



LOCATION AND COURSE INFORMATION Surabaya, Indonesia

Initial Payment

The balance of your course fees can be paid by credit card (but only Mastercard and Visa) and bank transfer. Cash on arrival is NOT a preferred method of final payment and is only accepted with prior arrangement.

Visa and Passport Information

All visitors to Indonesia are required to carry a passport valid for at least six months after arrival date. Visitors to Indonesia from the United Kingdom, North America, Australia and New Zealand can stay in Indonesia for a maximum of 30 days on a tourist visa. This can not be extended without leaving the country. Citizens from all other countries should contact their local consulate to obtain current travel regulations. Your local consulate can advise you on longer visa options.

Working in Indonesia

If you are planning on seeking work in Indonesia, please bring along your original diploma and transcripts from College, Technical School or High School, as well as a copy of your birth certificate.

There is great demand for qualified TEFL teachers throughout the world. TEFL International provides the following services in this area:

- Contact information and details of schools in the region of your choice
- Contact information and details of selected schools worldwide
- Details of selected vacancies available worldwide
- Details of the most popular web sites of TEFL vacancies and information
- Internet access for job searches and on-line applications
- Sessions covering CV preparation, advice about applications and interviews and all available information about teaching conditions in the trainees preferred destinations.

TEFL International has been very successful in assisting our course graduates locate teaching job opportunities and vacancies.

Getting to Surabaya

There is an international airport in Surabaya welcoming direct flights from Europe, Singapore and Hong Kong, although more available and inexpensive flights go to Jakarta. From Jakarta, many airlines run inexpensive flights directly to Surabaya, offering breathtaking views of Indonesia's landscape. These flights cost less than 50 USD one way. Buses and trains do run from Jakarta to Surabaya, and the twelve-hour ride will cost approximately 10 USD. The train station is just outside of the center of Surabaya. A taxi can take you to the school.

Transportation upon arrival

Your accommodation is available starting on the Thursday before the course begins through the Monday following the final week. We hope you will plan to arrive in Surabaya by Saturday at the latest, as this will give you a chance to relax and get accustomed to your surroundings before the course begins.

On Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday prior to the course start date, between 8am and 8pm, we provide transportation from Surabaya airport to your local accommodation. If you are traveling to

Surabaya by bus or train during these days, call us prior to boarding and we will pick you up at your scheduled arrival time at the bus station. For those arriving at any other time please contact us for further details.

Campus Address:

TEFL International Indonesia
Raya Darmo Permai 111 KAV 15
BLOK C1 C2
Surabaya, Jawa Timur, 60221
Indonesia

Early Arrivals

If you wish to arrive in Surabaya before the Thursday when your accommodation is available, TEFL International can provide assistance in finding reasonably priced and well located rooms.

Accommodation details

Accommodation in Surabaya will consist of a private room (unless otherwise requested) located either near the school or in an apartment within a five-minute walk to the school. All rooms have a private bath and are clean, comfortable and adequately furnished. All rooms are also located within easy reach of various restaurants, bars and entertainment sites.

You are more than welcome to invite friends or family members to stay in your room during the course - just please let us know as soon as possible. There is a minimal extra charge per additional person per room.

Please be assured that any special requests or requirements regarding accommodation will be taken into account, and TEFL International will make every effort to oblige.

School Location and Facilities

The school building is located in the heart of Surabaya, offering easy access to exploring the culture, entertainment and tourist sites the city has to offer. The building is spacious and comfortable, with large classrooms, white-boards and complete resource materials.

The school phone, and fax are available for trainee use with prior approval from the School Manager. Outgoing mail can be left at the front desk and will be posted the following morning. We simply charge you the same price that the post office charges us.

Internet

Stay in touch with family, friends and future employers by getting online at nearby internet facilities

Training Schedule

The first class will take place Monday morning at 9:30 a.m., at which time we will provide a complete course schedule. Sessions generally run between 9:30 a.m. and 8.30 p.m. with regular breaks.

