WECI TEFL Hua Hin

Where to stay in Hua Hin

A short guide for your four-week TEFL course

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Four weeks, one room, no drama

You'll be in class most weekdays and in a local school for your teaching practice. What you need is a clean room with air conditioning, a short trip to the school, and a price that doesn't eat the budget. This guide gets you there in a day or two.

The short version

- Book three to five nights somewhere central before you fly. Don't commit to a month unseen.
- Spend your first full day looking at rooms. Two or three viewings is enough.
- Pay for the month on day two or three, get a receipt, and give the landlord a copy of your passport.
- Expect to spend between 6,000 and 15,000 baht for the month, depending on how much comfort you want.

Where the school is

WECI is on Phet Kasem Road, the main road that runs the length of Hua Hin, close to the Vana Nava water park and the Holiday Inn. That puts it south of the town centre and north of Khao Takiab, which is why those two areas and the stretch between them are where most trainees end up.

The three areas

Area	What it's like	Getting to class
Town centre	The night market, Naresdamri Road, the pier restaurants and the beach. Busiest and most expensive. Good if you want everything on foot in the evenings.	10 to 15 minutes by green bus or scooter down Phet Kasem Road.
Soi 94 and the sois around it	Hua Hin's long-stay neighbourhood. Guesthouses, residences, small restaurants, laundries and a 7-Eleven on every corner. Best value and the easiest place to find a month's room.	Five to ten minutes. Some rooms are close enough to walk.
Khao Takiab	The beach village at the southern end, under the temple hill. Quieter, more local, lovely at sunrise. Fewer rooms by the month, so look early.	10 to 15 minutes north by green bus or scooter.

The residence WECI works with

> **La-Ong Residence.** This is the place the school recommends: air-conditioned rooms by the month and a short trip to class. The rate was 5,500 baht a month on the school's old website. Rates move, so ask the office for the current price when you book your place on the course. The school is adding a second residence for coming intakes and will send details on request.

WECI takes no commission from any landlord. The office recommends places because trainees have stayed there and come back happy.

What a month costs

Type of room	Typical monthly rent	What you get
Fan room in a guesthouse	4,500 to 7,000 baht	Basic, clean, a bed and a bathroom. Fine for the hardy, hot in April and May.
Air-conditioned studio in a residence	6,000 to 12,000 baht	The trainee standard. Air conditioning, hot water, wifi, often a fridge and a small balcony.
Condo with a pool	12,000 to 25,000 baht	A kitchen, a gym, a pool, security. Easiest through an agent or a booking site, and usually a bigger deposit.

These are typical ranges, not quotes. Prices rise in high season, from November to February, and fall in the rains.

On top of the rent. Residences bill electricity by the unit, commonly 7 to 8 baht, and a month of air conditioning adds 1,000 to 3,000 baht. Water is a few hundred baht. Most landlords ask for one month's rent as a deposit and return it when you leave the room as you found it.

How to book for a month

- **Before you fly:** book three to five nights in the centre or near Soi 94 on any booking site. That's your base for viewings.
- **Day one:** walk Soi 94 and the sois either side in the morning, when staff are at the desk. Ask for the monthly rate. It's often well below the nightly rate times thirty.
- **Online:** the Facebook groups for Hua Hin rentals list rooms by the month. Booking sites show monthly discounts if you set a 28-night stay.
- **Through the school:** tell the office your dates and budget. They'll point you to La-Ong or whichever place fits.
- **Paying:** cash or bank transfer. Get a receipt with the dates on it. The landlord will register your stay with immigration, which is normal and needs a passport copy.

Seven things to check before you pay

- Turn the air conditioning on and listen to it. Old units are loud and expensive.
- Run the shower. Hot water comes from a small heater on the wall, and it should work.
- Test the wifi on your phone, in the room, with the door closed.

- Look at the window. Does it face the road, a bar, a building site or a temple with a loudspeaker?
- Ask the electricity rate per unit and how it's read. Write it on the receipt.
- Ask what the deposit covers and when you get it back.
- Find the nearest laundry, 7-Eleven and food. If they're more than five minutes away, the room is cheaper than it looks for a reason.

Getting to class

- **The green bus.** Open-sided songthaews run up and down Phet Kasem Road all day. Wave one down, ring the bell to get off, pay the driver. Around 10 to 20 baht a ride.
- **A scooter.** Rental shops are everywhere. Expect 150 to 250 baht a day or 3,000 to 4,500 a month. You need a licence that covers motorbikes, an international permit to be legal, and a helmet every time. Traffic on Phet Kasem is fast.
- **Ride apps.** Grab and Bolt both work in Hua Hin and are cheap for short trips.
- **Walking.** If you stay near Soi 94, the school is a walk in the cooler months. Carry water in the hot ones.

Questions

Send them through the contact form on the WECI website. The office answers personally, and if you're arriving at a difficult hour they'll tell you where to go first.

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