



Location and Course Information Kathmandu, Nepal

The following contains very important information about your course and travelling to Nepal. Please ensure you read it thoroughly and keep it for future reference. Although we have tried to provide you with as much information as possible in order that you can prepare yourself comfortably for your journey to Nepal, we do recommend that you purchase a guide book of your own, and/or conduct your own research prior to your trip. Of course, if you have any queries at all, please remember that we are here to help and that you can contact your Course Administrator, Veswengol GC, at any time on nepal@teflife.com

Deposit

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*Please write your name, the course location, course dates, and your Email address on the back of the check. This is very important so that we can immediately notify you when the check has been received.

4. Pay by bank transfer:

Bank of America
Routing No. 02600959-3
Swift Code BOFAUS65
Account No. 004541342524 FOR WIRE IN ONLY

CREDIT: TEFL INTERNATIONAL
Bank of America, N.A.
110 South Pacific Hwy

Woodburn, OR 97071
Tel. No. 503 982-2265

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5. We apologize for repeating ourselves but cash on arrival is NOT an acceptable method of final payment. If you do not gain our approval beforehand by sending us an email at applications@teflife.com, your cash payments will be charged an additional 10 percent handling charge.

All payments MUST be made by the end of lunch on the first day unless special arrangements have been made with the course administrator. Late fees of \$25 per day may be assessed if payment is not made.

If payments have not been received by the end of class on the first Wednesday, you must gain permission from applications@teflife.com to remain in the course.

ACCOMMODATION

We can book accommodation for you in our preferred hotels in Kathmandu. You are, of course, more than welcome to make your own accommodation arrangements.

Accommodation - Cost

We can offer you a range of prices, according to the standard of hotel and the type of room you would like to book. Prices for a Basic Option hotel start at \$200 per month (for a single, non-AC room). Prices for a Standard Option hotel start at \$360 per month (for a single, non-AC room).

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Accommodation – Facilities offered

All hotels have a restaurant, room service, laundry, room cleaning, and all have at least one outside space area (a garden, balcony, or roof terrace). Some have internet services and Wi-Fi. Your Course Administrator will send you all these details.

Accommodation – How and When to Pay

We will book your accommodation for you, but all payments are made directly to the hotel. You can pay by cash or credit card either on arrival or on departure.

Accommodation – Distance from the training center

Some of the accommodation is a 15 minute walk from the center. Some are a little further away - about a 30 minute walk. Details will be sent to you by your Course Administrator.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

We hold an orientation session at 4pm on the Sunday before your course starts. We therefore recommend that you arrive in Kathmandu by Sunday afternoon in order that you can familiarize yourself with your surroundings and at least un-pack your bags before orientation.

All the hotels we use for your accommodation provide free airport pick-up services. You will therefore be met by a driver at the airport and be taken directly to your hotel. Your Course Administrator will send you more detailed information about your arrival arrangements and the orientation session two weeks prior to your course start date.

VISA and PASSPORT INFORMATION

At the time of writing all visitors to Nepal (excluding Indian nationals), require a visa. Tourist visas can be obtained on arrival at the airport for every Nationality other than Chinese, or at most overland borders. Please note your passport should have at least six months validity remaining on arrival in Nepal.

For visas on arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport

These guidelines are for 60-day tourist entry visas. If you are planning to obtain any other kind of visa, you will need to check your own country's embassy website or the Nepal immigration website <http://www.viewnepal.com/immigration/> for the requirements.

For a 60-day tourist visa on arrival you will need:

- i) A completed application form. Application forms are available from the desk in the arrivals hall. (You may also be able to download an application form in advance from your own country's Nepali Embassy website.)
- ii) \$30 in cash. Some other major currencies are accepted, but it is easier to bring your visa fee in US Dollars.
- iii) One passport sized photograph. You can obtain this at the arrivals hall if you do not have one, but it will save you time to bring one with you.

Tourist visa extensions

Tourists can stay in Nepal for up to 150 days in one calendar year (01 Jan-31 Dec). Extensions to your tourist visa can be obtained at the Immigration Office in Kathmandu. A 30-day visa extension currently costs \$30.

TRAINING CENTER

Location of training center

We are hosted at Jyatha, Kantipath, sharing the same building with Kantipur Diagnostics, on the 3rd floor. It is opposite the Hotel Parasite. It is just a short distance walk from the hub of Thamel, which is the centre for most of the tourists in Kathmandu.

