the Saturday before the course starts. We'll meet you on arrival and drive to your accommodation.

At the end of the course, we'll help you get wherever you're going. If you're staying in Greece to work, we'll take you to the railway or bus station to travel to your place of work. If you're leaving Greece, we'll take you to the new suburban railway station. This fast and convenient service goes direct to the airport in just eighty minutes, and costs only eight Euros.

### Important Note:

Regardless of your arrival day and time, we ask that you assist us in preparing for all arrivals by providing us with your travel arrangements via email at [info@teflcorinth.com](mailto:info@teflcorinth.com). Please ensure that we have your arrival time and flight number in good time. Precise details of meeting arrangements will be sent approximately one week before you travel.

Should you have any problems with transportation going to Corinth or meeting us at the airport, please feel free to call us at **+30 2741053511**.

### Accommodation Details

We provide accommodation right across the road from the training center.

The **main house** has three twin rooms, one double and one single, accommodating a total of nine people. There are two bathrooms, a fully equipped kitchen with a washing machine, and a communal lounge. The whole house has wireless internet access. In addition to the balconies surrounding the house, there's also a large garden furnished with chairs and sun beds and a barbeque. The rooms are cleaned and sheets are changed weekly.



The house is two minutes' walk from the center of the village, with all the facilities such as shops, post office, banks, bus station and taxi rank. It's ten minutes' walk from the beach. Vrahati has excellent beaches, awarded with the European Union's Blue Flag, and is a busy resort in the summer. It's a center for nightlife, with lots of cafes, restaurants, bars and night clubs, but still relatively unspoilt.

Other [apartments](#) in the area are rented according to demand, enabling all trainees to make use of the facilities at the main house. The apartments are just two minutes' walk from the main house. Rooms in the main house are allocated on a first-come, first served basis, so we recommend you book as early as possible.



A shared room (one large bedroom with either two single beds or a double bed for a couple) costs 250 euros per person for the four weeks of the course. Single rooms are available for 100 Euros extra. Accommodation is available from the Saturday preceding until the Saturday following the course.

## About the School

The TEFL Corinth training center is ideally located in comfortable, spacious premises in the seaside village of Vrahati, eight miles from the modern city of Corinth. The training centre is directly opposite the accommodation that we provide.

The large classroom is fully-equipped with whiteboard, audiovisual equipment and overhead projector and also houses an extensive resource library. This room is used for our morning input sessions and can also be used for teaching practice in the afternoon, although most of our teaching practice is now done at a local school.

The second classroom has a single round table for working with small groups. We have a spacious lesson preparation area with plenty of room to relax. Feedback on lessons is conducted in the trainers' offices.

You are invited to make free use of all facilities at the school during your stay here, including our wireless broadband network.

## Internet

Do 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.~~

## Travel Insurance

You may also want to take out travel insurance for your time abroad. This can usually be obtained from your local travel agent. Please note that TEFL Corinth does not provide travel or health insurance.

## Welcome Lunch

Most people arrive on the Saturday before the course, and after being driven from the airport to Corinth, you may want to rest and relax, settle into your room and prepare for the month ahead.

On Sunday lunchtime, it's an opportunity for everyone to meet up and get to know each other. Lunch is on us, with plenty of the excellent local wine to help break the ice.

## Course Schedule

The initial orientation is on Monday, on the first day of the course.

The first class will take place Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. The course schedule will be provided on Monday morning. Sessions generally run between 9:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. with appropriate breaks.

Monday to Thursday:

- 0930 – 1230: Input Sessions
- 1230 – 1330: Lunch
- 1330 – 1700: Guided lesson preparation time.
- 1700 – 2000: Teaching practice

Friday:

- 0930 – 1230: Input Sessions
- 1230 – 1330: Lunch
- 1330 – 1430: Unknown Language
- 1430 – 1530: Job Guidance

There are two input sessions each morning, covering grammar, phonology, teaching skills and classroom management.

