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1. What does the tuition of the program include?

The total price of the TEFL course is **\$1590**, divided as follows:

US \$600

Non-refundable deposit
Paid in advance

US \$990

Balance without accommodation

2. How do I make my deposit and final payment?

The \$600 deposit can be paid either by credit card or via bank transfer.

For the final payment, there are a couple more options:

1. Bank transfer:
 - Account name: Tabone Enterprises Colombia SAS
 - Account number: 0043 0018 6287
 - Bank name: Davivienda
 - SWIFT Code: CAFECOBB
2. Cash on arrival, you can make the payment at the center upon your arrival in COP (Colombian Pesos) based on the exchange rate of the date. You can check exchange rates here: <https://www.xe.com/>
3. Credit Card, you can use your credit card to pay for both your deposit and your final payment.
4. Paypal, if you decide to go for this option, let us know and we'll guide through the process.

3. How does the program look like?

The class size can be anywhere from 6 to maximum 12 TEFL participants. We keep our groups small so that you can get all the help and support necessary for a new teacher from the trainer. You will be sharing the program with international participants: both natives from English speaking countries and non-native speakers with a proficient level of English.



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4. What is a normal day like for a TEFL candidate?

Class time runs generally from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. You will have a one-hour lunch break, and two shorter breaks: mid-morning and afternoon. The first half of the course is focused on providing candidates with the theoretical aspects of teaching, while the second part will be more practical, and candidates will be teaching and preparing lessons with the support of the teacher trainer.

5. Who are the students for the teaching practice?

Our groups are 8 to 15 Colombian students. As they are not paying for this course, the students you have in your group are here because they are passionate about learning English. Colombians are warm, enthusiastic and competitive, so you will have lots of fun in your teaching practice!

6. What is the program accommodation like?

Accommodation is not included in the price, but we offer help finding the best accommodation option for you! Check the General Information document for details on accommodation options in Colombia, and the Guesthouse Information document if you want our help in finding a place to stay.

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

We are happy to help with anything that you need mailed or shipped in Colombia.

Our address is:



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

The TEFL market is alive and well here in Colombia. There is definitely no lack of work depending on where you choose to live.

Job acquisition all depends on where you intend to live upon completion of your course. Bogotá being the largest city in the country, it has ample amount of job opportunities. However, smaller towns will not be able to provide you with the wealth of opportunities larger cities will.

2. When do I need to start looking for work in Colombia? Where do I start?

Upon completion of your course, or even slightly beforehand we would recommend individuals to begin their application processes with as many employers as they like. If you are on a tourist visa, you will have 90 days in the country before needing to leave, so beginning the process early will be to your benefit.

You can always start with us!

3. What will BBE Languages do to help me secure employment?

We provide an orientation session on how to start your job hunt towards the end of your course. We cannot guarantee a position here at BBE, however, we can give the graduates interviews as well as direct them to other institutes and schools should they not obtain a job with us post-graduation.

4. What is the average salary like for a teacher?

In Colombia, the average monthly salary for an ESL teacher is somewhere between \$700-1,000 depending on your contract, hours, and employer. Bear in mind that the cost of living in Colombia tends to be lower than other places like the US, Europe and Asia.



5. Do most schools provide accommodations for their teachers?

Post TEFL certification, most schools in Colombia do not provide accommodations for their teachers.

6. Do schools provide health insurance?

Yes, some schools provide health insurance, others will sign you up for the local health care and then will expect you to pay for it.

7. Do schools provide work permits?

Most schools will provide a work visa sponsorship in Colombia. You cannot work in Colombia without a work visa, here called a “Migrant Visa”.

8. What is a typical teaching position like?

A typical teaching position in Colombia looks like one of two options, teaching children, or adults. Teaching English to children happens mostly in what is known as a colegio, or elementary school. Teaching English to adults normally takes place through different English institutions, many times geared towards business.

For the most part, both options are either Monday through Friday, or Monday through Saturday.

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

What country you are from, and if English is considered one of its official languages, will determine whether or not you can return home and teach English solely with your TEFL certificate.

