



LIVING & TEACHING IN CAMBODIA

**START-UP COSTS, SALARY
EXPECTATIONS, & LIVING EXPENSES**

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LIVING COST IN CAMBODIA

SALARY EXPECTATIONS

Your compensation will vary based on how much experience you have and where you wind up teaching.

Non-native speakers:

\$800 - \$1,000

Teachers with little to no experience and no degree:

\$1,000 - \$1,200

Teachers with any degree, qualification, and experience:

\$1,200 - \$2,500

Teachers with an education degree and experience:

\$1,800 - \$2,800

Depending on the school you work for, teachers usually teach for 24 to 26 hours a week, and get 20 hours a week for administrative tasks such as lesson planning.

Typical working hours are 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. depending on the school you work for.

Teachers are usually not expected to work on weekends and enjoy numerous public holidays and school holiday breaks.

Job Placement Assistance

Destination TEFL offers job placement assistance by:

- CV adjustment for the Cambodian market
- In-depth interview preparation
- Interview demo and lesson plan assistance
- We send your CV to our established network of schools
- Access to our alumni-only job postings Facebook group



RENT

There are many real estate properties for rent that are available for all types of spaces and budget. From the single unit apartments to villas, there is always one that will fit your needs.

Popular expat areas in Phnom Penh are BKK1, BKK2 and BKK3, Russian Market, Tonle Bassac, 7 Makara, and Daun Penh.

Almost all apartments are fully furnished and some offer services such as cleaning, 24-hour security, garbage collection, and WiFi.

Shared accommodation:

\$100 - \$200

Studio apartment:

\$150 - \$350

1 bedroom apartment:

\$250 - \$800

2+ bedroom apartment:

\$300 - \$900

Please keep in mind that most apartment buildings will require you to pay 1-2 months' deposit.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR APARTMENTS:



Phnom Penh Housing



Cheap Rent Siem Reap



Expert Realty



Realestate.com.kh



UTILITIES

Utility cost is highly dependant on how much you use your A/C and can range from \$10 - \$80 or more.

BASIC GROCERIES

Cambodia offers a wide variety of shopping opportunities and you'll be surprised at how many products from your home may be found on grocery shelves.

Local Cambodian markets, of which there is at least one within walking distance from almost anywhere, are the ideal places to shop for fruits, vegetables, and household items. Dry goods or imported items can easily be found at any grocery store or supermarket.

Depending on your eating habits, the average monthly food budget for 1-2 people in Cambodia would cost roughly:

\$80 - \$250



NIGHTLIFE & EATING OUT

What's living in another country without enjoying the nightlife, luxuries, and street food?

Lunch for one at a local food stall:

\$1 - \$3

Lunch for one at a Western restaurant:

\$4 - \$6

Local beer:

\$0.50 - \$1

Cocktails:

\$2 - \$4

Suggested online delivery apps to use in Cambodia:



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TRANSPORTATION

The main form of transport in Cambodia are scooters and tuktuks.

You can drive a scooter in Cambodia without a license if the scooter is under 125cc.

Scooter rental per month:

\$50 - \$80

Buying a scooter:

\$200 - \$1,500

You can also use the Grab or PassApp apps to book a tuktuk or taxi to your desired location.

Minimum fare to book a tuktuk:

\$1



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Traveling from one province to another is quite easy and affordable. You can easily book your transport on CamboTicket.

One-way trip via bus:

\$6 - \$12

One-way trip via private taxi:

\$40 - \$100

One-way trip via ferry:

\$12



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HEALTHCARE

Most schools will provide you with a standard accident and health insurance.

Pharmacies are well located all over Cambodia should you require any medication. Local and foreign doctors are available at different clinics.

Standard consultation fee:

\$6 - \$30

Specialist consultation fee:

\$25 - \$40

If you would like to take extra precaution - we recommend Safety Wing.

\$40+ per month

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VISA & WORK PERMIT

Most schools will require you to sign a 1-year contract. Nearly all schools will assist and pay for your visa extension and work permit on completion of a 1 year contract. Should this not be included in your contract, this is what you can expect to pay. Visa extension for:

1 month:
\$45 - \$50

3 months:
\$75-\$80

6 months:
\$160-\$170

12 months:
\$285-\$300

Work permit:
\$200 per year



DISCLAIMER:

While every effort has been made to give you accurate information regarding living costs, each person is different and has different circumstances and standards of living and needs.

The below shows an average of living cost in Cambodia but will differ from person to person.

SUMMARY

Salary Depending on education and experience.	\$1,200
Rent One months' deposit required.	\$ 300
Water Most apartments include water.	\$ 7
Electricity	\$ 40
WiFi Most apartments include WiFi.	\$ 8
Transport	\$ 50
Groceries Combination of Western and local food	\$ 150
Entertainment Depends on lifestyle	\$ 50



The background image shows ancient stone ruins in Cambodia. A large, thick tree trunk with prominent roots dominates the center, growing over the stone structures. The ruins consist of dark, weathered stone blocks and carvings. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall scene is one of nature reclaiming ancient architecture.

START-UP COST IN

CAMBODIA

DESTINATION TEFL COURSE OPTIONS

BASIC 140 HOUR TEFL / TESOL

Basic Course

Complete our TEFL / TESOL course with self-placement.