~~The teaching practice timetable depends on the number of trainees on each course – generally more in the summer and fewer in the winter. There are normally two or three concurrent lessons from 1700 to 1930 and two more from 1930 to 2000.~~

Teaching practice takes place in the afternoon, generally between five and eight o'clock. The majority of our teaching practice is with young teenagers at a small private school near Vrahati, and at some times of year we have additional practice at the training center.

Each trainee usually teaches once per day to make up the total of ten hours during the course. Trainers provide extensive help with planning each lesson and give written feedback which forms the basis of the feedback discussion after each lesson.

### **Before the course**

For the four weeks before your course, you will have the opportunity to participate in an email discussion group with the other people on your course. This can include discussion of the optional pre-course reading.

### **Course Dress Requirements**

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.

## Materials

Trainees will be given TEFL Corinth handbooks which form the basis for the morning input sessions, covering:



- Teaching Skills and Classroom Management
- Language Awareness (including Grammar and Phonology)

### Recommended Reading

We recommend that you obtain the following books for study before the course:

Methodology

The Practice of English Language Teaching, Harmer, J. (Longman)

Grammar

One of the following:

Grammar for English Language Teachers: With Exercises and a Key, Parrott, M. (CUP)

Practical English Usage, Swan, M. (OUP)



English Grammar in Use, Murphy, R. (CUP)

The Harmer book is a useful general introduction, which you may like to read before the course. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a discussion of this in the pre-course email discussion group.

The others are reference books, and are not designed to be read from cover to cover, but will be a useful resource for you both during the course and in your subsequent teaching career. For further details, see the bibliography.

None of these books is used in the input sessions during the course.

## Resources

Please bring a pen and a notebook for taking notes during class, and a binder to file all your notes, handouts, lesson plans and reports. Additional supplies can be purchased at a local stationery store in Corinth.

## Trainers

### Peter Beech - Center Director

Peter has been working in EFL since graduating from Sussex University in 1986. After a brief stint teaching in Brighton, he moved to Greece to teach in a major language school in Athens, subsequently opening his own school in Corinth. After completing his MSc in Teaching English, Peter moved into teacher training, running courses for the Preliminary Certificate in TESOL.

He also works part time as an Associate Lecturer with the UK Open University, tutoring on the TESOL module of the MA in Education. His academic interests are centred on the use of technology in education, and especially Computer Assisted Language Learning. He was the founding coordinator of the TESOL Greece CALL SIG, and has given numerous professional presentations in this area.

### Catherine McGain – Trainer

Catherine hails from the South East of England. After graduating in English and Drama from Leeds University she immediately moved to teach EFL in Japan. During her 3 years there, Catherine taught all levels of EFL classes from Young Learners to

Advanced Adults, ultimately moving into specialist Business English training workshops for corporate clients in Tokyo.

Her UK based career has included tutoring multi-level, multi-cultural ESOL curriculums in Adult Community Learning Centres, alongside administering and invigilating a range of ESOL qualifications. After branching out into various specialisms such as Dyslexia Awareness in Basic Skills teaching and Inter-cultural Awareness/Sensitivity workshops for ESOL learners, Catherine has followed her Teacher Training ambitions with TEFL Corinth.

A passion for travel, language education and meeting an interesting fun range of people from all over the world have combined in a professional capacity for Catherine. She relishes the opportunity to meet all newcomers to TEFL Corinth!

### **Social Programme**

To help you get the most out of your experience in Corinth, we offer a range of social activities and excursions during the course.

Most people arrive on the Saturday before the course starts, and we provide a free transfer service from the [airport](#) . On the Sunday, we have a [welcome lunch](#).

The Corinth area combines significant archaeological sites with great natural beauty. At any time of year, we recommend the [archaeology tour](#), visit to the castle of [Acrocorinth and Ancient Corinth](#) and the trip to [Lake Stymphalia](#).

The visit to [Nemea](#) can also be combined with a tour of this wine-producing region, including visits to selected wineries for [wine tasting](#).

In the summer months, when the Athens festival is on, we usually go to see a play at the ancient theatre of [Epidavros](#). Another option that we offer in the summer is the [Corinth Canal cruise](#).