1. What are the average housing and living expenses in Colombia?

Depending on your particular lifestyle, you could end up spending anywhere from \$350-1,000/ month on housing and living expenses. It more or less all depends on the area of town that you choose to reside in. If you choose to live closer to your job, you could end up paying a little more in rent, but you would pay less in public transportation, because you have the availability to walk, etc.

2. What do I do if I get sick in Bogotá? Are there western-standard medical facilities?

If you were to be working here in Bogotá, you would be signed up for the local form of healthcare and could see a doctor with or without an appointment.

Yes, considering Colombia is considered a part of the western world, you will have access to western-standard medical facilities.

3. What 's the public transportation system like?

The public transportation consists of three major parts: Transmilenio (Red), SIITP(Blue/Orange), and Busetas (varying colors, all with large signs in the windshield displaying their destinations). All three of these options are buses. Transmilenio covers longer distances faster and picks up more frequently in their designated stations. SIITP has more routes and covers more ground from their designated street signs. Lastly, busetas can be hailed anywhere in the city, paid in cash, have no designated stops, so you can pick up and hop off wherever you like.



1. How do I get to Bogotá?

El Dorado International Airport, located 15 km from the city center, offers an easy way to arrive to Bogotá. Like arriving in any country, expect to spend about an hour after landing clearing customs and immigration.

There is a line of taxis just out the front doors of El Dorado. Many people will be offering to drive you where you need to go upon arrival, however, simply look for the line of taxis when you exit the doors for all first timer's to Bogotá.

2. What travel documents do I need to bring for Colombia?

The documents you may need to enter Colombia depend on your country of origin. Please contact your nearest Colombian Embassy for more information or have a look here:

https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites_servicios/visa/requisitos

3. What additional documents do I need to bring if I want to find work in Colombia?

There are a number of documents you should bring with you especially if you're thinking about finding a job after getting your TEF. You can bring either copies or originals:

- Passport
 - You'll need this to even enter the country, but it is also essential for your work visa and your cédula (Colombian ID).

- College Degree
 - Bring an apostilled copy of your college degree with you.

- TEFL/CELTA
 - You will need some kind of ESL certification if your intention is to teach English in Colombia.



- Social Security Statement, National Insurance Statement, or your country's equivalent
 - You can access a Social Security statement via <https://www.ssa.gov/> and for National Insurance <https://www.gov.uk/check-national-insurance-record>.

- Birth Certificate
 - A birth certificate is not required to get your visa or cédula, so if you only plan to stay in Colombia for a year or two, you can leave this one at home.
 - If you plan to stay for a few years, or get married, it's a good idea to bring an official, apostilled certificate from the state in which you were born. Don't forget to have it officially translated into Spanish first!

4. What does “apostilled” mean?

An apostille is a certificate issued by a designated authority in a country where the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement for Legalization of Foreign Public Documents, Apostille Convention, is in force. Apostilles authenticate the seals and signatures of officials on public documents such as birth certificates, notaries, court orders, or any other document issued by a public authority so that they can be recognized in foreign countries that are parties to the Convention.

Degrees and birth certificates need to be authenticated in the state where they were issued. There are companies that do this for you, but please be aware they charge an enormous amount (\$60 US or more) for something that is easy for you to do and should cost only a few dollars.

If you are planning on looking for a job in Colombia, get your university diploma apostilled before coming to Colombia as this is a common requirement when applying for a visa.

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

There are two more distinct types of climates in Colombia (rain and less rain).

Colombia consists of mostly tropical climates interrupted by the Andes Mountains which are high in elevation, ultimately producing cooler climates. Basically, anywhere you go in the country that is not high in elevation will be very warm.

- Bogotá is normally between 7-18 degrees Celsius (45-65 degrees Fahrenheit).
- Medellín is normally between 23-30 degrees Celsius (75-85 degrees Fahrenheit).
- Cartagena/Santa Marta/Cali is normally between 29-37 degrees Celsius (85-100 degrees Fahrenheit).



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