\$1,445

140 HOUR TEFL / TESOL WITH PLACEMENT IN CAMBODIA

Study & Teach in Cambodia

Course with placement assistance in Cambodia

- Non-Degreed & Degree holders may apply

\$1,545

140 HOUR TEFL / TESOL WITH PLACEMENT IN VIETNAM OR THAILAND (2 COUNTRIES 1 PROGRAM)

Study in Cambodia & Teach in Vietnam or Thailand

Course with placement assistance in Vietnam or Thailand

- Bachelor's degree holders only

\$1,595

2 WEEK, 140-HOUR TEFL / TESOL EXTENSION

2 week, onsite in country orientation and 6 to 10 hours of teacher practicums in schools, NGOs or businesses

- Min 120-hour TEFL / TESOL certificate

\$725

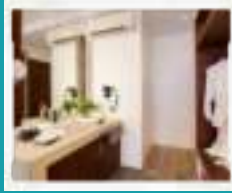
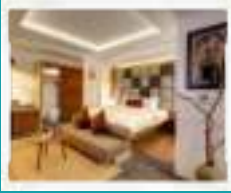
Inclusions:

- 4-week 140-hour internationally recognised and accredited TEFL certificate upon completion
- Teacher practicals with local students
- Culture immersion and introduction
- Basic local language lessons
- Travel assistance and arrangements
Flight tickets are not included in the price.
- Visa assistance and arrangements
VISA cost is not included in the price (click here for cost breakdown)
- Accommodation assistance and arrangements
Accommodation cost is not included in the price (click here for options)
- Lifetime support

AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION

SOLITAIRE DAMNAK VILLA

- The property has a pool, bar & restaurant
- All rooms have A/C, a TV & small fridge
- The room rate includes once a week cleaning and WiFi
- This rate excludes electricity @ approx \$30 to \$50 per month
- 1km/ 10 minute walk from the training center



From \$300 per month

AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION

SOLITAIRE KAMREUK

- The property has a pool, bar & restaurant
- All rooms have A/C, a TV & small fridge
- The room rate includes once a week cleaning and WiFi
- This rate excludes electricity @ approx \$30 to \$50 per month
- 500m / 7 minute walk from the training center
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From \$300 per month

TOP-RANGE ACCOMMODATION

THE KHMER HOUSE - SECRET OASIS

- The property has 40 meter pool, tropical garden and restaurant
- All rooms are spacious and have A/C, a Smart TV, and a small fridge
- The room rate includes once a week cleaning and WiFi, and electricity.
- 1.2km/ 15-minute walk from the training center



From \$550 per month

*Enjoy
your
Stay*

VISA AND OTHER SUGGESTED FEES

Visa on arrival is officially back which means our teachers no longer have to apply for their visas prior to coming to Cambodia. Additionally, pre-flight PCR testing is no longer required and no RAT on arrival either.

All our trainees can now fly directly to Cambodia and get their visa on arrival. You need to request an Ordinary E-class (Business Visa) which will cost US\$35.00 cash. Immigration will issue your visa on the spot.

** As always, the Immigration officers at the airport are the gatekeepers and they have the final say which visa they issue. Our trainees will be issued with all the correct documentation, including an invitation letter and our company documents. Full instructions will be given to you prior to departure.

We do not anticipate any issues however should they not issue the correct visa, a quick visa-run to Bangkok is possible and our team will offer full support where needed.

VISA & WORK PERMITS

The short stay visa has to be extended to a "Seeking Employment" EG-visa and our team onsite will help you with this process. We recommend a 6-month visa at \$170 as this visa can not be extended a second time.

Once you have signed your contract and completed your 3 month probation, your school or employer will assist you with your 12-month long stay business visa.

Since you are allowed to start working while on the EG-visa (it's a work related visa) and you need a work permit.

A work permit is not attached to your visa however, once you are on a "work related visa", you are required to have a work permit, regardless whether you are working or not.

A work permit is valid from January 1st to December 31st.

If you enter Cambodia anytime from January 1st to September 31st, you have to apply for your work permit. The permit will merely state that you are self-employed and will be valid. The cost of the work permit is \$200 plus \$20 for a medical.

If you enter Cambodia anytime from October 1st to December 31st, our suggestion is to wait till the new year and only pay a penalty fee of \$100 (half of what you should have paid) when you apply for the next year's work permit. So in this case, \$20 for medical, \$100 penalty plus \$200 for the new year's work permit.

PS : We advice against applying for and entering on a Tourist visa (T-visa). You stand the risk of having to spend a substantial amount of money to do a border-hop.



SPENDING MONEY

Note you need to have spending money until your first pay cheque. This is to cover meals and other expenses while on the course, onward travel to your job, visa extension, first month's rent and deposit on an apartment. This is an estimate based on what other trainees have spent. Most trainees have found placement within 1 to 2 weeks after graduation, and you will only receive your 1st salary a month after starting work.

\$1,650

SUMMARY

Destination TEFL Course Fee Depending on which course option you choose	\$1,545
Accommodation during the course Depending on which option you choose	\$300
Visa on Arrival fee Depending on at which Cambodian Embassy you apply.	\$35
Visa Extension your visa will be extended for 6 months which will allow you to seek employment in Cambodia	\$170
Work permit Depending on date of arrival	\$120 to \$220
Insurance	\$40
One-way flight ticket Our in-house travel agent will quote you once you know your dates. Cost depends on your departure country and available flights.	TBA
Suggested spending money	\$1,650



