



Classic Brighton Homestay

Homestay provides a friendly and comfortable home for students during their stay in Brighton. Students receive a lot of exposure to the English language, culture and way of life. EC's accommodation staff members visit all homestay providers before they are accepted to host students and then follow up with regular home visits to ensure the comfort and safety of our students.

What's Included

- English course
- Accommodation on full board
- Supervised activity programme:
 - 4 half day and 4 evening activities per week
 - 1 full day excursion for students staying minimum 2 weeks

Dates available

- 17 June - 25 August

Ages

- 13 - 17 years

The main areas that homestay providers can be found include; Woodingdean, Rottingdean, Ovingdean, Saltdean, Peacehaven & Hove.

Travel time from airport

Heathrow: approx 1.5 hours **Gatwick:** approx 30 mins

Arrival day Sunday

Departure day Saturday

Getting to school & activities

- Average bus journey to school 40 minutes.
- Average bus journey to city centre 30 minutes.
- Our families are situated within reach of the school by bus.
- A weekly bus pass costs approx £16.50 p/w and students must purchase it from the school on their first day. (This price is subject to change.)



Meals

Breakfast

Students receive a continental breakfast at their host family.

Lunch

Students will receive a hot lunch at the residence or in the city centre during the week except on days when they are out on excursions. At the weekend they will be provided with lunches by their homestay provider. Packed Lunch: Sandwiches, Crisps, Fruit, Chocolate Bar & Juice Hot Lunch: Salads, Pasta, Chicken, Fish & Chips, Pizza & Drink.

Dinner

Students will have a hot meal with the homestay provider.

Dietary Requirements

If students require a vegetarian diet EC must be informed of this prior to a student's arrival.

Medical

At the time of booking EC must be advised of any medical conditions, allergies or medication that needs to be taken by the student. EC will endeavour to find a homestay provider that can accept students with medical conditions. However if we are not advised of this in advance, EC cannot take responsibility should the homestay provider refuses to accept the student in their home.

European students travelling with a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are entitled to free public healthcare. All other students are required to pay approximately £50 to see a doctor, which students must pay at the time of their visit.

Accommodation

Room Type	Twin room - students are placed in a twin room with other students of the same gender
Bathrooms	Shared bathroom
Board status	Full board accommodation

Rooms include

- desk/table where students can do their homework (if not in the room, a place for studying will be provided in a common area)
- storage space

What to expect from the residence

- Students will also be provided with access to living areas during acceptable hours.
- All students will have access to a phone and will be allowed to accept incoming calls. If students want to make phone calls they must use a calling card. Calling cards can be found in many local stores.
- International Leaders are accommodated in twin rooms shared with another International Leader. If International Leaders book a single room, a single room supplement will be charged at the time of booking and reserved based on availability.

With advanced notice EC can accommodate special requests eg. non smoking family, no pets, allergies, special dietary requirements etc. However students should bear in mind that this may not always be possible.

Linen/towels

Bed linen is provided; students should bring their own towels - linen and towels will be cleaned once a week.

Laundry

Laundry facilities will be provided by the family once a week.

Learning centre

Classes are held on the campus of **Ovingdean Hall College**, located in the village of Ovingdean is an average of 40 minutes (maximum 60 minutes) bus ride away from homestay providers. Ovingdean Hall College has all the facilities for students to study and socialise in.

At EC Brighton students have a choice of attending either a General English course or an Intensive English course.

- General English - 20 lessons (45 mins each) per week. The course will help improve English language skills by focusing on the key areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening. A strong focus is placed on speech and using the language confidently and fluently. Lesson times are either 08:30 – 11:45 with a 15 minute break or 14:15 - 17:30 with a 15 minute break.
- Intensive English - 30 lessons (45 mins each) per week. This course follows a similar programme to General English but with 2 extra lessons every afternoon. Lesson times are 08:30 - 14:00 (or 12:30 - 17:30 on alternate weeks) with two breaks. Please note, students will be able to follow the activity programme if they participate in the Intensive Programme, however some half-day excursions might be different from the other students on the General English Course.
- EC Brighton operates an alternative double banking timetable where students attend morning classes one week and afternoon classes the following.
- Our dedicated and professional teaching staff provide feedback and support and help students build confidence to speak English.
- International classes

First Day

On the first day, all students sit a placement test allowing academic staff to place students in the appropriate class according to their level.