There is a small canteen on the premises, which sells hot, cold drinks and biscuits. There are many local shops to buy snacks from, and both Western- and Nepali-style restaurants to go to at lunchtime.

TRAINING

Training course schedule

Class-time is generally from 9:00 am to 4:45 pm, with breaks in the morning, lunchtimes, and afternoons. A typical day in the classroom consists of four one and a half hour 'inputs'. Approximately 6-8 days will be spent preparing for and undertaking your teaching practice sessions. Course timetables will be distributed during the first input on the first day of the course.

Trainees are expected to attend all input and other sessions included on the timetable unless they are sick and require medical treatment, or in the case of any other unavoidable circumstance. This is particularly important for Teaching Practice (TP). It is very difficult to arrange an alternate TP time and there will be an additional fee for rescheduled TP. Trainees will be expected to make up any missed inputs by either completing assignments set by the Trainer, or, in some cases, re-taking the input at a time outside timetabled hours ie. in the evening or at the weekend. In this case there will also be an additional fee.

Trainers and Staff

- o Kamal Poudel is your Lead Trainer.
- o Hemanta Raj Dahal is your 2nd Trainer and Program Manager.
- o Veswengol GC is your course Administrator.

We look forward to meeting you at the orientation session, where we will get a chance to find out a little bit more about each other!

Teaching practice

Your teaching practice will be conducted in a range of local Government and private primary and secondary schools, and in some instances we may be teaching at orphanages/colleges/other institutions.

Dress requirements

There are no specific dress requirements for the input session held at the training center. We do, however, ask you to be respectful of the country that you are in and ask you to dress in a modest fashion (no miniskirts, short shorts, low-cut tops etc.). For teaching practice you will be expected to dress in a smart and respectable manner. Please remember that you are representing not only yourself, but TEFL International *and* your country as well.

For women: Shoulders and knees should be covered. No low-cut tops, short skirts or bare midriffs. Trousers are acceptable. Open toed shoes are acceptable, however flip-flops/thongs, hiking boots and trainers are not.

For men: Long trousers only (no three-quarter length trousers). No jeans. Short or long-sleeved shirts with a collar are acceptable. A tie is not essential. Smart dress shoes or loafers are acceptable. Trainers, sandals, hiking boots or flip-flops/thongs are not.

TRAINEE FEEDBACK SESSIONS

There will be a trainee feedback session at the end of the course, and we try to schedule a mid-course feedback session as well. These sessions are aimed at giving trainees the opportunity to provide feedback regarding anything to do with the course, accommodation, and so on. We welcome your open and honest feedback so we can continue to improve the training course and the facilities provided at the training location. In addition to this it is a requirement that trainees complete an online feedback questionnaire at the end of the course. Although there are scheduled feedback times, please feel free to give feedback to any member of staff at any time. We want to make your experience as enjoyable as possible, so please do talk to us if there is something we can do to improve your experience.

LIVING COSTS

You will find living costs in Kathmandu to be very cheap. Here is a guideline to what you can expect to be paying for some common amenities:

Food & drink: A meal in a Nepali-style restaurant will cost you around \$1-2 plus drinks. A meal in a Western-style restaurant will cost you around \$4-6 plus drinks. Please note service charges and local taxes amounting to almost 25% are added to bills. One of the cheapest ways to eat is to buy food from bakeries and grocery stores, which are abundant in Kathmandu.

Laundry: An average price for laundry is 50 rupees (\$0.75) per kg. Usually it will be ready the next day. If your hotel offers a laundry service rates will be outlined on the hotel information sheet.

Internet: Internet costs vary but you can find rates for as little as 30 rupees (\$0.50) per hour.

Housing: Guesthouse rooms can be found for as little as \$2 per night. A private apartment in a residential area of town can be found for as little as \$100 per month.

Transport: There is no easy way to detail the costs of taxis and rickshaws as most of the time you will have to bargain hard! A taxi ride from the airport to Thamel should cost no more than 250 rupees (\$4). Taxis are inexpensive, but try to walk outside of the touristy areas to get a taxi, as you will get a better deal. It is always worth asking the driver to go by the meter, although most will not agree!

COMMUNICATIONS

Internet access

WiFi is available at the center, so please feel free to bring your laptops. There are local internet cafes which are easily accessible at lunchtime, and there are numerous internet cafes around Kathmandu, particularly around the Thamel area, which is a very short walk from all our accommodation options. Your hotel may also offer either internet access or even Wi-Fi.

