

# LANGUAGE LIVING

“Laine and I couldn’t be luckier with our family. They are amazing. We go to different places around Spain with them: Toledo, Sagovia, the Mountains, and more. Teaching is also going really well. Since I am terrible at Spanish, the girls have been speaking a bunch of English, and they enjoy it. We have been using the worksheets and some of the ideas you gave us. I’ve loved every second of it.” -Laura B.



- **Who:** Native English, German, French, Spanish, or Italian speakers between the ages of 18-30.
- **When:** 1-3 month terms, year-round.
- **Where:** Positions in Brazil, France, Italy, Peru, Spain, and Thailand.
- **What:** Volunteer English (or your native language) teaching to a host family in exchange for affordable room and board.
- **How:** First submit your Teach Application, interview, then submit payment, starting from: \$1430 (Brazil), \$1635 (France, Italy), \$1330 (Peru), \$2260 (Spain), or \$1480 (Thailand).

“ I have been teaching lots! The kids are great, and I have had a lot of fun with them. To help me with cultural aspects, the children created a mini-news program called Niño News. Pol and Sergi were the anchors, and they would describe holidays of the Catalans and how they differed from those in the states... As of this past Sunday, I am officially done teaching. I have two weeks before I head to Norway. On Monday I went to Las Ramblas. Yesterday, I went to El Museo de Ciencias.” -Tim Quirk

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## PERKS

Guaranteed teach placement with host family.

Private room with host family.

3 Meals per day, 6 days per week.

Full-time English speaking pre-departure and local support from our team of coordinators.

Basic International Traveler’s Insurance with Medical.



Join Our Community to ask questions:

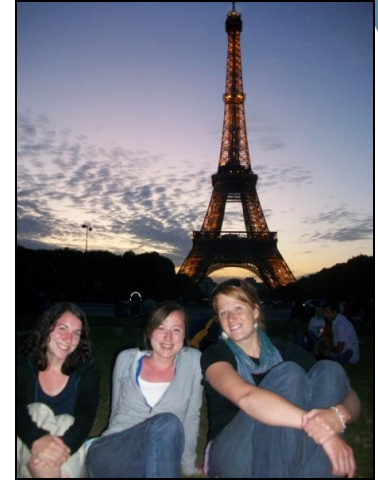


Read blogs from current participants or email us: [info@culturalembbrace.com](mailto:info@culturalembbrace.com)

# PROGRAM DETAILS & FAQs

## *Language Exchange Offers:*

- The satisfaction of helping others.
- An opportunity to broaden your perspective and worldview.
- An economical way to live and travel abroad.
- The chance to make lifelong friends from around the world.
- Valuable, marketable teaching experience that strengthens your resume.
- An opportunity to participate in and learn local cultural activities (e.g. language, music, dancing, cooking).
- Memorable travel experiences with the chance to see exotic sites you have always dreamed about.
- A great way to develop and support your self-confidence and interpersonal skills.



## *Cultural Embrace Includes:*

- ✓ **Guaranteed Host Family Placement Prior to Departure**  
*Cultural Embrace* provides you with a host family profile that matches your language level, goals, and preferences prior to your departure date. All host families are pre-screened and most have a past in hosting international students or other cultural exchanges. You will teach English or your native language (ie: French, German, Italian, Spanish, etc.) to your local host family for approximately 15 hours/week.
- ✓ **Accommodations and Full Board**  
You will receive a private room in your host family's home, as well as 3 meals per day, 6 days per week as compensation for your services.
- ✓ **Arrival Assistance**  
Most families will be more than happy to pick you up from the airport. In instances where this is not possible, *Cultural Embrace* will provide you with detailed public transportation directions, or optional private airport pick-up is available for additional fees.
- ✓ **Visa Assistance**  
Participants may stay up to 90 days and travel on a tourist visa. Please contact the local foreign Embassy or Consulate to check details, or ask your *CE* coordinator. Please note that any visa fees are the responsibility of the applicant. And, while we can assist you during the process, ultimately it is your responsibility to ensure that you have obtained the appropriate visa for your work experience. *Cultural Embrace* has no control over the visa process and cannot guarantee that your visa application will be accepted.

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✓ **International Traveler's Insurance with Basic Major Medical Coverage**

*Cultural Embrace* includes basic traveler's insurance with medical coverage. Additional policies and premium plans are available at extra cost.