There will be a welcome meal provided by the school on the first day of the course.

Trainees are expected to attend all input and other sessions included on the schedule unless they are sick and require medical treatment. This is particularly important for Teaching Practice (TP) as it is very difficult to arrange alternate TP times.

Course Dress and 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; sleeveless shirts are acceptable, but very thin straps or tank tops are not. No low-cut necklines or very short skirts. Bare midriffs must not be visible, even when lifting arms up. Open-toed shoes are acceptable except when visiting local schools.

Men:

Long pants; no raggedy jeans. Short- or long-sleeved shirt with a collar; a tie is not required. Sandals are acceptable, yet closed shoes are preferred and required when visiting local schools. Long hair should be neatly tied back into a pony-tail.

***Note** – in the event that we visit local schools for Teaching Practice, please be prepared to dress professionally. Women are to be neatly dressed with covered shoulders and knees, men in long pants and button-down shirts (ties will be provided). Only closed-toed shoes will be acceptable for both women and men. No tennis shoes or jeans, please.

Resources

Please bring a pen and a notebook for taking notes during class. All relevant course books and materials will be provided, and the school has a large resource library for reference.

Photocopying, fax, telephone and computer facilities are available for use by trainees.

Trainee Post-Course Evaluations

Each trainee will be asked to complete a written evaluation form at the end of the course, which will remain anonymous and confidential. These evaluations are aimed to give trainees the opportunity to provide feedback regarding anything to do with the course, trainers, accommodation, and so forth.

In addition, we welcome your open and honest feedback at any stage during the course, so that we can continue to improve the training course and the facilities provided at the training location. Your thoughts are truly invaluable, so please share them!

ABOUT SURABAYA

In-Town Transportation

The easiest ways to make your way around the city are via OJEK (motorbike taxi), Becak (pedicabs) or BEMO (a small truck-like taxi). The most comfortable way to travel is by air-conditioned taxi. When hiring any of these transport modes, always negotiate and agree to a price before accepting the ride. Cars and motorcycles are available for hire locally.

Drinking Water

Tap water is deemed unsafe to drink in Indonesia, therefore you should only drink bottled water during your stay. Bottled water is very inexpensive and readily available in the school and throughout the city. Ice in hotels and restaurants is always purified and therefore safe.

Shopping

All types of shopping facilities exist in the city – from international supermarkets and department stores to small shops selling local handicrafts and markets selling fresh produce. No doubt you will find plenty to buy in Surabaya!

Local Weather Conditions

The average climate conditions in Surabaya are tropical throughout the year - hot and humid during the day with cool, temperate breezes at night. The local rainy season lasts from October through April. During this time, heavy tropical rains fall mainly in the late afternoon, yet the remainder of the day offers clear skies and stunning sunsets. Daily highs average 30-34°C in the hottest months, with a nighttime low of 21°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!

Beautiful beaches, dramatic scenery, fascinating sights, mountain-hiking, active volcanoes, elephant and rainforest trekking, internationally renowned cuisine, a wide variety of water sports, an intense and pulsating nightlife... Surabaya has something to please everyone! And all can be enjoyed on a reasonable budget, so you should never be bored during your free time. Before your arrival, we highly recommend you purchase a descriptive guidebook or do some online research to familiarize yourself and get acquainted with Surabaya and all it has to offer. For more information on Surabaya and the country of Indonesia, we recommend the following sites:

Lonely Planet Online www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/south_east_asia/Indonesia
[Planning on living or working in Indonesia? www.expats.com/indonesia/](http://www.expats.com/indonesia/)
www.indonesia-travel-guide.de/indonesiasurabaya.html
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Surabaya>
www.usembassyjakarta.org/surabaya.html
www.britishcouncil.org/indonesia.htm
[Complete listing of Foreign Embassies in Jakarta](#)
[Restaurants in Surabaya](#)
[Photos of Indonesia and Asia](#)

Contact us should you have any other questions or concerns.