Post

You can have post sent to the school address, as detailed below:

NAME (Surname in CAPITALS)
TEFL International
G.P.O. Box 24265
Kathmandu
Nepal

Telephone services

Incoming: You may be able to receive phone calls at your hotel. Please ask them for details about this option on arrival. It will be possible to receive emergency phone calls at the school. The number is +977-1- 425 9244.

Outgoing: There are numerous communications centers where you can make outgoing phone calls – both internationally and locally. International calls cost from 20-30 rupees (\$0.50) per minute to a landline or mobile. Internet phones are really which costs around 3-5 rupees (\$0.04-\$1), it is almost like you talking on the Skype, but you don't have to use a computer/Internet. SIM cards can be purchased from around \$8. Please note that the mobile networks in Nepal are not all that reliable. You may need to be patient! If you are planning to buy a SIM card to send text messages or make international phone calls, you should check before purchasing one to ensure you will actually be able to do this. Please ask us for more help with this once you are here. You may also be required to provide a passport sized photograph when you purchase a SIM card in Nepal. If you are planning to bring your mobile phone with you from home, it is always a good idea to contact your Network provider/phone company in order to ensure your phone will actually work abroad.

MONEY MATTERS

There are many ATMs and money changers all over Kathmandu which accept all major credit cards. You can also have money sent using Western Union or MoneyGram services, should you need to.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Most local journeys in Kathmandu can be taken on foot, however some people prefer to take a taxi or a cycle rickshaw. Both are inexpensive. Please ask us for more help with taxi fares once you arrive. There are also local buses and electric/L.P.G. gas 'mini-buses'. Some people like to hire a mountain bike for the duration of their stay (please ask us for more help with this on your arrival, if you are interested. Mountain bikes can be hired for around 100 rupees/\$1.75 per day).

MEDICAL MATTERS/FIRST AID

Please help us to help you by telling us immediately if you have any health concerns, or if you start to feel unwell. We will, of course, help you with visiting doctors, hospital and pharmacies should this be necessary. At the time of writing there are no official immunization requirements for Nepal, but we advise that you visit your Doctor/Health Worker to discuss this in more detail prior to your departure. Obviously if you are planning any onward travel you will need to check each Country's immunization requirements too.

INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that you purchase travel insurance to cover theft, loss, and medical costs. Please spend some time researching this before your trip. If you are planning on going trekking or taking part in outdoor activities such as rafting/bungee jumping, please read your insurance terms carefully as some policies do not cover for accidents/injuries occurring at the time of, or as a result of, such activities.

CLIMATE

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COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

If anybody has a complaint about any aspect of the course or about any of the staff members, you can either talk to a member of staff at the center (if you feel comfortable doing so), or you may email our Customer Complaints team on applications@teflife.com

USEFUL WEBSITES

Visas Information: www.viewnepal.com/immigration

Weather in Nepal: www.bbc.co.uk/weather, www.nepalhomepage.com/hotlinks/weather

Travelling in

Nepal: www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide/nepal, www.visitnepal.com, www.nepalvista.com, www.welcomenepal.com,

Contact us should you have any other questions or concerns.

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Thank you for choosing TEFL International!

We look forward to welcoming you to the fascinating country of Nepal!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS Kathmandu, Nepal

2. What is the cost of the programme?

Total : US\$ 1,390
Comprised of : US\$ 500 non-refundable deposit
US\$ 890 final payment

3. What does the course fee include?

Tuition, course materials, and certification fees.

4. What costs are not included within this course fee?

Accommodation, airfares, food costs and personal expenditure costs incurred in the evenings and weekends are not included.

5. How do I pay for the course?

By this stage, you should already have paid the US\$ 500 deposit either online by credit card or via bank transfer.

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11. How far is the accommodation from the training centre?

Some of the accommodation is a 2 minute walk from the centre. Some are a little further away - about a 20 minute walk. Details will be sent to you by your Course Administrator.

12. Are there any catering facilities at the school?

There is a very simple kitchen area on the premises, which has hot and cold water supplies. There are many local shops to buy snacks from, and both Western- and Nepali-style restaurants to go to at lunchtime.

13. What is an average program day like?

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14. Who are my trainers?

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

We are a new centre and it therefore difficult to give a good indication, however our group sizes do tend to be small. However, our centre can accommodate up to 18 trainees. Most of the participants come from native English-speaking countries (America, UK, Canada or Australia), although we do accept non-native speakers of English who have a high proficiency in the English language.