✓ ***Cultural Embrace* "Cultural Kit"**

Before your departure, *Cultural Embrace* will send you material filled with useful tips, advice, information, and your insurance card to prepare you for the amazing adventure of living and teaching abroad.

✓ **Full-time Representation**

*Cultural Embrace* provides representation in the United States and your host country prior to, during, and after your placement.

✓ **Optional Online TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) Course**

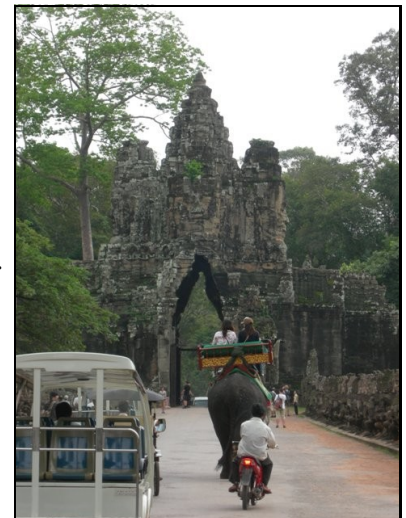
This course teaches the skills and techniques required for successful language instruction and classroom preparation. It is a 20-unit course that may be completed at your leisure, requiring approximately 100-120 hours of attention. You will receive a TEFL certificate upon course completion.



## ***Requirements:***

In order to participate in our Language Living program(s), *Cultural Embrace* requires that you:

- Be competent and fluent in your native language, English is most requested from local families, but other languages can be arranged too
- Have earned a high school diploma or certificate
- Be between the ages of 18-30
- Elementary knowledge of host country's language preferred, but not required.
- Enjoy teaching/tutoring adults or children
- Possess good lesson planning and organizational skills.
- Be a non-smoker, or willing to not smoke in the host family's home.
- Remain flexible and willing to embrace foreign cultures and the experience of living abroad.
- Be responsible and dedicated to completing the full term of your placement.



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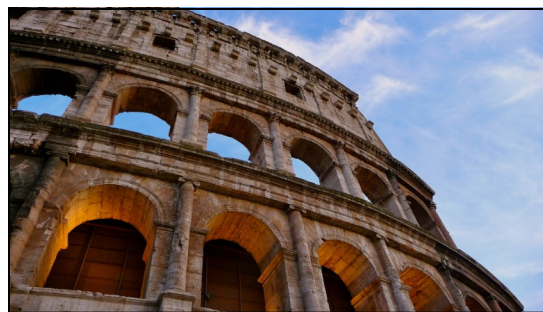
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## 2012 Program Fees:

<b>Brazil</b>	US\$1430 (1 month) +\$275 (each add'l month)
<b>France</b>	US\$1635 (1 month) +\$225 (each add'l month)
<b>Italy</b>	US\$1635 (1 month) +\$225 (each add'l month)
<b>Spain</b>	US\$2260 (1 month) +\$365 (each add'l month)
<b>Peru</b>	US\$1330 (1 month) +\$295 (each add'l month)
<b>Thailand</b>	US\$1480 (1 month) +\$170 (each add'l month)



\* Can\$, Aus\$, Br£, and Euro€ can be accepted with an additional service charge for currency conversion.

\*\* Please note prices are subject to change according to world currency exchange rates.

## Miscellaneous Country Specific Information:

### France and Italy:

- You have the option of splitting your time between two families, which affords the chance to live in two different regions of the country!
- You must be a graduate or currently enrolled in college/university.
- You must be a native speaker of English, German, or Spanish.

### Spain:

- There will be an two-nights (Thursday & Friday, without meals) orientation in Barcelona upon arrival. Starts any Thursday during the entire year.
- Domestic transportation from Barcelona to host family's location.
- You must be a native speaker of German, English, or French .
- Must be 18-30 years old.

### Brazil:

- Must be 18-30 years of age and a native English speaker.

### Thailand:

- 2-day all-inclusive orientation in Bangkok upon arrival.

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## *Country Specific Information:*

- 1-3 month placements available; you may start any-time of the year.
- Please apply 3 months prior to desired start date.