Email: applications@teflife.com or Live Call/Live Chat at www.teflife.com

Thank you for choosing TEFL International!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Surabaya, Indonesia

General Questions

1. **What does the tuition for the program include?**

Total fees: **US\$ 1,500 Tuition**
US\$ 120 Accommodation

Comprised of:

US\$ 500 Non-refundable deposit
US\$1,000 TEFL course fee. This amount includes tuition, course materials, certification and moderation fees. Airfares and food are not included. A cost of **US\$ 120** is incurred if you take the accommodation.

2. **How do I pay for the course?**

At the beginning, you need to pay the US\$ 500 deposit either online by credit card or via bank transfer.

3. **You have the following options for final payment:**

Cash on arrival is NOT a preferred method of final payment and is only accepted with prior arrangement.

- **Pay by credit card** either before or upon arrival.
- **Pay by bank transfer:**
Bank Account: Lawrence Wayne Duplessis
BCA Diponegoro, Surabaya, Jawa Timur, Indonesia
AC # 258-152-5950 BCA Swiftcode: CENAIJJA
Bank BCA (Banc Central Asia)

You should send in US DOLLARS. Your local bank should convert the currency. If this is impossible, please ask for other instructions at n_poernomo@yahoo.com

Please arrange to send the bank transfer 2 weeks before the course start date. Kindly send us a scanned copy of your bank receipt at n_poernomo@yahoo.com. Please do not forget to bring and show the bank receipt to the course administrator upon arrival at the training center.

4. **What is an average program day like?**

Class time is generally 9:00 am to 4:45 pm, with mid morning and afternoon breaks and a lunch break. For approximately two weeks, you will be preparing to teach, learning all of the things you need to know in order to be successful in the classroom. For the other two weeks, you will actually be teaching each morning and preparing your materials in the afternoons.

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

The maximum class size in the Surabaya course 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.

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

We use local Indonesian students for the trainees' teaching practice. Indonesian students are very keen and enthusiastic. For many of these students it's their first exposure to a native speaker.

7. What are the program accommodations like? Where are they located?

There are A/C equipped rooms near the school. The location is more convenient, as all you have to do is walk a few minutes into the classroom in the morning. There is also the additional advantage at the school that you can go to your room for lesson planning and study in the afternoons. All rooms have air-conditioning, a private bath, and are clean and adequately furnished.

8. Can I have things shipped or mailed to me at the school?

Yes! Below is our address.

Here is the contact information:

TEFL International Indonesia
Raya Darmo Permai 111 KAV 15
BLOK C1 C2
Surabaya, Jawa Timur, 60221
Indonesia
Telephone: +62 31 732 0973-74
Fax : +62 31 734 6323

9. Who are the TEFL International Surabaya, Indonesia staff?

Our TEFL staff are Adryan Sutanto and Netty Poernomo; here are their contact details:

Adryan Sutanto
Email: admin.teflindo@gmail.com
Telephone: +62 081 703284155

Netty Poernomo
Email: n_poernomo@yahoo.com
Telephone: +62 31 731 7352

10. Can I bring my laptop?

Yes, you can bring it with you but the internet connections aren't ideal in Indonesia, but are improving. Most cafes and some restaurants have WiFi connections.

We have 2 available computers without internet access that the trainees can use for lesson planning and doing assignments free of charge.

For internet service, there are internet cafes available around the town.

The job market and teaching in Indonesia: Paperwork and documentation

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

The TEFL job market in Indonesia is excellent at the moment. Finding employment is only difficult if you wait until the last day of the course to begin looking. With just a little patience, you will certainly locate work in no time, usually in the area of your choice.

12. When do I need to start looking for work in Indonesia? Where do I start?

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

Working in Indonesia

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

We can give you a list of schools in Indonesia 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 Indonesia as such. This job

placement assistance program is an integral part of the course and is available for as long as you may require it.