For the more adventurous, we can go [bungy jumping](#) in the Corinth Canal. Other sporting options are [bowling](#) and [mini-soccer](#). For clubbing, the main options are [Vrahati](#) and [Loutraki](#).

We also offer the opportunity to attend professional development events, such as the [TESOL Greece convention](#).

At the end of each course, we have the [graduation ceremony & party](#).

Transportation for each of the excursions is included in the course fee, and is provided in our own minibus. You will need to pay any additional expenses such as admissions and lunch.

The airport meeting and transportation to your accommodation, welcome lunch, graduation ceremony and party are all included.

Additional trips that you might like to take if you have time to spare before or after the course include the ancient sites of [Olympia](#), which is three hours to the west of Corinth and [Delphi](#), on the mainland north of Corinth. [Athens](#) is easily accessible by public transport 75 minutes from Corinth and islands including [Aegina](#), [Hydra](#), and [Poros](#) can be reached from the port of Piraeus. These trips are not included in the social program and are listed for information only.

### Archaeology Tour

The area surrounding Corinth boasts a wealth of important archaeological sites. Our tour takes in [Nemea](#), [Mycenae](#) and [Nafplio](#).

Starting from the house in Vrahati, Ancient Nemea is a half-hour drive through countryside filled with grape vines and olive trees. The site is beautifully laid out and quite compact. We usually spend about ninety minutes here.

From Nemea, Mycenae is about twenty minutes' drive. It is one of the most significant and also extensive sites, and we recommend spending at least two hours here.

From Mycenae, we usually go straight to Nafplio, another twenty minutes' drive, but if you like, we can also visit [Argos](#) and [Tiryns](#). Nafplio was the first capital of the modern Hellenic Republic after the revolution of 1821. After lunch here, enjoy a stroll through the quaint streets with their neoclassical architecture, take a boat out to the island fortress or climb up to the castle.

In the summer, we end the tour on the beach at [Tolo](#), one of the finest sandy beaches in the area.

### Currency

The currency unit is the Euro (€). Euro may be obtained at any Greek bank. The rate of exchange fluctuates a bit from day to day. Railroad stations, airports, and most travel agencies and hotels also offer exchange services. The most convenient way is to draw cash with your visa card or other ATM card.

### Local Weather Conditions

Greece enjoys mild winters and very hot, dry summers cooled by seasonal breezes known as 'meltemia'. Snow can fall in the mountainous regions in winter. Winter is the wettest season and rain is unlikely between June and August.

### Average Temperatures

<u>Months</u>	<u>Athens &amp; Southern Greece</u>	<u>Thessaloniki &amp; Northern Greece</u>
January	52° F - 12° C	45° F - 8° C
February	54° F - 13° C	51° F - 11° C
March	58° F - 15° C	54° F - 13° C

April	65° F - 19° C	65° F - 19° C
May	74° F - 24° C	74° F - 24° C
June	86° F - 30° C	86° F - 30° C
July	92° F - 33° C	90° F - 32° C
August	92° F - 33° C	90° F - 32° C
September	82° F - 28° C	80° F - 27° C
October	72° F - 23° C	69° F - 21° C
November	63° F - 18° C	58° F - 15° C
December	56° F - 14° C	50° F - 10° C

As this description is an average, we highly recommend that you check current weather conditions prior to departure to assist you in your travel preparations.

### **Get Acquainted!**

Before your arrival, we highly recommend you purchase a descriptive guide book or do some online research to familiarize yourself and get acquainted with Greece and all it has to offer. For more information on Greece and Corinth, we recommend the following sites:

Athens International Airport <http://www.aia.gr>

Greek Embassy <http://www.greekembassy.org>

Greek Ferries <http://www.greekferries.gr>

Greeka.com <http://www.greeka.com>

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## FAQs

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

The maximum class size in Corinth is **16**. Most of the participants are American, British, Canadian or Australian, although we do accept non-native speakers of English who have a high proficiency in the language.

