

FOR YOUR TEACH ABROAD TOOLKIT:

## 12-MONTH PLANNING TIMELINE AND PACKING LIST

## 12 MONTHS

- > Make a list of your **personal goals**
- > Research **countries** that interest you
- > Work out **your budget**, when you can go, and **how long** you can stay

## 11 MONTHS

- > Focus more on **specific goals**
- > Have teaching experience? If not, **get TEFL certified!**
- > **Chat with TEFL program provider**
- > **Share the great news with your fam** and get their two cents

## 10 MONTHS

- > **Continue the process** for your TEFL certification
- > **Start a fundraising campaign** (early bird gets the worm!)

## 8 MONTHS

- > **Finalize your placement** abroad
- > Brush up on your **foreign language skills**
- > **Give notice** to your school/employer

## 9 MONTHS

- > **Finish your TEFL Certification**
- > **Speak with program provider** to get placed abroad
- > **Stack teaching salary** against potential cost of living

## 7 MONTHS

- > **Check in** on your fundraiser
- > Start scouring for the **best travel tips**
- > Consider **starting your own blog**

## 6 MONTHS - HALFWAY THERE!

- > **Book your flight!**
- > **Research/book travel insurance**
- > **Start following the local news**

## 4 MONTHS

- > **Check in on your goals**
- > Map your **strengths and weaknesses**
- > **Research local classroom etiquette/culture**

## 5 MONTHS

- > **Organize all your travel documents** and copies
- > Reach out to **fellow teachers abroad**

## 3 MONTHS

- > You should have **almost all your \$\$\$**
- > **Never. Stop. Reading.**
- > Reach out to **placement coordinator** for any **last minute questions**
- > **Crack open those TEFL course books** to refresh

## 2 MONTHS

- > Register with **STEP**
- > **Alert your bank** about your travel plans
- > Download **ALL THE APPS**
- > Prep for **your first lesson plan!**

## 1 MONTH - TIME TO GO!

- > **Get packing!**
- > Finish any **last minute school/work**
- > **Buy a journal** to record your travels
- > **Say au revoir** to friends and fam!

## WHAT TO PACK

1. Your Passport!
2. Light jacket
3. Waterbottle
4. Sunglasses
5. Sunscreen
6. TEFL course book
7. Best teaching outfits
8. Camera
9. Cash on hand & debit card
10. Phone or tablet
11. Any necessary medications
12. Journal



13. A good book
14. Emergency numbers and contact info
15. A durable backpack to pack it all in!