14. What is the average salary like?

The average salary in Indonesia is about **7,500,000 to 9,000,000 Rupiah** per month. This varies depending on what type of school or company you work for and whether you work full or part-time.

15. Do most schools provide accommodations for their teachers?

Yes, but there are schools that do this. For example, some schools may provide a room for you, either shared or single, probably in an apartment with other teachers and it may or may not be on the school's premises.

16. How many of the TEFL graduates actually find work in Indonesia?

Most of our course graduates who have wanted to work in Indonesia have been able to secure teaching positions.

17. What documents do I need to bring?

Of course, you need your passport. When you secure work you may be asked to provide notarized copies of your birth certificate, college degrees and transcripts. Although a BA is not necessary for the visa, it certainly helps to open up doors. You might also consider obtaining an international driving permit if driving in Indonesia should be necessary for you. Motorcycles are relatively inexpensive, and can be rented. Driving in Indonesia demands focus and isn't for the easily-distracted.

18. Do schools provide health insurance?

Generally, yes.

19. Do schools provide work permits?

Your school should help you secure a work permit. In order to apply initially, you get the job offer in writing from your future employer, along with copies of his business registration and Ministry of Education documents. Your employer will arrange travel and most schools have agents to shepherd teachers through the process.

20. 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. Indonesia is a vibrant ESL market with Language courses, private schools, International schools and a number of opportunities for CLT (Corporate Language Training).

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

Yes, it's possible though the requirements for working in ESL or TEFL in many western countries are different and sometimes need graduate education in ESL or TEFL.

Questions about Surabaya: Living in Indonesia

22. What are the average housing and living expenses in Indonesia?

Most contracts will include shared accommodation in a house. Indonesians haven't embraced the idea of apartments. Should you decide to rent your own home your school can assist in finding something suitable.

23. What if I get sick in Surabaya? Are there western-standard medical facilities?

If you find yourself requiring medical attention, Surabaya has a number of very good hospitals and clinics with well-educated, helpful doctors. There are a number of private clinics and local pharmacies in Surabaya.

If there is any serious injury, please inform the Course Director or one of the staff and transportation will be provided to the nearest hospital for treatment.

24. What's the public transportation system like?

Taxis are generally the most convenient way to travel. Prices are set for standard routes, and should be about 15,000-25,000 Rupiah (one way) for most trips. Minimum charge is 10,000 Rupiah.

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

It's hot and humid. Clothes are very inexpensive in Indonesia, so you may want to travel fairly light. Larger size shoes 11/43 can be difficult to find. Both women and men may have some difficulty with some clothing sizes. Toiletries and hygiene products are easy to find here, as are contact lens cleaners, deodorants, headache remedies and condoms.

Additional Info:

Visas: Visas are required by all foreigners entering Indonesia although, and can be acquired upon entry.

Once you arrive in Indonesia immigration forms will be available at the airport. For \$25 USD you will receive a one month tourist visas. Longer visas have to be obtained outside the country. Visas are available from Indonesian embassies and consulates in most countries.

Health risks: Dengue fever, malaria and cholera are all present in Indonesia. Immunization against cholera, hepatitis A and B, and C are good ideas if you decide to live here. We will keep you updated as to any outstanding health issues.

Time: GMT/UTC plus eight hours (the whole of Indonesia is set to Beijing time).

Electricity: 220V, 50 AC; plugs can be three-pronged angled, three-pronged round, two flat pins or two narrow round pins.

Weights & measures: Metric

Banking: Indonesia uses Rupiah for currency. (See exchange rate) Credit cards are becoming more common in Indonesia, but cash remains the preferred form of payment. You can access funds from your home accounts using Cirrus and Visa Plus ATM cards in the bank machines of larger local banks.

You can transfer money from just about any bank in Indonesia to your own bank at home. You can get a money order or electronically transfer up to 100% of your salary.

Opening an account is very easy. Once you have your KITAS (Work Visa) and registration card, you can open your account. All you need are the proper documents, which include an employment statement provided by the school, passport, residence card, and a copy of your contract.

