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Location and Course Information

Natal, Brazil

Location – City (Natal, Rio Grande do Norte)

Aptly named the “City of Sun”, Natal enjoys 360 days sunshine a year and an average temperature of 28°C. It is the safest capital city in Brazil and one of the closest to Europe and North America, and receives direct flights from a host of European cities.

Natal is famous for having the best air quality in the Americas and more than 20 paradisiacal beaches along the coast. Every year, thousands of tourists are attracted by its beautiful dunes, warm weather and calm ocean - making Natal one of the most visited places in the Northeast of Brazil.

The number of visitors and investments in the city’s infrastructure have doubled since the announcement that Natal will be one of the host cities in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

Course Description

The TESOL course aims to prepare English native speakers or speakers of other languages who are fluent in English to become English teachers. The four-week course consists of two weeks of academic inputs - including grammar, theory on teaching methodology, classroom management; and two weeks of practical teaching sessions, which include guided lesson preparation time, observed classes and feedback from professional TESOL trainers.

The initial course orientation meeting will be held at 10:00 on the first Monday of the course at which time a detailed course schedule will be provided. Sessions run Monday to Friday for six hours a day with regular breaks. You may need to spend some time outside those hours preparing lessons or completing written assignments. Students are expected to attend every session, unless medical attention is required.

Requirements:

- + 18 years old.
- Fluency in English
- Ability to read articles and write essays in English.

School & Facilities (SENAC/RN)

TEFL International's program takes place at SENAC (Serviço Nacional de Aprendizagem Comercial) Language Center. Founded in 1946, SENAC is the most important professional training institution in Brazil. In Natal, SENAC sets the standard for language learning and training centers throughout Brazil, providing students and teachers with a comfortable, modern, and well-equipped facility.

The SENAC language center is located near the downtown area, accessible to bus transportation to other parts of the city.

Facility Features:

- Modern, well-equipped classrooms
- Wi-Fi access
- Computer lab
- Library
- Wheelchair access to all floors and classrooms
- Café – serving for breakfast, lunch and dinner

Accommodation

Accommodation options in Natal include hostels, hotels, posadas and homestay. Contact admin@teflnatal.com for more details.

Local Weather Conditions

The Brazilian climate is predominantly sunny and tropical. The average annual temperature is approximately 28°C in the northern region and 20°C in the south. Extreme temperatures are rare, but they may occur: in Rio de Janeiro, in the peak of summer, the temperature may hit 40°C. In Natal, the average temperature is 27°C, with sunny and warm weather all year and tropical rains in the months of July and August.

Visa and Passport Information

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

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Visitors from the following countries can stay in Brazil for a maximum of 90 days without a visa:

Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Malta, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Vatican.

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Course Dates

18 October – 12 November 2010
03 January – 28 January 2011
11 April – 06 May 2011

Course Fees

Total payable \$1,890SD

Deposit (non refundable): \$500 US
Balance of course fees: **\$1,390 US**

When paying for the balance of your fees, please check currency conversion rates

Other Courses and Services Offered

SENAC/TEFL offers a range of other courses, including:

- Language classes, including Portuguese and Spanish
- Professional courses in the areas of Photography, Web Design, and Gastronomy.

<p style="text-align: center;">FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION</p>
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GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Where is TEFL International located?

Our complete address is:

TEFL International
SENAC Alecrim
Av. Alexandrino de Alencar, 556
Bairro Alecrim

Natal-Rio Grande do Norte
CEP: 59030-350
Brazil

Map: http://bit.ly/TEFL_SENAC
Telephone: +Tel. (84) 4005-1000
Toll Free: 1-877-go4-TEFL
Email: info@teflnatal.com

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2. What does the tuition for the program include?

Total fees:	\$1,890US	
Comprised of:	\$500US	non-refundable deposit
	\$1,390US	balance of course fee

Total amount includes tuition fees, course materials, certification and moderation fees. Airfares, accommodation and meals are not included.

3. How do I pay for the course?

The \$500US **deposit** is payable online by credit card or via bank transfer.

You will be invoiced directly by our Brazil office for the **balance** of your fees. Balance payment options are:

- i. Online by credit card or eCheck via PayPal. (You will receive an electronic invoice by email).
- ii. Cash (Reais or USD) on the first day of your course - we do not accept credit cards on-site.

If payments have not been received by the end of classes on Wednesday of the first week, you must gain permission from the course director to remain in the course. Late fees of R\$30 per day may be assessed if payment is not made on time.

4. What is an average program day like?

The course runs, full-time over 4 weeks Monday - Friday. The first two weeks are comprised of 6 hours of classroom work each day, with two 15-minute breaks and one hour for lunch. The final two weeks are spent on lesson planning and teaching practice. **On the first day of your course you should arrive for orientation at 10 am** – at this time you will be given a detailed course timetable.

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

Typically we have around 10-20 trainees. The maximum class size is 24.

6. What are the teaching practice students and classes like?

We invite local Brazilian students to attend classes free of charge for your teaching practice. Our teaching practice students are very keen and enthusiastic.

7. What are accommodations like?

Course fees do not include accommodation, but available options include hostels, hotels, posadas and homestay. Contact admin@teflnatal.com for more information.

8. Can I bring my laptop?

Free Wi-Fi access for your laptop is available throughout the facility. In addition, the language department has a dedicated computer lab and computer access is freely available in the library.

9. What about public holidays?

Because of the intensive nature of the course, time-off is not given for local, national or international public holidays that may occur during your course.

THE JOB MARKET & TEACHING IN BRAZIL

1. What is the TEFL job market in Brazil like? Will I have trouble getting a job?

TEFL teachers seeking employment in Brazil will most likely find work in private language centers located throughout Brazil. It is common for TEFL classes to be taught outside of the schools themselves, in the offices of the clients, which makes for highly motivated students and an efficient learning environment.

As the largest country in South America, Brazil is big on business. Their geographical proximity to the United States, as well as their trade agreement with North America makes speaking English a very important asset for Brazilian citizens. English is taught to all levels of Brazilian students, from childhood on up. Some Brazilian companies will hire English teachers to train their employees to make foreign communication easier. The market for English teachers in Brazil is booming, and with that demand comes an increased possibility that you'll be able to find the right job for you.

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

We give you advice and assistance with writing resumes and cover letters. As well, we provide a list of local English teaching establishments and post available jobs on our jobs board. You should feel free to ask our staff for advice at any time.

3. What is the average salary like?

The average salary equates to around 15-20 USD per hour. The rate varies depending on what type of school or company you work for, and whether you work full or part-time. Rates for private students may be higher.

4. How many of the TEFL graduates actually find work in Brazil?

Our graduates have been very successful in securing employment in a variety of contexts including language schools, state schools and companies.

5. Do schools provide health insurance?

Generally speaking, no.

6. Do schools provide work permits?

This depends on the employer, but it is not usual. This means that you would likely be asked to teach on a tourist visa, which is an extremely common arrangement throughout Latin America.

7. What is a typical teaching position like?

Of course, it varies from school to school, but 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.

8. Can I return to my own country and teach with my certificate?

Yes, it is possible, though the requirements for working in ESL or TEFL in many western countries are different and sometimes need graduate and/or post-graduate level education in ESL or TEFL.

PAPERWORK & DOCUMENTATION

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2. What other documents do I need to bring?

To secure work you may be asked to provide copies of your birth certificate, college degrees and transcripts. . Rather than carrying these documents with you, you are advised to scan and email them to yourself so you will always have access to them.

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