

## AHAsoc: Placement guides

### *Austria*



If you choose to spend your year teaching in Austria, you will usually be placed in 2 schools. Of course you have the choice of which age group you want to teach – Primary, 10-14, 14-18. Primary schools are pretty straightforward, whereas there are dozens of types of secondary schools; traditional Gymnasium, Handelsakademie, HTL (technical concentration), HLW (Management and Service Industry focused) to name but a few.

No matter where you are placed, you will be contracted for 13 hours a week and will receive a net monthly pay of approximately €1070. Thanks to the type of employment contract you are under you will be entitled to national healthcare in Austria.

There are around 120 posts available across all 9 Bundesländer, the most popular regions being, Wien, Salzburg and Tirol. As you would expect with the big cities, they are requested the most and so not everyone will get a post in Wien. However there is much more to Austria than its capital, this is why it's important to research the other states as well.

Upper Austria boasts cities like Linz, Kulturhauptstadt Europas 09 and small picturesque lakeside towns, such as Hallstatt – not to mention that it's perfectly placed for exploring Germany and the Czech Republic. The states of Kärnten and Steiermark are distinctly influenced by their southern neighbours of Italy and Slovenia. Graz - Austria's second city, is a bustling student metropolis, whose most famous son went on to become the Terminator!

In your application you will choose one region from each of these groups:

- Group A - Burgenland - Niederösterreich – Vorarlberg
- Group B - Kärnten - Oberösterreich – Steiermark
- Group C - Salzburg - Tirol – Wien

Applicants to Austria MAY be called to interview – details of which are to follow!

Depending upon where you are placed, you will spend 5 days at an induction course when you get to Austria at the end of September. Assistants placed in Vorarlberg, Tirol, Salzburg, Kärnten and Oberösterreich will go to the ski resort of Hintertglemm and those in Niederösterreich, Wien, Steiermark and Burgenland will have their induction in Graz.

This course is meant to give you tips on taking classes in school – realistically, it doesn't help that much, but it does provide you with some good ideas for an off-the-cuff class if you find yourself taking a class unexpectedly, or for those days when you haven't much prepared! The best aspect of the induction is that you meet all your fellow assistants in your state and in the states nearby. These people will be your friends throughout the year and this is the perfect place to start your friendship – over a beer while hiking up to an Almhütte (one of the more enjoyable events of the course!).