Banks include:

BCA Bank Central Asia
HSBC (Hong Kong bank)

Citi Bank

and many more

If you don't have an account Western Union is widely available here.

Communications: If you don't have your own computer Internet cafes (Warnets) are readily available. Generally clean- with a variety of services, from printing to scanning, available. International calls can be made easily from your home or from a Wartel (a telephone center) that has facilities for local, national and international calls. Faxes can usually be sent from a Wartel, if not your school should have this facility.

Shopping: Shopping is one of the major pastimes in Indonesia. If you are an enthusiastic shopper, you will fit right in. You can shop at street stalls, some of the largest open markets in the world, big department stores, and small specialty shops. Whether you're looking to shop in an air-conditioned supermarket or mall, or looking to rough it in a more traditional market, you'll find electronics, t-shirts, handicrafts or souvenirs. There are better bargains to be had in the markets, especially with custom-made goods, leather items, knit shirts, and tennis shoes, and knock offs. Don't be afraid to haggle.

Clothes: Teachers always have ideas about what to bring to Indonesia. Shoes were most frequently mentioned - in the form of sturdy walking shoes, wide-sized shoes, and warm boots. For some overall advice, if you are happy with the shoes you have, bring enough to last your sojourn. Don't count on finding the same thing in Indonesia (especially good quality for reasonable prices). The only exception is athletic shoes; sometimes these are cheaper in Indonesia.

With regard to all clothing, "Western large sizes" can be difficult to find, especially for women, and extra large sizes are non-existent. Women may have difficulty finding larger sizes undergarments. However, if you would like custom-made clothing at affordable prices, Indonesia is a great place to obtain them.

Food: Indonesia has restaurants. By and large, they sell Indonesian food, but there are alternatives as well. Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Korean and Western foods are available, but relatively expensive. American fast food chains are here. Some hotels and restaurants offer American, French, and Italian food. Vegetarian restaurants are few and far between, though they do exist. Most Chinese food contains meat and/or seafood or is cooked with meat broth, but the amounts used are small and it's easy to ask for no meat.

Bottled water is cheap and many teachers have it delivered to their apartments. If you plan to cook Western food in Indonesia, you'll probably want to bring some herbs and spices with you. Red and black pepper, garlic powder, ginger, and cinnamon are easily obtainable. Many Western items are available as special imports, but they are expensive. If you are used to limiting your intake of salt, sugar, or saturated fats, you will find it more difficult in Indonesia. Both Indonesian and Chinese food can be quite tasty, and oily, and fatty and salty. In moderate amounts it may even be healthy.

If you are vegetarian you should bring yeast extract tablets with you if you use them, or any form of vitamin tablets. Fruit is not that expensive. Vegetables are cheaper. Being unhealthy is the most expensive.

Fast food is readily available. Pizza Hut, McDonalds, Wendy's, KFC, A&W and Doner Kebab are the big names

Personal Items: Most of the necessities are available in some form, including many locally-made versions of North American brands. Also, if you are fond of using name brand, over-the-counter medications (e.g., Tylenol, Benadryl, Roloids), bring them with you. Those remedies for diarrhea and hacking coughs are especially useful. Contact Lenses: Bausch and Lomb, Coopervision, and local brands of contact lenses are available. Disposable contact lenses can also be found. Alcon (Flexcare, Preflex) and Bausch and Lomb products are available at some pharmacies, but usually through the optical stores. These products usually run 150-200% of U.S. prices.

Local brands of enzyme tablets are available, but their imported counterparts are expensive. Other product lines tend to be more widely available and less expensive. Many teachers have been quoted as saying, "Oh, I wish I had brought ... with me." This is usually in reference to board games, computers, greeting cards, novels, and craft materials (e.g., knitting, and cross-stitch).

Some instructors bring enough personal items to last a few months and have the rest shipped to them. However, mail can be slow and sometimes gets lost.