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

Teaching practice will be conducted in local Government or private primary and/or secondary schools, and in some instances we may be teaching at orphanages/colleges/other institutions.

17. Any dress code requirements?

There are no specific dress requirements for the input sessions held at the training centre. We do, however, ask you to be respectful of the country that you are in and ask you to dress in a modest fashion (no miniskirts, short shorts, low-cut tops etc.). For teaching practice you will be expected to dress in a smart and respectable manner. Please remember that you are representing not only yourself, but TEFL International *and* your country as well.

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18. Do I need to bring any equipment?

The only equipment you will need to bring is a notebook, and of course your laptop if you wish. There are local stationery shops at which you can purchase a notebook, so you don't even need to bring this with you. Your coursebook will be provided for you. You will be required to make your own materials for your teaching practice sessions, however we will provide you with all the necessary stationery for this.

19. How can I access the Internet?

Internet is available at the centre, so please feel free to bring your laptops. There are local internet cafes which are easily accessible at lunchtime, and there are numerous internet cafes around Kathmandu, particularly around the Thamel area, which is a very short walk from all our accommodation options and our centre. Your hotel may also offer either internet access or even Wi-Fi.

20. Can I use my ATMs and credit cards in Kathmandu?

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21. What's the public transportation system like?

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22. What's the climate like?

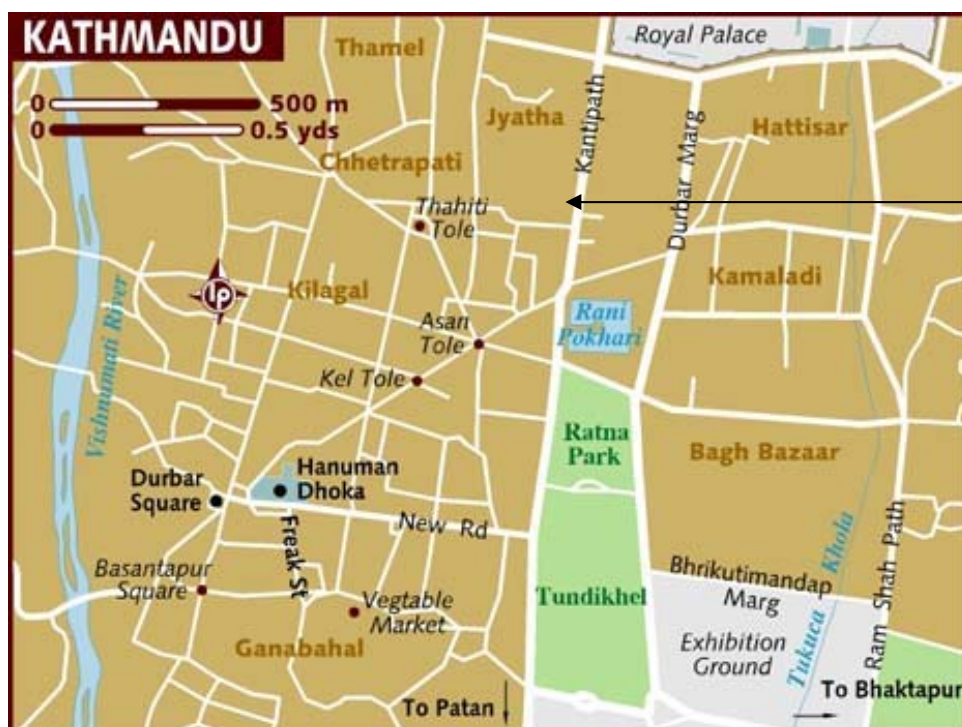
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Map and directions to our centre



Directions

Walking South down Kantipath

1. On the right-hand side you will pass a red Yamaha shop. Take the next right-hand turn after this shop. (You will see a small dark blue sign-post for Hotel Paradise Plaza).
2. About 10 metres down on the right-hand side you will see some black gates with 'Kantipur Diagnostic Centre' in yellow writing (just opposite Hotel Paradise Plaza). Walk through the gate towards the central courtyard, turn to your right and head up the stairs to the third floor.
3. Welcome to TEFL International!

Walking North up Kantipath

1. On the left-hand side you will pass a book store called 'Educational Book Store'.
2. Carry on walking and take the left-hand turn just after the fruit shop.
3. About 10 metres down on the right-hand side you will see some black gates with 'Kantipur Diagnostic Centre' in yellow writing (just opposite Hotel Paradise Plaza). Walk through the gate towards the central courtyard, turn to your right and head up the stairs to the third floor.
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