### 2. What are the teaching practice students and classes like?

We use local Greek teen and adult students for the trainees' teaching practice.

### 3. Do I need knowledge of other languages?

No. TEFL Corinth uses the universally accepted communicative approach to teaching, where English is the only language used in the classroom.

### 4. Is there an age limit?

You must be at least 18 years of age for your application to be considered. There is no upper age limit. The majority of our trainees are in their 20's, 30's and 40's, but we have successfully trained and found employment for graduates in their 50's and 60's. Our youngest trainee so far in Corinth was 19, and our oldest was 71.

### 5. What qualifications do I need to do the course?

You should have completed at least some study at a higher education level in order to cope with the academic side of the course.

**6. When is the best time to do a course?**

There really is no best or worst time. Countries in different hemispheres have different academic years and tend to hire year round anyway, on an as needed basis.

**7. Will you help in adapting to the new environment?**

Yes. You will be picked up at the airport, and on the first day of the course we hold an orientation session. Social events take place throughout the course.

**8. How long/intensive are the courses?**

The TEFL course is a 4-week, 120-hour course and is very intensive (from 9.30 am to 8.00 pm every day). We have tried to arrange the course so that you will have the weekends free to relax and explore. This does, however, mean that the days are longer and more intensive.

**9. Will I be a competent teacher by the end of the course?**

Due to the highly practical content of the TEFL course, all graduates should have the necessary skills, confidence and ability to embark on their teaching careers and work in a professional manner anywhere in the world.

All certificate courses, however, serve as initial teacher training and those interested in pursuing teaching as a career often go on to take a diploma or MA after 2 years of teaching experience (minimum 2 yrs. for a diploma).

**10. Do I need to be a native speaker of English?**

No, but you do need to be able to demonstrate a very good command of the English language and have an internationally recognized qualification such as TOEFL or Cambridge Proficiency. If English is not your first language, you will be required to complete a written task and a telephone interview. The great majority of our trainees are from the USA, the UK, Ireland, Canada or Australia, but people whose first language is not English have succeeded in the course, including people from Greece, France, the Netherlands and the Philippines.

**11. Is there a correspondence/on-line option?**

No. The practical teaching experience you acquire on the course teaching non-English speaking students is generally accepted as the most important element of a TEFL course and is what future employers will be looking for.

**12. Does the course meet international guidelines?**

Yes. Whilst there is no true international body for TEFL courses, internationally accepted guidelines state that the course must have 100 hours of input with 6 hours of teaching practice and be externally monitored. The CTEFL course has,

in fact, 120 hours of input and a minimum of 10 hours teaching practice as well as being externally moderated.

**13. What are the chances of finding a job after completing the course?**

Excellent. The majority of our trainees will have found employment by the time they have completed the course. The demand for teachers is so high in many countries, that we are able to offer guaranteed employment on successful completion of the course.

**14. When do I need to start looking for work in Greece? Where do I start?**

We suggest you begin setting up interviews and sending resumes by the second ~~or third~~ week of the course.

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

We can give you a list of schools in Greece and help you with resume and interview preparation. We guarantee job placement assistance, but please note that TEFL International doesn't 'guarantee' its graduates employment in Greece as this depends on external factors beyond our control. This job placement assistance program is an integral part of the course and is available for as long as you may require it.

**16. Is job placement assistance included?**

Yes. All graduates receive individual counseling and assistance with finding a teaching job. As TEFL International is an international organization, it has contacts with many schools worldwide. TEFL Corinth will help with all aspects of job seeking from CV/resume construction and interview techniques to arranging job interviews.

**17. How many of the TEFL graduates actually find work in Greece?**

Most of our course graduates who have wanted to work in Greece have been able to secure teaching positions, **but as Greece is a member of the European Union, it is more difficult for non-EU citizens.**

**18. What documents do I need to bring?**

Of course, you need your passport. When you secure work you will be asked to provide notarized copies of your College degree.

**19. 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.

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***We look forward to welcoming you to Greece!***