Teaching Materials: If you have personal materials that you are able to bring with you, do so. While there are bookstores in Indonesia with sections, they are usually quite expensive, since the majority of these items are imported. Especially useful are game ideas as well as activities that can be transferred across any subject area and level of ability. Most schools have such games as Scrabble and Word Up available for use in the classroom, but quantities are limited and tend to get used often.

Postal Services: Indonesian mail service is less than good, and rates can be more expensive than North American postal service rates. Airmail to North America usually takes four to ten days, but delays are not uncommon. Surface mail can take as long as two or three months.

Registered mail and express mail services EMS, as well as private services (e.g., DHL, Federal Express) are also available. It is best to have mail sent to your institute address rather than your home address.

Cost Of Living:

Shopping:

Rice 1 kilo	15,000 RUPIAH
Pasta packet imported	12,000 RUPIAH
Orange Juice 1 lt.	16,000 RUPIAH
Coffee jar instant	30,000 RUPIAH
Tea box of bags	30,000 RUPIAH
Can of Coke	3-5,000 RUPIAH
Beer	3-10,000 RUPIAH
Chicken fillets 1 kilo	20,000 RUPIAH
Sliced ham 8 slices	60,000 RUPIAH
Sliced bread half loaf	4,000 RUPIAH
Baguette	9,000 RUPIAH
Pastry	10-15,000 RUPIAH
Instant noodles	2-5,000 RUPIAH
Chocolate bar (western)	10,000 RUPIAH+

Transport:

Mini Bus	2,000 RUPIAH
Taxi	10,000 RUPIAH+ 1,000 RUPIAH per Km Minimum charges (pickup on street) 10,000 RUPIAH (Telephone request) 10,000 RUPIAH
Train to Jakarta	60,000 RUPIAH (single)
Train to Yogyakarta	30,000 RUPIAH (single)
Train to Banyuwanyi (near Bali)	50,000 RUPIAH (single)
Flight to Jakarta	500,000 RUPIAH (one-way)
Flight to Bali	500,000 RUPIAH (one-way)

Eating Out:

Local Lunch Box (rice, meat and two veg)	5,000-10,000 RUPIAH
McDonalds (burger, large fries and coke)	20,000 RUPIAH
Chinese Restaurant (3 dishes + rice for 2)	30,000 – 50,000 RUPIAH
KFC	30,000 RUPIAH+

Drinking:

Wine and spirits are available, but can be expensive	
Beer (depending on brand and venue)	15,000-40,000 RUPIAH
In the supermarket	
Bottled Local Beer	21,000-25,000 RUPIAH
Canned Local Beer	8,000-13,000 RUPIAH
Various Juices(jug)	30,000-40,000 RUPIAH

Recreation: Most of Indonesia's sightseeing attractions are accessible to the dedicated traveler. Singapore, Malaysia, or Hong Kong is not out of reach. There are many open air theaters and cultural sites where individual performers and groups appear, especially in Jakarta. Indonesia has an active traditional theatrical and musical community.

Home Entertainment:

Television: A few good local stations. Trans TV is a local favorite as it has two English-language movies every night. Cable isn't needed for local channels. A cheap rabbit ears device is enough. Cable is available for those who need ESPN, Star movies/sports, HBO or Discovery channel.

Radio: There is at least one English language radio station.

Swimming Pools: Swimming is popular in Indonesia. There are a lot of public pools and most fitness clubs and hotels have nice facilities.

Hiking: Indonesia is such a mountainous country that hiking is always an option. There are a number of trails and passes that you can explore. Early morning is the best time.

Fitness Clubs: There are some private health and sports clubs.
Atlas, Tresor, Celebrity Fitness

Books, newspapers, magazines and videos

Bookstores: Gramedia, Trimedia and Gunung Agung all have English language sections. Sogo supermarket has a fairly swank bookstore. Bring a couple of novels and swap with friends.