## *How to Apply:*

1. Obtain the **Teach Abroad Application Forms & Procedures** documents in one of two ways:
  - (a) Download the forms from our website at [www.culturalembrace.com](http://www.culturalembrace.com)
  - (b) Call *Cultural Embrace* at 1-512-469-9089 or Skype: *Cultural.Embrace* to have the forms mailed to you within 3-4 days.
2. Read the instructions carefully and complete all forms.
3. Submit your completed application packet to:

**Cultural Embrace**  
7201 Bill Hughes Rd.  
Austin, TX 78745

## *Completed packets should include the following:*

- Completed Teach Program Application.
- Signed Teach Program Agreement.
- Resume/CV.
- One smiling full-length picture.
- Proof of high school graduation or equivalent.
- Copy of your passport (information page only).
- Cover letter explaining why you want to teach abroad.
- Two References: preferably professional and/or character references.
- Two passport-size photos with your name written on the back of each photograph.
- US\$250 non-refundable deposit (credited towards your program fee).

Upon receipt of your application, a *Cultural Embrace* coordinator will contact you for a 20-30 minute phone interview. Once we accept you in to our program, you will receive an invoice for the remainder of your program fee. In order for us to contact our local partners to start your placement process and initiate the online TEFL course (if applicable), we require at least 50% of your program fee. We recommend submitting your application and program fee at least



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3-4 months prior to your desired start date in order for us to organize and arrange your Language Living placement.

\* *Cultural Embrace* requires an expedited application fee for those applying 12 weeks or less before the desired date of departure. Applications received 8-12 weeks prior to desired departure date will be charged \$150. Applications received less than 8 weeks before the desired departure date will be charged \$250.

## *Frequently Asked Questions:*

1) *Why should I pay to teach abroad, and where does my money go to with Cultural Embrace?*

*Cultural Embrace* and our partners abroad specialize in arranging a guaranteed teach placement, housing, orientation, and insurance prior to your departure. This will alleviate the troubles and stress of getting everything organized in a new country, so you will have more time and energy to spend on your teach placement and living abroad. Your time abroad will still be an independent and memorable one, but we are here to guide you to a safe, healthy and comfortable experience before, during, and after your adventure.



You will be assigned an experienced Program Coordinator from our Austin, Texas office. He/She will provide personalized attention to help pre-arrange your teach placement, housing and travel needs. Our Program Coordinator will work with our in-country representative to match your requests and background skills with the availability and needs of the local host families. Once you go abroad, you will be assisted by our in-country representative who will directly supervise your Language Exchange placement.

Your program fee includes a guaranteed Language Living placement, housing, housing, full board, basic international traveler's insurance, and all of the administrative and logistical costs to set up your placement in the States and abroad. *Cultural Embrace* also pro-rates the expenses for marketing, advertising, and site visits/communication among all of our programs within our fees.

2) *Can I get paid for my Language Exchange teaching?*

The Language Exchange program is unpaid. You are donating 15 hours/week of teaching in exchange for room and board. It is a very cost efficient and affordable way to go abroad, provide a service, integrate with the locals, gain a new perspective, and have fun! If you are interested in the paid opportunities, *Cultural Embrace* offers teach programs for semester to academic year commitments. Please just let us know and we will be happy to provide information on these programs.

3) *Where are the teach placements located and can I choose where I will be placed?*

We ask participants to state their preferred country: China, Brazil, France, Italy, or Spain. We have

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families across these countries that are looking for English teachers. Participants are encouraged to express their preferred destination cities to *Cultural Embrace*, but placements are made based on availability of families, the qualifications of the teacher, and the time of year.

### 4) *How long can I participate in Language Living?*

Language Living placements are 1-3 months. Please note that 90 days is the maximum for you to be in a particular country, as well as the European Union. If you wish to do some traveling before or after your program, you will want to factor travel time within your 90 days.

### 5) *What type of visa assistance does **Cultural Embrace** provide?*

Since these placements are for a maximum of 3 months, and unpaid, you may go abroad for this program on a tourist visa. Please note that while we will assist you during the visa process, it is ultimately your responsibility to ensure that you have obtained the appropriate visa for your work experience. For Americans, Brazil is the only country in which you will need to obtain a special visa for this program, for other nationalities, please check with your local embassy or consulate about visa regulations. *Cultural Embrace* has no control over the visa process and cannot guarantee that your visa application will be accepted.