Maximum Class Size 15 students

Attendance

All students must attend school on a daily basis unless they are genuinely indisposed (due to illness, for example). In the case of a student falling ill we ask homestay providers to take the student to their family doctor. If a student is ill during school hours a member of staff will, if required, accompany him/her to the hospital (Out-Patients).

Educational materials

Course book and educational materials are provided. Students should bring their own notepaper and pens.

Sample programme

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Sunday	Arrivals		
Monday	Placement Test & Lessons	Brighton Orientation Tour	Welcome Party
Tuesday	Lessons	Bowling or Football	Cinema Night
Wednesday	Lessons	Free Afternoon for Shopping	Sports
Thursday	Lessons	Arundel Castle Excursion	Free Evening
Friday	Lessons	Royal Pavilion	EC Party Night
Saturday	Full Day Excursion to London		
Sunday	Free Day for Shopping		
Monday	Treasure Hunt	Lessons	Club Night
Tuesday	Beach Volley or Golf	Lessons	Cinema Night
Wednesday	Free Morning for Shopping	Lessons	Interactive Theatre & Games
Thursday	Seven Sisters Country Park	Lessons	Free Evening
Friday	Brighton Sealife Centre	Lessons	International Party
Saturday	Departures/Full Day Excursion to Cambridge or London for students staying 3+ weeks		

- This is a sample programme only and changes may occur
 - Any lessons / activities missed will not be made up
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Welfare, Rules and Disciplinary Action

Curfew times

- Students aged 13 - 15 must be home by 10 pm
- Students aged between 16 & 17 must be home no later than 11 pm. or on the last bus (which could be a little earlier)

Alcohol consumption

Any EC student on the Junior Programme caught consuming alcohol during their stay risks being expelled from the school and repatriated to their home country. No alcohol consumption is permitted during the programme regardless of age.

Drugs

The consumption of any illegal drugs will result in the immediate expulsion and repatriation of the student and the possible intervention of the police.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted during any part of the programme.

Customer Complaints

At EC, we endeavour to provide our students with the highest possible level of service. If, however, a student is unsatisfied with any aspect of their programme with EC, we ask that they inform us immediately. Most problems are small and can be quickly resolved by our staff members. During the first week of school, all students are given an Initial Course Evaluation form, in which they are asked to evaluate various aspects of their stay, such as tuition, accommodation and leisure. The form also allows students the opportunity to bring to our attention anything that is not to their satisfaction should they feel unable to speak to us directly. Solutions to any issues will be provided and all necessary parties will be notified when applicable. Students are also requested to complete an End of Course Evaluation form at the end of their stay such that they have the opportunity to provide EC with general feedback before returning to their home country.

Accommodation Rules

- Students must keep their room neat and tidy, including making their own bed every morning
- Curfew times must be respected by all students - if students know they are coming home late they should let their homestay provider know
- Students should ask their homestay provider before using their kitchen
- Students are liable for any damages/breakages to the homestay provider's property or possessions
- Students must ask for the family's permission before bringing any guests home
- Students must make sure that they do not lose the house key (if they are given a key), and never lend it to anyone
- Students must ask if they may use the telephone and pay if they do, for any calls they make immediately

Expulsion

EC reserves the right to expel and repatriate a student at his/her own expense for any of the following reasons:

- Possession of any illegal drugs
- Drinking or bringing alcohol on to any EC premises
- Malicious damage to school property or place of accommodation
- If the student is a danger to his/her own safety or that of other students
- Breaking English law
- Repeated failure to attend academic lessons and/or social activities

In any of the above circumstances the student is informed that their stay is going to be terminated with immediate effect. Simultaneously EC informs the student's agent of the student's behaviour and the course of action to be taken. The earliest flight available is booked at the students' expense and an EC staff member accompanies the student to the airport to ensure that the student leaves the country. Following such action EC will terminate all relationships with the student and will be unable to take further responsibility for the student. No refunds will be given to any students who have been expelled.

Valid reasons must accompany a request for a homestay provider change, and each request is considered on its own merits. Such changes are also subject to availability. Students must pay for all costs incurred including transport, additional accommodation charges and cancellation fees (where applicable). The additional charges must be paid in full prior to the move. EC are happy to assist students with arrangements for any justifiable accommodation changes.

Course Certificate

Students must attend all lessons and organised activities in order to receive their End of Course Certificate

