

TEACH IN ETHIOPIA

Gap year or sea change?

I am a British/Australian teacher with 14 years teaching experience in both Australia and Ethiopia. I am currently living in Addis Ababa assisting a number of local schools with their annual recruitment of native English speaking teachers.

Introduction to Ethiopia

A land of contrasts and extremes- high mountains, deep depressions, ancient ruins, medieval castles, rock hewn churches and over 80 diverse cultures- Ethiopia is a truly amazing country. The bustling metropolis of Addis Ababa is undergoing a rapid development in building construction and transport infrastructure and is regarded as one of the world's safest cities. It is recognized as the capital of Africa being the home of the African Union and also hosts the United Nations and European Union.

Education in Ethiopia

This rapid urban development is fuelling growth in the Ethiopian schooling sector and creating on-going demand for native English speaking teachers, particularly as the Ethiopian curriculum is taught in English from Year 5. Most of this demand is in the non-government sector which offers a low to moderate fee structure. Approximately 50% of school children in Addis Ababa are enrolled in non-government schools.

Teaching Opportunities

Although there is ongoing demand throughout the year, it is strongest for the start of the academic year in September. This year schools are looking to recruit qualified elementary and secondary (maths/science and English/humanities) teachers. There are also some openings to teach English in the Kinder/Pre-school sector and a vacancy for a primary school principal to lead a new school. Applicants must hold an education related degree. Teaching experience and an ESL type qualification are desirable but not essential.

Teachers Remuneration

Remuneration packages vary from school to school and may include assistance with airfares, work and residency permits, monthly salary and the provision of accommodation or an accommodation allowance.

Travel and Adventure Opportunities

Travelling in Ethiopia *“is a life altering experience as it offers a heady mix of other worldly landscapes, captivating cultures, historical wonders and sensational outdoor activities”* – Lonely Planet.

During semester breaks and at the end of your contract you will have the ability to travel this unique country taking advantage of your resident status for discounts, including on domestic flights.

If you'd like more information about the exciting opportunities available to make a meaningful contribution to education in Ethiopia for the next academic year please contact Paul Lawrence as soon as possible.