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TEACHING ENGLISH IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

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Synopsis

Are you a young professional interested in moving abroad to work? Are you farther along in your career but looking for a change of pace and lifestyle? This book is meant to show you that a year or more teaching abroad is well within your reach! With as little as one month of teacher training, you'll be a viable candidate for teaching jobs throughout Southeast Asia, which will allow you to earn enough to live comfortably in your home city and even to travel throughout the region in your time off. Moving abroad is a stressful subject to think about, and is surrounded by uncertainty. Things are even more uncertain concerning the countries of Southeast Asia. You're sure to have lots of questions about how long it will take you to find a job, what qualifications you'll need, how much you'll earn, and how much you'll spend. Will you be able to find an apartment with WIFI? Will you be safe? Will you be able to find a decent hospital if you get sick? These are all things that many people wonder about if they haven't been to the region before. This book is meant to give you accurate information based on the author's experience living and traveling throughout the region, interviews with over 20 teachers throughout the three countries, and extensive online research as well. This book is also meant to save you time as you search for the best information about teaching in Southeast Asia. You can spend hours combing through scattered blog posts about what it's like to teach in each country. You'll find lots of stories about what people had for dinner. Everyone will tell you how cute their students are. But what you won't find is accurate and clearly presented information about the things you need to know most - how each country is alike and different from the others. This guide gives you more information about how much you'll spend from day to day in each country, what kinds of things you'll be able to do in your free time, how easy it will be to find a job, and how much you can expect to earn. Another big feature of this guide is an extensive list of schools and teacher placement agencies in each country. Many schools can be difficult to find through a simple Google search, but extensive research has been done to present the most comprehensive list of language schools in each country where you can look for work. In short, this book is meant to give you the practical information and insight you need to follow in the footsteps of tens of thousands of teachers who have happily lived and worked in Southeast Asia. You'll learn how to get qualified, how to look for a job, what to expect when you come abroad, and even how to build your career and further your education while living abroad. Whether you plan to teach abroad during your gap year, during a break between jobs, or as a longer-term career change, this book will help prepare you for a fun and productive year abroad.

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Customer Reviews

I buy a lot of Kindle books and I recently bought one about living in Vietnam written by someone teaching English there. The book was so bad I returned it for a refund. Fortunately everything that was bad about that book was good in this information masterpiece by Nathan Edgerton. I was amazed by the care that Nathan has taken to put this book together. Not everyone out there is going to be interested in teaching in Laos, Cambodia or Vietnam and so the potential reading audience is pretty small. After all how many people are out there that have ever considered moving to Laos and teaching English? Nevertheless Nathan manages to make that sound like a potentially fascinating adventure. In fact he has written this book like he expected it to be a best seller AND IT SHOULD BE A BEST SELLER. First of all the author has taught English in South East Asia for many years and certainly knows what he is talking about. But in addition to that he has interviewed many English teachers in South East Asia and has pulled all this information together into a very well organized, interesting and easy-to-understand book. Hey the guy is obviously a great English teacher and he can organize a book and write! But what I liked as much as all the information about teaching English in these countries is the fact that Nathan is truly a good will ambassador to the people of South East Asia. In addition to teaching our language he works to learn their language

and to understand them. He evidences a lot of cultural understanding and sensitivity in this book and you do not even have to be interested in teaching English to enjoy the author's insights about living, socializing and eating in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. And the pictures are really interesting! I am planning to relocate to South East Asia probably sometime in the next year. I do not really need to get a job there. But after reading this book I am ready to dust off my diplomas, get a 30 day teacher's certificate and do this as a way to meet people and understand the local culture better. Great book for anybody interested in South East Asia!

As anyone who has ever entertained the notion of spending a year or two teaching English overseas will know, it can be incredibly difficult to find a source of useful, objective and unbiased information. It seems almost a prerequisite for teachers to keep a blog of their experiences, but all too often their - albeit funny and entertaining - posts only skim the surface of the realities of life as an English teacher. They'll tell you about their favourite Thai dishes, where to find the best bowl of Pho in Hanoi or the best bar in Phnom Penh, but when it comes to questions like 'how will I find work?', 'do I need to speak the language of my host country?' or, most importantly, 'what qualifications do I need to find a job?' they're often frustratingly silent. This book presents all that information and more. It doesn't just rave on about the food and weather, but tells you exactly what you need to know to make your dream a reality. It gives you solid guidance drawn from those who've gone before to help you find a great job, avoid the pitfalls and make the most of your time in South East Asia. I've never personally taught English (though I've lived in Bangkok for several years and travelled extensively in the region), but based on how closely the content of this book matches the experiences of my teacher friends I'd have no hesitation in recommending this guide to anyone interested in exploring the possibility.

Great little book with a wealth of experience that clearly reflects the author's multi-year stay in SE Asia. Anyone curious as to what the realities of what TEFL in SE Asia looks like should read this, it is an excellent primer and has many practical resources as well (information about teaching programs, places to teach, average costs & earnings, etc.). Even more, once I decided I wanted to join a friend of mine in Thailand (not covered in this book) and wrote the author a few questions given he'd lived in Thailand, he wrote me back quickly with a ton of great information, and even suggested we get a beer in Bangkok and talk it over in person. I'm going to take him up on that offer, and if you're at all curious about teaching English in SE Asia, you should pick up this book.

I was really impressed with this book. The book is concise without being short. The content is good and placed in the logical location. Particularly, I liked the comparisons between the countries. The school and certificate references also make it worth a re-read or keeping the book on your virtual shelf. Free sources have some of this information, but nowhere are they organized like this. The book's author has a lot of years of experience teaching in and around these countries so that was also a plus. If you are thinking about teaching here, you should definitely pick up the ebook.

This book is clear, concise and very informative. I would also recommend a Facebook page called Teaching English in Cambodia. It is a good resource that is current and down to earth. This book is a good read if you are seriously considering teaching English in Southeast Asia.

Very informative book.

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