### 6) *What is the application process like, and when will I have confirmation about my placement?*

After C.E. receives your completed application, you will be assigned a personal Program Coordinator who will work with you through your departure and beyond. He/She will conduct ~30 phone/web interview (or in person, if applicable) to discuss your background, goals, and expectations of your time abroad. Then, you will receive an invoice for the remainder of the program, and once we receive at least half of this fee, we will send your resume/CV to our partners abroad to find available families. All placements are confirmed prior to departure with both host family and participant agreeing on the terms, duties, responsibilities, and schedule.

### 7) *Where will I live?*

You will live with the host family that you will be providing language tutoring services to. A private room and all meals will be provided to you in exchange for your teaching services.

### 8) *What should I pack?*

We suggest bringing any teaching resources and lesson materials with you. We also recommend that you dress with a "smart casual" attitude. However, we will provide you with more details in your *Cultural Embrace* pre-departure kit regarding your placement and your packing list.



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9) *Can I teach and/or live with a friend or partner?*

Yes, you can enroll in this program with other people, however, please note that your host family may or may not be willing to host two teachers. If we cannot find you teaching positions with the same family, we will try our best to organize your placements in the same area. Additionally, we encourage you to travel and explore your world with others. This enhances your experience and memories, and you can be rewarded for referring others to travel on a *Cultural Embrace* program.

10) *How long will it take to make my placement?*

We ask that you apply at least 12-16 weeks in advance of your desired start date. We do recommend applying as early as you can, though. Placements may take less time than this, but we want to ensure that we have enough time to find the best possible position for you and that you have sufficient time to prepare lessons and to obtain the proper visas etc. As mentioned above, there are additional administrative fees if you apply less than 12 weeks in advance, and we do not contact our local partners until we receive at least 50% of the program fee.

11) *Is there a foreign language requirement?*

Knowledge of the local language is helpful but not required. If you wish to take language lessons before or during your placement, please contact a *Cultural Embrace* representative.



12) *When should I buy my plane ticket(s) and does Cultural Embrace provide any resources to help with plane tickets?*

Plane tickets should not be purchased until after your placement has been confirmed. *Cultural Embrace* works with consolidators and discount travel agencies that can help find cheaper tickets than those that are available to the general public. We have a partnership with STA Travel (1-877-236-1048) for great student/youth rates, and they have a very nominal service fee if you need to make any changes before or during your travels.

13) *What do I do if I have a problem or complaint with my teach placement?*

You must speak with your host family to give them an opportunity to explain or investigate the situation. If you feel the problem or complaint is not sufficiently addressed, then please contact your local representative abroad as well as *Cultural Embrace* (Austin office) so we can diplomatically mediate on your behalf. Please note that you will be assigned a local representative that will

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provide you with placement report(s) and end of the program evaluation.

16) *Is there someone I may speak to about their experience on this program, and being abroad?*

Yes, we have a network of current and past travelers that are happy to communicate with you.

Due to confidentiality, please contact our Austin office to receive a list of names and contact information of participants and alumni that have agreed to be contacted by others. Additionally, we encourage you to check out, use, and get involved with our social media community. These community sites will provide great insight of what you should expect on your adventure abroad. Plus, we provide additional discounts to our community members!

**Facebook Page** (<http://www.facebook.com/CulturalEmbraceTravel>)

**Twitter** (<http://twitter.com/culturalembrace>)

**Blog** (<http://www.culturalembrace.com/blog>)

**Youtube** (<http://www.youtube.com/user/CulturalEmbrace1>)

### ***A Few Words. . .***

At *Cultural Embrace*, we want to facilitate experiences that, first and foremost, help individuals have a safe and healthy time abroad while becoming better acquainted with both themselves and the richly textured cultures of the world around them. Our partnerships with companies, non-profits, and NGOs grant program participants the opportunity to explore Brazil first-hand while adding valuable content to their resumes. Interning in Brazil is, putting it shortly, a tremendously edifying experience that is sure to leave you with lasting memories and a renewed sense of purpose. So do yourself a favor: call *Cultural Embrace* straight away and let us start planning your once-in-a-lifetime international adventure!

*For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@culturalembrace.com](mailto:info@culturalembrace.com) or by phone at 1-512-469-9089 or Skype: Cultural Embrace.*



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