Newspapers and Magazines: Time, Newsweek, the Economist, GQ, Esquire, Premiere and a few other magazines are available in Indonesia for the English only speaker. Don't expect to find Playboy or Penthouse here. A daily newspaper, The Jakarta Post, published in Jakarta but distributed daily in Surabaya...

Movies: Movie going is made easy in Indonesia by the 21 Chain of Cinemas.

Videos: You can rent a wide selection of new and old movies on VCD or DVD. In some stores you will find a large sampling of Chinese, Hong Kong, and Indonesian. The bulk of the selection, old or new, is American.

Nightlife: Lots of bars, discos and cafés and restaurants are available.

Dining Out: There are a number of restaurants, pubs, nightclubs, discos, cafés, bars and karaoke clubs in downtown Surabaya.

Leisure time in the various cities can be spent in a number of ways. You could go native and take to the shopping streets; bowling is another very popular pastime; there are bars and discos to dance and drink the night away in and there are restaurants of every denomination. The more up-market western bars and restaurants can be expensive and dining in these on a regular basis would be a strain on your purse strings to say the least. However, there are other western eateries in which one can eat at affordable prices, such as 80 RUPIAH per head inclusive of beer.

Generally beers are quite steep in nightclubs at a cost of around 30-40,000 RUPIAH and wine is very expensive and can cost as much as 60 RUPIAH per glass. However, eating in local restaurants and drinking Bintang beer is very affordable and living in this way you'll find that your wages will go a long way. A large lunch or dinner in a local mid-range restaurant will cost from 20-30,000 RUPIAH per person including beer or a soft drink.

Coffee Shops: Coffee shops and cafés are a major hangout for Indonesians. You'll find these by exploring, or by asking older students, staff or teachers.

Religious Services: A number of different religions are represented in Indonesia. Five are officially recognized; Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Catholicism and Christianity are the two most common. Yes those last two are considered quite distinct here. Mosques, temples and churches abound and some services are available in English.

Safety: Applicants for teaching/or study positions in Indonesia are advised to contact their Embassy. The Embassy should have an information service for people considering an extended visit to a foreign country.

Getting around: Public transportation is inexpensive. Indonesia is accessible, and has a fair amount of cheap taxis and buses. Transportation within Indonesia is cheap and convenient. Nearly all areas within Indonesia are connected by a network of air service, trains, boats, ferries and buses.

Indonesian Lessons: There are a number of schools and there are private lessons available. Ask around.

Martial Arts: Do you want to study Silat, Tae Kwon Do, Wushu, Kung Fu or Tai Chi? View it as alternative fitness or cultural enrichment. Take a chance.

Embassies: Applicants for teaching positions in Indonesia are encouraged to contact their Embassy, which has an information service for people considering an extended visit to a foreign country.

Medical Care: You'll always hear stories about how bad doctors are, even at home. Indonesian medical care and dental care is clean, prompt, courteous and not at all expensive

Useful Links:

[Planning on living or working in Indonesia? www.expatriot.com/indonesia/](http://www.expatriot.com/indonesia/)

www.indonesia-travel-guide.de/indonesiasurabaya.html

www.eslcafe.com

www.bootsnall.com

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Surabaya>

www.usembassyjakarta.org/surabaya.html

www.britishcouncil.org/indonesia.htm

[Complete listing of Foreign Embassies in Jakarta](#)

[Restaurants in Surabaya](#)

[Photos of Indonesia and Asia](#)

Lonely Planet Online www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/south_east_asia/Indonesia

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Email: n_poernomo@yahoo.com
duplessis.wayne@gmail.com
admin.teflindo@gmail.com
+62 087 8519 64031

Yahoo Chat: duplez@yahoo.com

MSN Chat: duper@hotmail.com

+62 087 851 964 031 (call or text)

[+62 081 703284155](http://+62_081_703284155)

Skype: wayne duplessis

Contact us should you have any other questions or concerns.

Email: applications@teflife.com or Live Call/Live Chat at www.teflife.com

Thank you for choosing TEFL International!